The UNECE Working Party on Land Administration

Land Administration Trends and Issues in the Asia and Pacific Region

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Land Policies

- Inter-disciplinary approach
- Legal framework on land-use
- Balance between exploitation, use and conservation of land resources
- Regulation of land development
- Resolving of land conflicts
- Allocation of resources and land-use rights

From: ‘Land Administration in the ECE-region - Development Trends and Main Principles’ (ECE/HBP/140)
Paradigm Shift

Political and economic changes
Change of land ownership structures
Institutional and economic structures
Development of land markets
Transfer of government functions to the private sector

Statutory tasks plus service delivery for the market

• Cost recovery
• Institutional arrangements
• Spatial data infrastructures
• Emerging markets, value-adding services

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Committee on Housing and Land Management
Intergovernmental Body of 56 UNECE Member Countries
Terms of Reference

- Promotion and improvement of land administration and land management in the ECE-region
- Introduction and improvement of cadastres and land registers
- Development of real estate markets
- Cooperation and experience exchange with ECE member countries
- Coherence of activities with work of Committee on Housing and Land Management
Terms of Reference (II) - Tasks

- Land administration
- Planning and development of land
- Encouraging partnership of public and private sectors
- Formulation and implementation of land policies
- International cooperation
Core Activities of the WPLA

Workshops

Plenary Sessions

Land Administr. Reviews

Publications
Plenary Sessions

❖ To be held every two years in Geneva
❖ Involvement of countries’ decision makers in land administration
❖ Election of the Bureau members for the next term
❖ In-depth discussion of relevant land administration topics that will be part of the next work programme
❖ Adoption of the work programme
❖ Contributions of member countries
❖ Other international organisations take part
Land Administration Reviews

- **Evaluation** of the current situation and problems in land registration systems through an international expert team

- **Implementation** under the leadership of WPLA on request of an ECE member country

- **Support** of international projects in this country – basis for international comparisons

→ Identification of priorities through independent analyses and respective recommendations
Publications/Studies

Land Administration In The ECE Region – Development Trends and Main Principles

Principles for the Use of PPP within Land Administration in the ECE Member Countries
Current Challenges

- Informal settlements
- Fees and charges guidelines
- Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDI)
- Institutional arrangements (including PPP)
- Holistic approach to land management issues
The Land Market

- Value and valuation of land (individual and mass valuation)
- Price, market, cost and value
- Land and property taxation
- Valuation agencies
- Land and property markets
- Mortgage finance
Real Estate Market Advisory Group
REM

(1) Experts from the private sector, financial institutions, NGOs, professional associations, ..

(2) Promotion of the **real estate market, financial services and land administration**

(3) Close cooperation with ECE Secretariat and Bureau of the WPLA
(1) Advice to WPLA on its activities
(2) Advice to ECE member states on practical implementation of policy recommendations and specific activities
(3) Contribute to capacity-building activities of the WPLA and to the dissemination of information, good practice and know how in ECE member countries
(4) Networking with global and regional financial institutions, lender and donor organisations, NGO’s and the business community
(5) Biannual progress reports to the WPLA
International Cooperation

- Professional Associations
- Bilateral Cooperation
- Donor Organisations
- European Union
- International Organisations
- National Cadastre/ Mapping/ Land Reg. Agencies
- United Nations
WPLA Key Success Factors

• UN as formal body, commitment to overall goals of the United Nations
• No formal membership in WPLA, but ECE region
• Interdisciplinary approach of WPLA and CHLM
• Holistic approach of WPLA
• Very successful base works and – as a result – continuing strong engagement of many of the ECE member states
• Efficient networking with other relevant international organisations
Conclusions

Asia and Pacific Region:

• Annual meetings of land administration bodies are a good platform for mutual experience exchange at senior level
• Choose UN as formal umbrella organisation
• Do focus on an interdisciplinary approach taking into account the requirements of cadastres, land registers and NMA’s and involve the private sector
• Efficient networking with other relevant international organisations is important!
UNECE website:

http://www.unece.org/hlm/wpla/welcome.html
‘Yet now, in a real and potent way, the well being of own citizens is inescapably influenced by the events beyond our national boundaries.

No society can be sure of continued economic success and security unless the causes of poverty, conflict and administrative failure elsewhere can be overcome.’

John Manthorpe,
Dublin, September 2007