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Working Party on Land Administration

**Report on
the UNECE Working Party on Land
Administration activities
since the 73rd UNECE CHLM Session**

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Geneva, 7 October 2013

Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA):

□ **Goals:**

- Promotion and improvement of land administration and land management in the UNECE region

□ **Aims at:**

- supporting security of tenure, improving and creating more effective land registries and promoting sustainable land use policies

□ **Activities are based on:**

- cooperation and exchange of experience among countries of the region

WPLA realizes its activity through:

- ❑ seminars and workshops organized in member States;
- ❑ land-administration (LA) reviews;
- ❑ participation in the development of country profiles on the housing and land management (LM) sectors organized by the CHLM;
- ❑ publication of studies and guidelines on specific LA and LM topics;
- ❑ benchmarking and preparation of inventories of LA systems in the UNECE region;
- ❑ the provision of policy advice and expert assistance.

WPLA deals with: (1)

□ *Land administration:*

General Task: Improving the acquisition, registration, storage, maintenance and dissemination of information on real property rights as well as the geometric and physical characteristics of land.

Activities: Documentation of ownership rights, leases and mortgages, land cover, land-use and land-use restrictions, geo-referenced addresses; transfer of ownership rights; adjudication of land rights; solving of land disputes; cadastral mapping; database activities; real property valuation; personal data protection; re-use of land-administration public data; and other related activities. Pricing of services; cost-recovery requirements; development of professional skills; taxation of land and real properties; monitoring of real estate markets; development of e-services; participation of land-administration authorities in e-government programmes.

WPLA deals with: (2)

□ *Land management:*

General task: Contributing to the formulation, implementation and monitoring of land policy and geo-data policy (including related financial policy issues); promotion of sustainable land management programmes and projects.

Activities: Providing advice in support of implementation of geo-spatial data policy; contributing to sustainable development of urban and rural areas, with a particular focus on land consolidation, the protection of natural resources and the further strengthening of good governance.

WPLA 8th Session

(held in Bishkek on 18 March 2013):

Attendance

- Representatives of 23 countries
- CINDER, EuroGeographics, EULIS, FAO, PCC, REM, USAID, World Bank
- 76 delegates

WPLA 8th Session:

Agenda

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising from the seventy-third session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management and the sixty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Europe.
3. Information on preparations for the Ministerial Conference, 7 and 8 October 2013
4. Report on the work of the Bureau of the Working Party
5. Review of the programme of work for 2012-2013
 - (a) Land-administration policies
 - (b) Major trends in land administration
 - (c) Land-administration reviews
 - (d) Promotion of activities of the Working party
6. Presentation of the Programme of work for 2014-2015:
 - (a) International knowledge sharing
 - (b) Member State land-administration reviews
 - (c) Studies on selected topics in land management and land administration
7. Other business
8. Election of the Bureau

WPLA 8th Session:

Outcomes of CHLM 73rd Session

□ *Particular attention to:*

- (a) The outcomes of the ongoing review of the UNECE;
- (b) The status of the Possible Framework Convention on Sustainable Housing in the UNECE region;
- (c) The Committee's decision regarding Strategy and Targets for the period from 2014 to 2020;
- (d) The amendments to the Committee's programme of work for 2012-2013;
- (e) The outcome of discussions held at the 65th session of the UNECE which are relevant to the work of the UNECE WPLA.

WPLA 8th Session: *Review of programme of work for 2012–2013*

- “Supporting Global Economic Recovery: The Role of Land Registration Authorities”
11-13 October 2012, London (United Kingdom)
- “Spatial Information, Informal Development, Property and Housing”
13-14 December 2012, Athens (Greece)
- “Land Administration in Central Asia: Building Systems for 21st Century Challenges”
19-20 March 2013, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)
- “Collaborating for Secured Ownership”
29-31 May 2013, Uppsala (Sweden)

Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty

Panel discussion:

“How can property administration help
in post financial crisis recovery?”

organized by WPLA

WPLA 8th Session: *Review of programme of work for 2012–2013*

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- Survey on the benchmarking of land administration systems in the UNECE region
- Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management (completed for Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan; draft reviews for Ukraine, Croatia, Moldova and Russia)
- Information on impacts of land administration review for Azerbaijan

