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Draft programme of work for 2024-2025

Note by the Bureau of the Working Party

Summary

This note contains the proposed programme of work for the Working Party on Land Administration for the period 2024-2025.

When discussing its activities, the Working Party may wish to keep in mind that the programme should reflect the interests of member States and their willingness to contribute to the programme's implementation, including expertise as well as human and financial resources.

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

I. Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing

1. Objective: To increase the capacity of member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) to formulate policies on land administration and management.
2. To achieve this objective, the Working Party will:
 - (a) Organize four workshops in the ECE region, in person and/or online, to allow for experience- and knowledge-sharing on best practices for improving land administration and management;
 - (b) Promote the work of the Working Party and provide advice on land administration at workshops, conferences, webinars and other events focusing on land administration and management, as well as through relevant United Nations channels;
 - (c) Provide policy advice to national and local governments on best practices for strengthening land administration resilience;

(d) Contribute, as requested, to the discussions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and the ECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group for Sustainable, Climate-Neutral and Energy-Efficient Buildings and Cities;

(e) Contribute, as requested, to the work of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, including the United Nations Expert Group on Land Administration and Management, in line with Economic and Social Council Resolution (E/RES/2016/27) on strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management.¹

II. Land administration reviews

3. Objective: To provide, upon the request of member States, national assessments of land administration arrangements as well as best recommendations to further develop those arrangements.

4. To achieve that objective, the Working Party will, upon invitation by Governments and subject to the availability of funding and capacity to carry out the work, develop national land administration reviews as part of the ECE country profiles on urban development, housing and land management.

III. Studies on selected topics in land administration and management

5. Objective: To study issues of interest to member States in the area of land administration and develop publications to help member States formulate more targeted and effective policies, strategies and action plans for further developing their land administration and management systems.

6. To achieve this objective, the Working Party will:

(a) Develop a study on ecosystems in land administration, which provides concise analysis of the different actors and functions involved and recommendations for holistic, fit-for-purpose land administration and land management arrangements. The study will draw on the ECE *Scenario Study on Future Land Administration in the UNECE Region*² and publication *Digital transformation and land administration – Sustainable practices from the UNECE region and beyond*, developed jointly with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)³. It will take into account the current global megatrends, including urbanization, digitalization and climate change, and their implications for the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda. The study will also consider open data principles and data-driven solutions and practices for supporting domain approximation between land administration, land management and geospatial information systems.

(b) Develop a study on security in land administration, covering critical aspects related to, among others, cyber and data security, protection of personal integrity and national security. The study will draw on the ECE-FAO-FIG joint publication *Digital transformation and land administration – Sustainable practices from the UNECE region and beyond* and the ECE *Scenario Study on Future Land Administration in the UNECE Region*.

(c) Continue the work on benchmarking of land administration systems.

(d) Develop possible additional studies on land administration resilience.

¹ https://ggim.un.org/documents/E_Res_2016-27_en.pdf

² <https://unece.org/housing-and-land-management/publications/scenario-study-future-land-administration-unece-region>

³ <https://unece.org/publications/housing-and-land-management>