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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Working Party on Land Administration

Valletta, Malta, starting at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 31 May 2021

I. Provisional agenda

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2. Land administration during the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Review of scenarios for future land administration.
4. Matters arising from the eightieth and eighty-first sessions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of the Economic Commission for Europe.
5. Review of programmes of work 2018-2019 and 2020-2021:
 - (a) Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing;
 - (b) Land administration reviews;
 - (c) Studies on selected topics in land management and land administration.
6. Cooperation with international organizations and agencies working in land administration and land management.
7. Presentation of the programme of work for 2022-2023.
8. Election of the Bureau.
9. Any other business.
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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

Documentation: Provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Working Party on Land Administration (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/1)

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 will be invited to adopt the agenda.

2. Land administration during the COVID-19 pandemic

Documentation: COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/7)

Draft COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/Inf.1)

3. The COVID-19 pandemic greatly affected the land administration sector. The Working Party will consider the effects of COVID-19 on recovery opportunities that could help to "build back better", and challenges that emerged in land administration. It will discuss how the pandemic accelerated digitalization and the use of new technologies, processes and business models in land administration. The session will include a keynote presentation, which will be followed by a discussion.
4. In response to the pandemic, the secretariat worked on the draft "COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the UNECE Region". This Plan will be presented, discussed and endorsed at the session.
5. Further, the Bureau initiated a series of webinars, jointly organized with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), on "Land administration during the COVID-19 pandemic" to facilitate an expert exchange on the topic. The outcomes and main conclusions of this webinar series will be presented and discussed.
6. The Working Party will be invited to:
 - (a) Endorse the "COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region", request the Bureau to finalize it, to include inputs made at the session, and discuss the next steps to promote its implementation;
 - (b) Welcome the organization of webinars which facilitated the exchange of good practices, and consider continuing this series jointly with the FAO; and
 - (c) Take note of the conclusions of the discussion on "Land administration during the COVID-19 pandemic" in the development of the draft "Scenario Study on Future Land Administration" (see next agenda item) and its future activities, as relevant.

3. Review of scenarios for future land administration

Documentation: Scenario Study on Future Land Administration (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/5)

Draft Scenario Study on Future Land Administration (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/Inf.2)

7. In 2017, the Working Party agreed to elaborate scenarios for future land administration and land management solutions (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2017/6). It renewed this mandate at the eleventh session in 2019 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2019/2). This activity was included in the Working Party programmes of work 2018-2019 (ECE/HBP/190) and 2020-2021 (ECE/HBP/201).

8. Consequently, the Bureau initiated a study to develop future scenarios for the land administration sector based on the relative importance and anticipated impacts of global megatrends. The “Scenario Study on Future Land Administration” is intended as an instrument to initiate a continuous dialogue among and within national land administration authorities within the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region that draws on the scenarios and the self-assessment tool. The objective is to guide them in the development of long-term strategies for the sustainability of the work and services provided by land administration authorities.

9. The Working Party will be presented with the intermediate results of the “Scenario Study on Future Land Administration”, including the scenarios and a self-assessment questionnaire. This information will be complemented by presentations on global reference frameworks on geospatial information and land administration, and by input from practice.

10. The Working Party will be invited to discuss the draft study. Discussion will be organized in breakout groups. The outcomes of this consultation will be considered in the final study.

11. Based on the discussion, the Working Party will be invited to:

(a) Endorse the draft study with some technical updates to be agreed by the Bureau;

(b) Request the Bureau to finalize the study reflecting the comments expressed during the session; and

(c) Approve the publication of the “Scenario Study on Future Land Administration” as an official publication (in English and Russian, digital and print). When finalized, the study will be presented to the eighty-second session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management for adoption.

4. Matters arising from the eightieth and eighty-first sessions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of the Economic Commission for Europe

Documentation: Report of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management on its eightieth session (ECE/HBP/201)

Report of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management on its eighty-first session (ECE/HBP/206)

Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development (ECE/HBP/190, Annex I)

Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing¹

Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020²

12. The Working Party will be informed of decisions taken by the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management at its eightieth and eighty-first sessions, and by the Executive Committee, which are relevant to the work of the Working Party.

13. At its eightieth session in October 2019, the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management decided to organize a Ministerial Meeting in October 2021 to review and discuss further steps in the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing, the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020, and the Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development. At its eighty-first session, the Committee decided that the Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management would be

¹ Available online at: <https://unece.org/housing/charter>

² Available online at: <https://unece.org/housing-and-land-management/publications/strategy-sustainable-housing-and-land-management-ece>

entitled “Affordable, adequate, and resilient housing in liveable cities”, and would support the regional exchange of experiences and good practices in promoting access to decent, adequate, affordable and healthy housing as part of the countries’ response to, and recovery plans for, the COVID-19 pandemic (ECE/HBP/206).

