

Annex II

Terms of Reference of the Working Party on Land Administration for the period 2016-2020

1. The Working Party on Land Administration operates under the auspices of the ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management. Its members are the national land-administration authorities and related authorities from ECE member States.
2. The overall goals of the Working Party are the promotion and improvement of land administration and land management in the ECE region. The Working Party aims at supporting security of tenure, introducing and improving cadastre and land registry, developing real estate markets, and implementing land and geodata policy. Given the entry into force of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda, the Working Party also aims to promote their implementation and the achievement of relevant Sustainable Development Goals in the region.
3. The activities of the Working Party are based on cooperation and the exchange of experience among all countries of the region. This is done through: seminars and workshops organized in member States; land-administration reviews; participation in the development of country profiles on the housing sector organized by the Committee on Housing and Land Management; the publication of studies and guidelines on specific land-administration and land-management topics; the benchmarking and preparation of inventories of land-administration systems in the ECE region; and the provision of policy advice and expert assistance. In particular, the Working Party deals with:

(a) Land administration

4. General task: Improving the acquisition, registration, storage, maintenance and dissemination of information on real property rights and the geometric and physical characteristics of land.
5. Activities: Providing advice on the documentation of ownership rights, leases and mortgages, land cover, land use and land-use restrictions, and geo-referenced addresses; the transfer of ownership rights; the adjudication of land rights; the resolution of land disputes; cadastral mapping; database activities; real property valuation and mass appraisal; personal data protection; re-use of land-administration public data; 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; and other related activities.

(b) Land management

6. General task: Contributing to the formulation, implementation and monitoring of land policy and geo-data policy (including related financial policy issues); and the promotion of sustainable land management programmes and projects.
7. Activities: Providing advice in support of the implementation of geo-spatial data policy; and contributing to the 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.

8. The Working Party shall periodically review its programme of work to ensure the coherence of its activities with the work of the Committee on Housing and Land Management and within the overall objectives of the ECE.

9. The Working Party coordinates its activities in close contact with other international governmental and non-governmental organizations active in related fields, such as the United Nations Programme on Human Settlements (UN-Habitat), other United Nations Regional Commissions, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), European Union institutions concerned with land management activities (e.g. the INSPIRE Initiative), the European Land Information Service (EULIS), the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), the Permanent Committee on Cadastre in the European Union (PCC), the International Centre of Registration Law (CINDER), the European Umbrella Organisation for Geographic Information (EUROGI), EuroGeographics, the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), and the European Land Registry Association (ELRA), among others.

10. The Working Party cooperates with international financial and donor organizations that fund programmes and projects related to land administration in countries of the ECE region: e.g. the European Union, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the World Bank.

11. The Working Party encourages partnership among the public and private sectors, and their involvement in managing land resources and capacity-building for sustainable development, supported in particular by the Real Estate Market Advisory Group. It encourages cooperation with educational institutions in order to enhance capacity-building activities.
