

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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

*23 June 2021
10:00 – 11:00 (CEST)
WebEx*

Attendance:

Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist (Sweden), Chair
Ms. Mari Khardziani (Georgia)
Mr. Dimitris Rokos (Greece)
Ms. Pilar Garcia Verdejo (Spain)
Ms. Victoria Abbott (United Kingdom), Vice-Chair

Observer:

Ms. Galina Kirichenko (Russian Federation)

UNECE Secretariat

Ms. Amie Figueiredo

Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda

1.1 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: The twelfth session of the WPLA

2.1 **Welcome of new bureau 2021-2023:** The Chair welcomed the new bureau members and there was a short tour de table.

2.2 **Planning for an ongoing webinar series.** Ensuring that there are links to the to the SDGs for the themes being covered in the webinars.

2.2.1 Themes discussed during the bureau meeting:

- Digitalization
- Data privacy
- Data interoperability
- Legal barriers
- Reduce fraud with open data
- Future trends
- Property markets in collaboration with REM

2.2.2 Results from WPLA session survey:



2.2.3 Additional themes proposed:

- Future challenges
- Agile Development
- Continue with the study on property markets
- Future methodologies of land valuation
- Cybersecurity and legal matters
- Climate change and LA
- Integration of information systems of different agencies
- Digital transformation
- How to best utilize blockchain technology within LA as appropriate
- Digitalization
- geospatial eco-systems
- Innovative approaches to valuation of Real estate
- International data sharing
- Real estate markets
- Web service platforms
- Automation
- Digital archive preservation
- Land management and artificial intelligence
- improving the quality of cadastral data
- Influencing decision makers
- cybersecurity - people, processes and technologies
- Beyond formal/informal. How to make credible LA institutions?
- Socio-economic impact assessment
- SDGs and LA
- Big spatial Data management
- How to efficiently and effectively supply good quality real estate data to the markets in areas where data is scarce
- Transactions from different countries
- AI, blockchain, disruptive technologies in land administration

- Data quality and completeness - use cases for using various technologies to speed up the data quality improvements and keep the cost affordable to keep the systems sustainable
- Distant methods of cadastre maintenance

Item 3: Programme of Work 2020-2021

Studies on selected topics in land management

- 3.1 **COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the UNECE Region** – The complete draft Action Plan will be considered for endorsement at its 82nd Committee Session in October 2021. Once approved it will be finalized and design, layout and printing will be done. Launch event of the RAP will be discussed.
- 3.2 **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.
- 3.3 **PPPs in Land Administration study** –The Study will be finalized and made available online.
- 3.4 **Fraud in Land Administration** –The Study will be finalized and made available online.
- 3.5 **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.

Capacity-building and international knowledge sharing:

- 2.1 **UN-GGIM Annual meeting** – 27 August 2021 - update
- 2.2 **Eastern Economic Forum** - 2-4 September 2021 – update
<https://forumvostok.ru/en>
- 2.3 **Workshop on education on land administration** - January/February 2022

Item 4: Upcoming events and WPLA participation

4.1 Events:

- 23, 24 and 27 August 2021 - Eleventh Session of United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
- 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 – 82nd session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management – Geneva, Switzerland

- January/February 2022 TBD - Workshop on education on land administration – Gävle, Sweden (hybrid)
- 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 summer holidays in late August/early September. Exact date and time are suggested to be determined by doodle poll.