The role of the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA) in the promotion and improvement of land administration and land management in the UNECE region

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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.
Cooperation with:

- UN Programme on Human Settlements (UN-HABITAT)
- Other UN regional commissions
- UN FAO
- UN Development Programme (UNDP)
- EU institutions
  - INSPIRE Initiative
  - EULIS Project
- FIG
- PCC
- CINDER
- EUROGI
- EuroGeographics
- ELRA
Cooperation with:

- European Union
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- World Bank
Partnership:

- Public and private sectors
- Educational institutions
WPLA Workshops (2011–2013)

- “Land Administration in a Networked Society”
  12-15 October 2011, Amsterdam (the Netherlands)
  (in cooperation with the Dutch Kadaster)

- “Supporting Global Economic Recovery: The Role of Land Registration Authorities”
  11-13 October 2012, London (United Kingdom)
  (in cooperation with Her Majesty’s Land Registry of England and Wales)

- “Spatial Information, Informal Development, Property and Housing”
  12-14 December 2012, Athens (Greece)
  (in cooperation with FIG)
WPLA Workshops (2011–2013)

- “Land Administration in Central Asia: Building Systems for 21st Century Challenges”
  19-20 March 2013, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)
  (in cooperation with the Government of Kyrgyzstan and the World Bank)

- “Collaborating for Secured Ownership”
  29-31 May 2013, Uppsala (Sweden)
  (in cooperation with the Swedish Lantmäteriet)
WPLA Workshop to be held

“Socio-economic Potential for Land Administration Services”

22-23 May 2014, Copenhagen (Denmark)
(in cooperation with Danish Government)

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Meeting of international organisations
(UN-HABITAT, CLGE, Eurogeographics, EULIS, ELRA, FAO, FIG, PCC, WPLA...)

21 May 2014, Copenhagen (Denmark)
WPLA Workshop to be held (contd)

“Real Estate Infrastructure: Fit for Use?”
16-17 October 2014, Vienna (Austria)
(in cooperation with Austrian Government)

“?..”
Spring 2015, Kiev (Ukraine)

“?..”
Summer 2015, Moscow (Russia)

“What Address Standards Tell Us About Addresses?”
Autumn 2015, Baku (Azerbaijan)

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Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty 2014

Sessions:

1) “Regional Initiatives to improve land governance”
2) “A vision for land governance and cooperation in Europe”
3) “Scope for partnership to leverage land information for good governance”

organised by WPLA
WPLA Studies/Projects

- Survey on the benchmarking of land administration systems in the UNECE region

- Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management
WPLA Studies/Projects

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WPLA Studies/Projects (contd)

- Study on *merging of land registration and land cadastre organisations* in the UNECE region;

- WPLA Publication on *informal settlements* as a follow-up to UNECE publications *Self-Made Cities*
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 and interregional cooperation”
- **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

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UNECE WPLA: 
*Promotion of activity*

- **Vital Spaces** Newsletter
- [www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org)
- [www2.unece.org/wiki/display/HLMWPLA/Home](http://www2.unece.org/wiki/display/HLMWPLA/Home)
- [www.facebook.com/UNECEWPLA](http://www.facebook.com/UNECEWPLA)
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