

## United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

### Report of the Meeting of the Bureau of the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA)

*18 May 2021  
10:00 – 11:00 (CEST)  
WebEx*

#### **Attendance:**

Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist (Sweden), Chair  
Mr. Andrey Filipenko (Belarus)  
Ms. Kirsikka Riekkinen (Finland), Vice-Chair  
Ms. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece)  
Mr. Konstantin Litvintsev (Russian Federation)  
Ms. Victoria Abbott (United Kingdom)

#### **Observer:**

Ms. Alena Kasyanenko (Belarus)  
Ms. Galina Kirichenko (Russian Federation)

#### **UNECE Secretariat**

Ms. Amie Figueiredo  
Mr. Anthony Salazar

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#### **Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda**

The Chair of the Working Party, Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist, opened the meeting. The Bureau adopted the report of the previous meeting and then adopted the agenda.

#### **Item 2: Programme of Work 2020-2021, including the work of Task Groups and status on actions**

##### Studies on selected topics in land management

- 2.1.1 **PPPs in Land Administration study** – The WPLA will consider endorsing the study at its twelfth session. The Study will be finalized and made available online.
- 2.1.2 **Fraud in Land Administration** – The WPLA will consider endorsing the study at its twelfth session. The Study will be finalized and made available online.
- 2.1.3 **COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the UNECE Region** – The complete draft Action Plan was circulated for review and approval by the bureau and considered for endorsement at its twelfth session. Comments will still be able to be sent after the session before the Plan is finalized.
- 2.1.4 **Prindex study - Security of Property Rights in UNECE region: Comparative Report: An assessment of perceived tenure security for land and housing property among UNECE countries** –The bureau was informed that Prindex will revised and redraft the report based on the comments provided to Prindex by the

WPLA. We are awaiting the new draft form review. The preliminary results will be presented at the twelfth session.

#### Capacity-building and international knowledge sharing:

- 2.2.1 **Planning for a series of WPLA-FAO joint webinars on “Land Administration during COVID-19”** – The last webinar was held on 11 May and was led by the Russian Federation on “NSDI, geospatial data and technology and response to COVID-19 and the role of geospatial and cadastre agencies”. The key conclusions and learnings from the webinars to inform the discussion under item 2 of the provisional agenda of the twelfth session of the Working Party. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions from the participants as to what further topics might be of interest for future webinars. Mentimeter will be used to gather this feedback, the Chair will compile that questions and send them to the secretariat so they can be made available on the day of the twelfth session.

#### **Item 3: Twelfth session of the WPLA**

- 3.1.1 The twelfth session was moved to Geneva due to the pandemic travel restrictions in Malta.
- 3.1.2 **Scenario Study on Future Land Administration** - During the twelfth session, the Working Party will be invited to discuss this draft study Including a series of interactive polls to engage the participants.. The WPLA will consider endorsing the study at its twelfth session.
- 3.1.3 **Planning for the thematic discussions during the session** – The secretariat presented an updated draft of the detailed programme of the twelfth session and announced that there were over 100 participants registered and 30 member States.
- 3.1.4 **Election of the WPLA Bureau for term 2021-2023** – The following are the nominations received for the term 2021-2023. There were no objections from the Permanent missions to the UN in Geneva on the nominations for the election for confirmation of the Bureau at the twelfth session of the Working Party.
- Ms. Kirsikka Riekkinen, Finland (Vice-Chair)
  - Mr. Filippo Cadamuro, Italy
  - Ms. Mari Khardziani, Georgia
  - Mr. Dimitris Rokos, Greece
  - Ms. Tatjana Cenova Mitrevska, North Macedonia
  - Ms. Elena Busch, Norway
  - Mr. Konstantin Litvintcev, Russian Federation
  - Ms. Pilar Verdejo García, Spain
  - Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist, Sweden (Chair)
  - Ms. Victoria Abbott, United Kingdom (Vice-Chair)

#### **Item 4: Upcoming events and WPLA participation**

##### **4.1 Events:**

- 31 May and 1 June 2021 - WPLA 12th Session – Valletta, Malta (hybrid)
- 21-25 June 2021 – The Role of the Geospatial Information in Responding to Crises and Accelerating the Progress on Achieving the SDGs - Joint FAO-FIG-UNSD/UN-GGIM-UNECE-World Bank Session - FIG e-Working Week 2021
- 21-25 June 2021 – Launch of the Post COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the UNECE Region - FIG e-Working Week 2021
- 23, 24 and 27 August 2021 - Eleventh Session of United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
- October 2021 - Workshop on education on land administration – Gävle, Sweden (hybrid)
- 4 & 6 October 2021 – In Focus: SDG11 - Geneva, Switzerland
- 6 - 7 October 2021 – UNECE Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management on “Affordable, adequate, and resilient housing in livable cities, including cities which face extreme weather conditions” – Geneva, Switzerland
- 8 October 2021 – 82<sup>nd</sup> session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management – Geneva, Switzerland
- May 2023 – National Surveyors Conference - Mont-Tremblant, Canada

**Item 5: Any other business**

5.1 No other business was discussed.

**Item 6: Next Bureau meeting**

6.1 The next Bureau meeting is proposed to take place after the twelfth session. Exact date and time are suggested to be determined by doodle poll.