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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Draft Provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Working Party on Land Administration: Land and Sustainable Development Goals

Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 26 February 2015


I. Provisional agenda

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8. Presentation of the Programme of work for 2016-2017
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10. Election of the Bureau

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11. Date of the next Session
12. Adoption of the report

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

1. The proposed agenda and timetable were agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Party and will be presented for the Working Party's consideration and approval.
2. The Working Party is invited to adopt the agenda.

2. High-Level Segment, Land and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

3. The proposed SDGs have land management as a cross-cutting component. The High-level Segment will consist of a dialogue on the main development challenges in the region and how sound land administration, proper land management and sustainable real estate markets can help the transition towards better, safer and more balanced human settlements and sustainable cities.
4. The afternoon segment of the High-level Segment will consist of breakout groups that will discuss and agree on priorities of work on land administration and management in the region.

3. Second meeting of international organizations/agencies working in land administration and land management

5. The Second Meeting of international organizations/agencies working in land administration and land management will consist of a dialogue on where mandates and projects overlap, and how to use these overlaps as opportunities for cooperation and increased efficiency.
6. Participants will discuss the cooperation on projects and will be invited to propose specific, cooperative projects involving multiple agencies present at the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the seventy-fifth session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management of the Economic Commission for Europe

7. The Working Party will be informed about decisions taken by the Committee on Housing and Land Management at its seventy-fifth session (ECE/HBP/179) as well as by the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe (EXCOM), which are relevant to the work of the Working Party.
8. Particular attention will be given to:
 - (a) The Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing agreed by the Committee and approved by EXCOM and transmitted to the Commission for adoption.
 - (b) EXCOM decisions relevant to the Working Party.
9. The Working Party is invited to take note of the information provided.

5. Report from the Informal Settlements workshop (25 February 2015, Geneva) and related recommendations

10. The Working Party will be informed on the results of the workshop on informal settlements held on the previous day and consider its recommendations.
11. The Working Party is invited to take note of the information provided.

6. Review of the programme of work for 2014-2015

12. The Working Party will be informed about activities carried out and to be carried out to complete its programme of work for 2014 to 2015 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/2).

(a) Capacity-building and international knowledge sharing

The Working Party will be informed about workshops held in the UNECE region and the other work of the Bureau, as well as on topics covering land management discussed at workshops, conferences, seminars and other events focusing on land management.

(b) Land-administration reviews

The Working Party will be informed on the member State land-administration reviews undertaken as part of the UNECE country profiles on housing and land management.

(c) Studies on selected topics in land management and land administration

- The Working Party will be presented the study, *Overview of the progress made of a study on land registration and cadastre agencies on land registration and cadastre agencies* (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/3). The study provides guidelines and policy recommendations to UNECE member States for the organization of these agencies and suggests the conditions under which different organizational structures are advisable.
- The Working Party will also be given an overview of the study, *Informal Settlements: Challenges and Opportunities from South-East Europe* (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/4). The publication examines the causes of informal housing development in South-East Europe and assesses the Governments' policies to address this issue. Its purpose is to support the development of guidelines to address the issue of informal development.

13. The Working Party is invited to approve the publications (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/3) and (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/4).

7. Report on the work of the Bureau of the Working Party

14. The Chair of the Working Party will report on meetings and other work of the task groups of the Working Party since the eighth session of the Working Party.
15. The Working Party is invited to take note of this information.

8. Presentation of the Programme of work for 2016-2017

16. The Working Party will be informed about the draft programme of work for 2016–2017 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2015/5) which has been developed by the Bureau.

17. The Working Party is invited to comment on the document and discuss how to reflect the outcome of the High-level Segment and the ensuing discussion.

9. Any other business

18. Delegations wishing to discuss other issues under this item of the agenda are invited to inform the secretariat.

10. Election of the Bureau

19. The Working Party is expected to elect its Bureau for a two-year term of office.

11. Date of the next Session

20. The next Session is scheduled to take place in Spring 2017.

12. Adoption of the report

21. The meeting is expected to adopt the report in session.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	
26 February	10:00 – 10:05	1	Adoption of the agenda
	10:05 – 13:00	2	High-Level Segment, Land and Sustainable Development Goals
	15:00 – 17:00		Afternoon segment: groups discussions and presentations of conclusions
27 February	9:00 – 11:00	3	Second Meeting of international organizations/agencies working in land administration and land management
	11:00 – 11:15	4	Matters arising from the seventy-fifth session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management of the Economic Commission for Europe
	11:15 – 11:45	5	Report from the Informal Settlements Workshop and related recommendations
	11:45 – 12:30	6	Review of the programme of work for 2014-2015
	12:30 – 13:00	7	Report on the work of the Bureau of the Working Party
	15:00 – 15:30	8	Presentation of the Programme of work for 2016-2017
	15:30 – 15:40	9	Any other business
	15:40 – 15:50	10	Election of the Bureau
	15:50 – 15:55	11	Date of the next Session
	15:55 – 16:00	12	Adoption of the report