Trends in the (world) economy that effect land administration

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UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

- One of five Regional Commissions of the UN
- Represents 56 member States
- Intergovernmental forum
- Diverse nature of membership
- Catalytic role
- Pan-European economic integration and cooperation
- Policy advice, set-out norms and standards, exchange of experience
UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management

Role and responsibilities

- Platform for the intergovernmental dialogue
- Forum for exchange of information and experience
- Assistance in policy formulation and implementation - in-depth assessments, policy guidance and recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building activities
Activities: Sustainable Land Management and Real Estate Markets

Objective
To promote effective land administration (LA) through security of tenure, modernization of land registration systems and the establishment of real estate markets in countries in transition.

Example:
“Guidance and Good Practice for the Application of Fees and Charges for Real Property Cadastre and Registration Services”: used to develop the bylaws on fees and charges for cadastral and geodetic products and services in Austria and Croatia.
The Real Estate and the Financial Crisis: Causes, Effects and Impacts on Development

A round table discussion in New York at UN Headquarters in December 2008

Discussion: the global financial crisis was the result of inadequate regulation of real estate and financial markets.

Conclusion: the need to develop a framework for promoting sound real estate markets as well as improved financing for the sector.
Policy Framework for Sustainable Real Estate Market

Aims of the policy framework

- To promote the understanding of critical issues of the real estate sector
- To define rules and principles that might promote long term solutions for the sound real estate markets in different regulatory frameworks
Recovery, Sustainability, and Evolution: Perspectives on the Real Estate Economy

- National roundtables in Italy, Portugal, Ukraine and Russia on real estate market stability in 2011 - 12

- Conference on 26th June 2012 at the UNECE in Geneva
Economic issues affecting land management *

- Scarce energy, water and land resources
- Rising global population
- Urbanisation
- Legal and illegal mass migration
- Shifting economic powers
- Growing inequalities of income

* Jeffrey Sachs „Common Wealth: Economic for Crowded Planet“
Need in the global cooperation

- A world of unregulated market forces and competing national states offers no automatic solutions to the global challenges;

- Technical solutions for the challenges exist; the difficulty is to implement global cooperation to put those solutions in place.

- Sustainable development could be achieved through global cooperation across nations, institutions, and intellectual disciplines.
UNECE plans for the cooperation

- Assistance to the transition countries in implementing integrated land management approaches through land administration reviews, technical model projects and training workshops;
- Wider involvement of the governments in the ECE region and other stakeholders in work of CHLM;
- Continue discussing the issue of economy and land administration issues through events and publications.
UNECE WPLA PUBLICATIONS

**Inventory of Land Administration Systems in Europe and North America, 4th edition** (July 2005)

**Self-Made Cities: In search of sustainable solutions for informal settlements in the UNECE region** (2009)
Guidance and Good Practice for the Application of Fees and Charges for Real Property Cadastre and Registration Services (2009)

UNECE WPLA PUBLICATIONS

Study on the Challenges of Fraud to Land Administration Institutions (2011)

Benchmarking study of land administration systems

Questionnaire (ECE/WP.7/2011/6)

Renewal of Inventory of Land Administration Systems in Europe and North America
Conference “How can land registration authorities support recovery in the global property market and wider economy?”

The conference on 10 – 11 October 2012 will be hosted by Her Majesty’s Land Registry of England and Wales.

The proposed topics are:
- Building confidence in the lending market;
- Providing data to stimulate investment growth;
- Technology to support efficient lending;
- Vision for land registration authorities to meet changing market needs.
Informal Development, Property, and Housing: Legalization and Progress

- Athens, 10 – 14 December 2012;

- Organizers: International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA);

- Update of the Self-made Cities publication.
Upcoming activities and strategic meetings

- Committee on Housing and Land Management,
  73rd session, 24 – 25 September 2012

- Working Party on Land Administration,
  8th session, May 2013

- A Ministerial Meeting in 2013:
  To define future policy directions and priorities of work

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