14. The Working Party will be informed on the preparations for the Ministerial Meeting, and is invited to discuss and agree on the possible input of the Working Party in the preparations of the Ministerial Meeting.

15. The Working Party will be invited to take note of the information provided on the decisions taken by the Committee at its eightieth and eighty-first sessions.

5. Review of the programmes of work 2018-2019 and 2020-2021

Documentation: Review of the programmes of work for 2018-2019 and 2020-2021 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/3)

16. The Working Party will be informed about activities carried out, and to be carried out, to complete its programme of work for 2020-2021.

17. The Chair of the Working Party will report on the meetings and other work of the Bureau since the eleventh session of the Working Party (Geneva, 27 and 28 February 2019).

(a) Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing

18. The Working Party will be informed about workshops held in the ECE region, and on the work of the Bureau on international knowledge-sharing, as well as on topics covering land administration and management discussed at relevant workshops, conferences, seminars and other events.

19. The Working Party will be invited to take note of the information provided.

(b) Land administration reviews

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

21. The Working Party will be invited to take note of the information provided.

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

Documentation: Public-private partnership for land administration (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/6)

Draft study on fraud in land administration (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/Inf.3)

22. The Working Party will be given presentations on the following studies relating to land administration and management, which are being prepared to assist member States better formulate targeted and effective policies:

- (a) A study on public-private partnership for land administration; and
- (b) A study on fraud in land administration in the ECE region.

23. The Working Party will be invited to:

(a) Take note of the studies on public-private partnership for land administration and fraud in land administration in the ECE region, and to request its Bureau to finalize these studies. When finalized, the studies will be presented at the eighty-second session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management for adoption;

(b) Approve the publication of the “Public-private partnership for land administration” study as an official publication (in English and Russian, digital and print); and

(c) Take note of the progress achieved, and review the next steps for the completion of the remaining activities for 2021.

6. Cooperation with international organizations and agencies working in land administration and land management

24. The Working Party will be informed about the discussions between international organizations and agencies working in land administration and land management, with a view to identifying linkages between mandates and projects, and how to promote synergies as opportunities for cooperation and increased efficiency.

25. Participants will present information on the current cooperation in the field of land administration and management, and any proposed specific, cooperative projects with the Working Party.

26. The Working Party will be invited to discuss the proposals, and to decide on the next steps.

7. Presentation of the programme of work for 2022-2023

Documentation: Draft programme of work 2022-2023 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/4)

27. The Working Party will be presented with the draft programme of work for 2022-2023, which was developed by the Bureau with the support of the secretariat.

28. The Working Party will be invited to comment on the document, and discuss how to reflect the outcome of the keynote presentation on land administration during the COVID-19 pandemic (agenda item 2) and the ensuing discussion on the 2022-2023 programme of work.

29. The Working Party will be invited to review and approve its programme of work for 2022-2023.

8. Election of the Bureau

30. The Working Party will be expected to elect its Bureau for a two-year term of office.

9. Any other business

31. Delegations will be invited to discuss other issues under this agenda item.

10. Date of the next session

32. The next session is scheduled to take place in spring 2023.

11. Adoption of the report

33. The meeting will be expected to adopt the report in session.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	
Monday, 31 May	10:00 – 10:25	1	Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
	10:25 – 13:00	2	Land administration during the COVID-19 pandemic
	15:00 – 18:00	3	Review of scenarios for future land administration
Tuesday, 1 June	10:00 – 12:00	3	Review of scenarios for future land administration (<i>continued</i>)
	12:00 – 12:15	4	Matters arising from the eightieth and eighty-first sessions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management of the Economic Commission for Europe
	12:15 – 12:35	5 (a)	Review of the programmes of work for 2018-2019 and 2020-2021: Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing
	12:35 – 12:45	5 (b)	Review of the programmes of work for 2018-2019 and 2020-2021: Land administration reviews
	12:45 – 15:30	5 (c)	Review of the programmes of work for 2018-2019 and 2020-2021: Studies on selected topics in land management and land administration
	15:30 – 16:30	6	Cooperation with international organizations/ agencies working in land administration and land management
	16:30 – 16:45	7	Presentation of the programme of work for 2022-2023
	16:45 – 16:55	8	Election of the Bureau
	16:55 – 17:00	9	Any other business
	17:00 – 17:05	10	Date of the next session
17:05 – 17:15	11	Adoption of the report	