WPLA 8th Session: *Programme of work for 2014–2015*

Proposals on:

- Study on *merging of land registration and cadastre organisations* in the UNECE region;
- WPLA Publication on *informal settlements* as a follow-up to UNECE publications *Self-Made Cities*
- WPLA workshops to be held in 2014–2015

WPLA 8th Session:

Election of WPLA Bureau

Mr. Elshad Khanalibayli (Azerbaijan) – *Chair*

Mr. Julius Ernst (Austria)

Ms. Pia Hojgaard (Denmark)

Ms. Ekaterina Meskhidze (Georgia)

Ms. Chryssy Potsiou (Greece)

Mr. James O'Boyle (Ireland)

Mr. Marco Selleri (Italy)

Mr. Bakytbek Djusupbekov (Kyrgyzstan)

Mr. Rik Wouters (the Netherlands)

Mr. Roger Ekman (Sweden)

Ms. Julie Barry (United Kingdom)

WPLA Bureau meetings:

- 2 in London *(10 and 13 October 2012)*
- 2 in Athens *(12 and 14 December 2012)*
- 2 in Bishkek *(17 and 21 March 2013)*
- 2 in Uppsala *(29 and 31 May 2013)*
- 1 in Tbilisi *(23-24 September 2013)*

- 2 informal online meetings via WebEx
(14 May and 2 July 2013)

WPLA Bureau: *Task Groups*

- **Task Group 1** for seminars and workshops in member States – *“Group for workshops”*
- **Task Group 2** for land administration reviews and participation in the development of country profiles on housing and land management organized by CHLM – *“Group for land administration reviews and country profiles”*
- **Task Group 3** for publication of studies and guidelines on specific land administration and land management topics – *“Group for publication”*
- **Task Group 4** for benchmarking and preparation of inventories of land administration systems – *“Group for benchmarking and inventories”*
- **Task Group 5** for cooperation with related national organisations – *“Group for cooperation with national organisations”*
- **Task Group 6** for cooperation with related international organisations – *“Group for cooperation with international organisations”*
- **Task Group 7** for the study on “Land registration and cadastre – one or two agencies?” and its promotion – *“Group for institutional research”*

WPLA Bureau: *Division of the task of monitoring trends of UNECE member States*

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe



 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe 56 member states

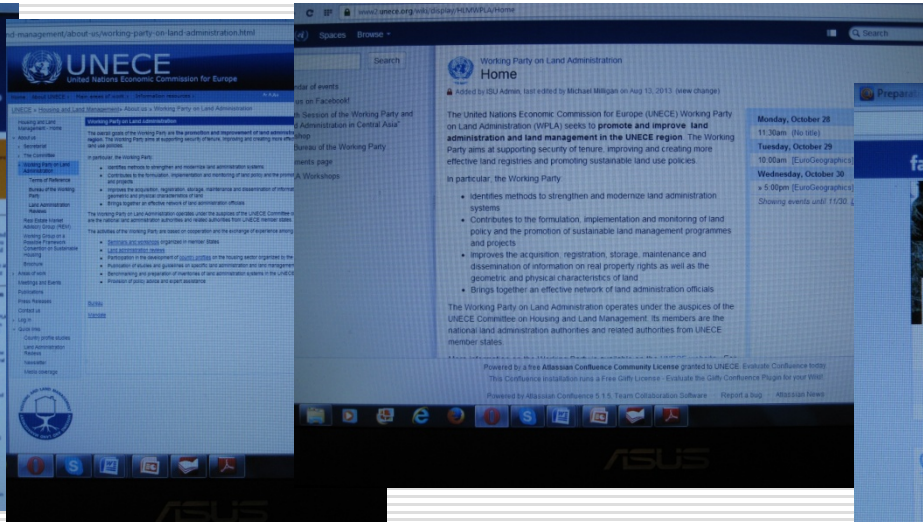
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| Denmark - Iceland, Finland, Poland, Romania | Netherlands - Albania, Canada, Bulgaria, Liechtenstein, Andorra | |
| Georgia - Armenia, Belarus, Estonia, Ukraine | Italy - San Marino, Croatia, Monaco, Malta | |
| Greece - Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia | Sweden - Luxembourg, Czech Republic, France, Norway | |

UNECE WPLA: *Promotion of activity*



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