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Review of the implementation of the programme of work 2014-2015

Land administration and management

## Draft programme of work of the Working Party on Land Administration for 2016-2017

### Note by the Bureau of the Working Party

#### *Summary*

This note contains a proposed programme of work for the Working Party on Land Administration for the years 2016 and 2017.

The Committee is invited to review and approve the programme of work.



## **I. Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing**

1. Objective: To increase the capacity of UNECE member States to formulate policies on land administration and management.
2. To achieve this objective, the Working Party will:
  - Organize four workshops in the UNECE region to allow for experience- and knowledge-sharing
  - , to improve the human capital of stakeholders and to enhance land management practices
  - Present the work of the Working Party and provide advice on land management at workshops, conferences, seminars and other events focusing on land administration
  - Identify and programme joint work and activities with international organizations on land administration issues.

## **II. Land administration reviews**

3. Objective: To provide, upon the request of a member State, an assessment of that member State's land administration systems, and issue guidelines for the enhancement of said systems.
4. To achieve this objective, the Working Party will, upon invitation by governments and subject to the availability of funding, develop member State land administration reviews as part of the UNECE country profiles on housing and land management.

## **III. Studies on selected topics in land management<sup>1</sup>**

5. Objective: To study issues in land management of interest to member States and to develop publications containing analyses of these issues to help them better understand the current status of land management and thus formulate more targeted and effective policies.
6. To achieve this objective, the Working Party will:
  - Assist, in cooperation with the Committee on Housing and Land Management, in the development of Smart City Standards. This is part of the UNECE's project, "United Smart Cities: Smart urban solutions for transition and developing countries", which has produced smart city indicators<sup>2</sup>
  - Organize the dissemination of the conclusions and recommendations of the study "Formalizing the Informal: Challenges and Opportunities of Informal

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<sup>1</sup> Development of the studies is subject to the availability of funding.

<sup>2</sup> Please see the report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management in its seventy-fifth session, paras 46-48, at [http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE\\_HBP\\_179.en.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE_HBP_179.en.pdf)

Settlements in South-East Europe”<sup>3</sup> through the preparation of guidelines on informal settlements

- Establish, in cooperation with other international organizations, joint initiatives and projects, studies on marine cadastres and address registries
  - Develop, in cooperation with the Real Estate Market Advisory Group, a compendium of best practices and recommendations on land and property valuation in collaboration with the World Bank.
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<sup>3</sup> Outcomes of the study were presented at the WPLA workshop “The challenges of Informal Settlements” on 25 February 2015, materials of which are available at <http://www.unece.org/hlm/informalsettlements.html/>