



UNECE Working Party on Land Administration

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The WPLA in the UN System:

Office of the Executive Secretary

Units:

Program Planning,
Monitoring, Evaluation

Information
Systems

Technical
Cooperation

Information

Executive
Office

Divisions:

Environment,
housing, land
management

Transport

Statistic

Economic
cooperation,
integration

Sustainable
energy

Trade and
timber

Sections:

Pollution
prevention
Environment
for Europe and
sustainable
development
Policy and
review
Housing, land
administration
Population

Dangerous
goods,
special
cargoes
Technology
Transport and
infrastructure
development
Border
crossing
facilitation

Secretariat of
Conference
European
Statisticians
and national
accounts
Economic
statistics
Social and
demographic
statistics
User services

Cooperation
and
partnerships
Innovative
policies
development

Sustainable
energy
energy
Industry
Gas centre

Global trade
solutions
Trade policy
and
governmental
cooperation
Timber



Goals of WPLA

- **Promote security of Tenure**
- **Modernization of Cadastre and Registration**
- **Deepen and extend real estate markets**
- **Develop effective network of public officials in the ECE region**



Main WPLA activities

- **Bi-annual sessions in Geneva**
- **Workshops and seminars**
- **Land Administration Reviews**
- **Other publications of studies and guidelines on specific land management topics**



Upcoming publications

- **Land Administration Review: Bulgaria**
- **Guidance on Fees and Charges for Cadastre and Registration Services**
- **Study on Fraud on Registration and Conveyancing**
- **Self Made Cities: Study on Sustainable Solutions for Informal Settlements in the ECE region**

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Land Administration Review:

- **Legal Framework and Institutional aspects**
- **Consequences of Land Reform**
- **Centralization of Cadastre and Registration Services and the Implementation of New Technologies**
- **Development of real estate markets and international cooperation.**



Guidance on the Implementation of Fees and Charges for Cadastre and Registration services

- **Findings of a Questionnaire on Trends and Practices in the ECE region.**
- **Analysis of Cost Recovery Mechanisms in Land Administration**
- **“One-Stop-Shops” and “E-government”**
- **User needs**



Study on the Prevention of Fraud in electronic Land Registration systems

- **A questionnaire will be distributed addressing the following issues:**
 - **Availability of information online**
 - **Treatment of online applications**
 - **Monitoring of trends in fraud**
 - **Fraud detection and prevention mechanisms**



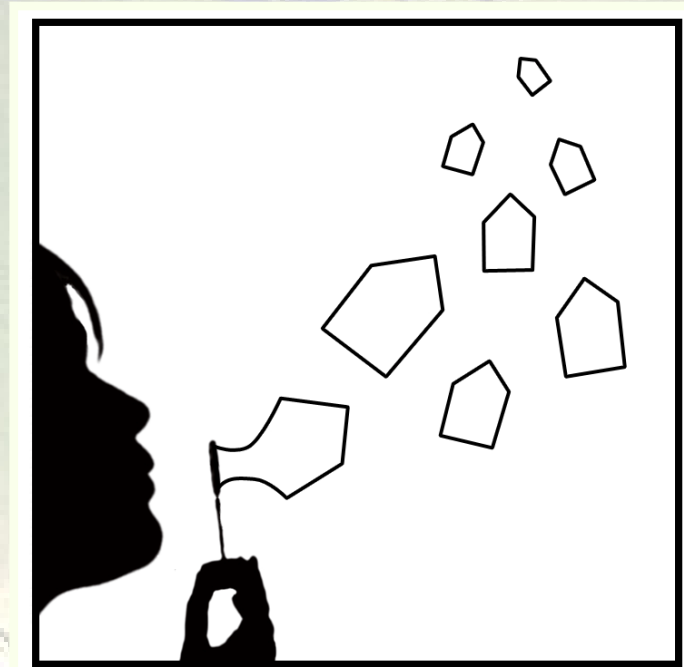
Study on Self Made Cities (Informal Settlements)

- **Problem is significant in over 20 countries, affecting 50 million people**
- **Causes are a combination of rapid urbanization, natural disasters and poverty combined with insufficient urban planning**
- **Policy solutions often imply re-settlement or legalization. In any case, they should always aim at the legal empowerment of the poor**



The Role of the Real Estate Market Advisory Group

- **Sub Prime Crises and Market Contraction**
- **Land Valuation Mechanisms**
- **Transparency**



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Spatial Data Infrastructure and Sustainable Development: Promoting A Holistic Approach

- **Rapid urban growth combined with economic transformations will continue to pose challenges to urban planning.**
- **Improved spatial data infrastructure will improve the functioning of real estate markets and contribute to growth**
- **It should be complemented by legal innovations to assist the underprivileged.**



Recent Workshop Events

- **Past seminar and workshop activities include:**
 - **Influence of Land Administration on People and Business, Cavtat, Croatia, 2-3 October 2008**
 - **Legal Empowerment of the Poor in the UN ECE Region, Bergen, Norway, 10-11 April 2008**



Upcoming Events

- **REM meeting in Rome (19-20 March 2009)**
- **Workshop in Sofia, Bulgaria “Practices and Programmes to Improve the Cadastre in ECE Countries” (23-24 April 2009)**
- **Bi-annual WPLA session in Geneva, 18-19 June 2009**