UNECE WPLA

Report on the work of the Bureau of the Working Party

10th Session of UNECE WPLA
Geneva, 8–9 March 2017
I. Capacity-building and international knowledge sharing
   To promote the improvement of land administration policies:
   • Land Management
   • Land Administration
   • Address register
   • Cadastre
   Through workshops in the UNECE region and presenting the work of the Working Party at the land Management events

II. Land administration reviews

III. Studies on selected topics in land management
The Bureau of the Working Party and the secretariat have presented the work of the Working Party at various international events focusing on land administration:


(b) Fourth High Level Forum on UN-GGIM3, including the First Expert Group meeting on Land Administration and Management (UN-EG-LAM) on 19 April 2016 at UNECA Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The WPLA is a partner in the UN-EG-LAM and will help prepare the Land Tenure Atlas of the World.

(c) EU INSPIRE Conference on 26-30 September 2016 in Barcelona, Spain. The secretariat presented on the work of the WPLA in the workshop, Financing the Evolution of Spatial Data Infrastructures. This workshop addressed funding approaches, national budgeting schemas, and the experience of actors on different levels (European, macro-regional, national/sub-national), drawing evidence from the work of the FAO, World Bank, UNECE and the EC Joint Research Centre (JRC);

(d) Conference on Housing Finance – Market and Structures on 14 November 2016, in Berlin, Germany. The conference discussed the situation with the housing finance and policies supporting achieving affordable housing finance in Germany and other European countries. Bureau members attended and presented on the work of the WPLA.
Since the last session of the Working Party, the Bureau met five times in 2015, five in 2016 and twice thus far in 2017.

Physical meetings:
- Amsterdam 28 April 2015
- Moscow 24 June 2015
- Baku 28 October 2015
- Geneva 15 December 2015
- Vienna 28 June 2016
- Geneva 14 September 2016
- Madrid 23 November 2016
- Geneva 7 & 9 March 2017

WebEx meetings:
- 25 November 2015
- 8 February 2016
- 13 January 2017
The Bureau participates in task groups to work on contributing to the programme of work in selected areas.

There have been some amendments to the groups since the last session, to reflect the changing needs of the work, these include:

(a) “Group for workshops” will be closed.
(b) “Group for land administration reviews and country profiles” will be closed.
(c) “Group for publication” will be renamed “Group for Outreach and Promotion”. The purpose of this group is to preserve the history and knowledge of the work of the WPLA and to ensure that the work will be shared with relevant parties and published via appropriate channels.
(d) “Group for benchmarking and inventories” continues for collection and production of the new survey.
(e) “Group for cooperation with national organizations” and “Group for cooperation with international organizations and interregional cooperation” will be closed and the cooperation with organizations will fall under the tasks of the Chair.
(f) “Land registration and cadastre – one or two agencies?” and its promotion, will close once the study is finalized.
(g) Group for “Cooperation WPLA/REM” will continue to update the Bureau and liaise with the REM.
• **Vital Spaces Newsletter** articles on land administration in the latest issue: Socioeconomic Potential of Land Administration Services; CENTRIC: Centre for Excellence in Territorial management and Cadastre; EULIS: A bright future ahead?

• Land Administration and Management webpage: [https://www.unece.org/housing/landadministration.html](https://www.unece.org/housing/landadministration.html)

• WPLA wiki page: [www.unece.org/wiki/display/HLMWPLA/Home](www.unece.org/wiki/display/HLMWPLA/Home)
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