

Meeting of international land administration organizations

1. A meeting of international organizations working in land administration was held on 21 May 2014 in Copenhagen. The following attended the meeting:

Ms. Evangelia Balla, Chair, Organizing/Scientific Community, Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union

Mr. Maurice Barbieri, Treasurer, Council of European Geodetic Surveyors

Mr. Julius Ernst, Chair, Cadastre and Land Registry Knowledge Exchange Network, EuroGeographics and Working Party Bureau member, Austria

Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli, Chair, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Working Party on Land Administration

Mr. Paulius Kulikauskas, Inter-regional Advisor, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Mr. Alisdair Lewis, President, European Land Registry Association (ELRA)

Mr. CheeHai Teo, President, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

Mr. Rik Wouters, Managing Director, European Land Information Service (EULIS) and Working Party Bureau member, Netherlands

Ms. Julie Barry (United Kingdom), member, Working Party Bureau

Ms. Pia Dahl Højgaard (Denmark), member, Working Party Bureau

Mr. Markku Markkula (Finland), member, Working Party Bureau

Ms. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece), member, Working Party Bureau

Mr. Marco Selleri (Italy), member, Working Party Bureau

Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, Director, Division of Economic Cooperation, Trade and Land Management, UNECE

Michael Milligan, secretary to the Working Party on Land Administration, UNECE

2. Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli, chair of the meeting, opened the meeting, welcomed all participants and gave opening remarks.
3. Representatives of CLGE, EuroGeographics, EULIS, ELRA, FIG, PCC, the Working Party and UN-Habitat gave brief presentation on their mandate, objectives, and current priorities or projects:

Mechanisms for cooperation

4. The meeting discussed possible mechanisms for cooperation and specific project proposals and which different land administration organizations could cooperate.
5. Mr. Kulikauskas announced a meeting on 18 and 19 September in New York City, United States, to discuss preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) to take place in 2016. He invited the participants in the meeting to coordinate a side event in this meeting and to prepare a joint statement on land administration goals for Habitat III. The meeting agreed to consider these proposals.

6. The meeting agreed that participating land administration agencies would nominate a focal point, and that the organizations would meet periodically, at least yearly, to discuss and plan their work. It was noted that, in between these physical meetings, meetings could be held using web conference software
7. The meeting agreed to use the wiki platform developed by the UNECE secretariat to share information, link to one another's websites and set up a common calendar to coordinate meetings.
8. The meeting agreed to work to develop a draft memorandum of understanding to formalize the cooperation between the agencies involved.
9. The meeting agreed to consider giving their group of land administration agencies a joint name, and to consider organizing a joint event in the name of this group.
10. The meeting noted that cooperation with the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Management could also be increased.

Collaboration on specific projects

11. The meeting agreed to consider collaboration on the following specific projects:
 - The development of a joint knowledge-sharing platform to provide to the public information on land administration standards, procedures and terms
 - To research the relationship between key registers, including address registers; this could be done in cooperation with the United Nations Postal Union
 - To discuss cooperative research projects, such as best practices for informal settlements or an analysis of address registers and other key registers
 - To coordinate the preparation of questionnaires and the collection of data from land administration agencies and other stakeholders.
 - To compile a set of glossaries of land administration terms with the ultimate objective of harmonization

Conclusions and next steps

12. The UNECE secretariat summarized the conclusions of the meeting and the next steps agreed upon at the meeting. The Chair of the meeting thanked all of those in attendance for their participation.