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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Working Party on Land Administration

Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 February 2019

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising from the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions of the Committee on Housing and Land Management of the Economic Commission for Europe.
3. Review of the programme of work for 2018-2019:
 - (a) Capacity-building and international knowledge sharing;
 - (b) Land administration reviews;
 - (c) Studies on selected topics in land management and land administration.
4. Keynote segment: Transforming Land Administration.
5. Land governance in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda.
6. Presentation of the programme of work for 2020-2021.
7. Review of the Draft Terms of Reference of the Working Party 2021-2025.
8. Election of the Bureau.
9. Any other business.
10. Date of the next session.
11. Adoption of the report.

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

1. The proposed agenda and timetable were agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Party and will be presented for the Working Party's consideration and approval.
2. The Working Party is invited to adopt the agenda.

2. Matters arising from the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions of the Committee on Housing and Land Management of the Economic Commission for Europe

3. The Working Party will be informed about decisions taken by the Committee on Housing and Land Management at its seventy-eighth session (ECE/HBP/190) and seventy-ninth session (ECE/HBP/194) as well as by the Executive Committee (EXCOM), which are relevant to the work of the Working Party.
4. The Working Party is invited to take note of the information provided.

3. Review of the programme of work for 2018-2019

5. The Working Party will be informed about activities carried out and to be carried out to complete its programme of work 2018 - 2019 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2019/3).
6. The Chair of the Working Party will report on meetings and other work of the task groups of the Working Party since the tenth session of the Working Party.

(a) Capacity-building and international knowledge sharing

7. The Working Party will be informed about workshops held in the ECE region and on the work of the Bureau on international knowledge sharing, as well as on topics covering land administration and management discussed at regionally relevant workshops, conferences, seminars and other events.

(b) Land administration reviews

8. The Working Party will be informed on the member State land administration reviews undertaken as part of the ECE country profiles on housing and land management.

(c) Studies on selected topics in land management and land administration

9. The Working Party will be informed on the following studies relating to land administration and management prepared to assist member States better formulate targeted and effective policies.

(a) The Working Party will be presented with the results of the work being carried out on "Future Scenarios in Land Administration", an abstract of the findings can be found in document ECE/HBP/WP.7/2019/5.

(b) The Working Party will be presented with the final findings on Land Consolidation: Legal Framework (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2019/6) of the follow-up questionnaire that builds on (ECE/HBP/2017/Inf.8) and further analyses the land consolidation in the region.

(c) The Working Party will be presented with the abstract and recommendations from the Technical Guidelines on Informal Development in the ECE region (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2019/7). This builds on the conclusions and recommendations of the study “Formalizing the Informal: Challenges and Opportunities of Informal Settlements in South-East Europe”¹ as well as the presentation of the Literature Review: Informal settlements in countries with economies in transition in the ECE Region² for the preparation of technical guidelines on informal settlements in 2017.

10. The Working Party is invited to take note of the studies “Land Consolidation: Legal Framework” and the “Technical Guidelines on Informal Development in the ECE region” and request its Bureau to finalise these studies. When finalised, the studies will be presented to the Eightieth session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management for the adoption.

11. The Working Party is invited to approve the publication of the Technical Guidelines as an official publication (in English and Russian, digital and print). Further, the Working Party is invited to take note of the progress achieved and to review the next steps needed for the completion of the remaining activities for 2019.

4. Keynote: Transforming Land Administration

12. This segment will include a keynote presentation on the megatrends that are challenging land administration today, such as, new business ecosystems, urbanization, climate change, disruptive technology, migration. It will discuss these pressures which are amplified by new and more advanced expectations from citizens and the society, expanding state priorities where land administration is part of a complex interdisciplinary environment, growth of the data economy and digital culture as well as reduced government spending on state services.

13. This session participants will discuss how land administration is being, or could be, transformed to respond to these social and economic trends and what actions are required for land administration authorities to stay relevant and provide trustworthy future-proof services.

14. The Working Party is invited to take into consideration the discussions and conclusions in shaping its future activities, as relevant.

5. Land governance in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda

15. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda have land governance issues as a cross-cutting component. This segment will address the main development challenges in the region related to how sound land administration can promote the efficient and effective implementation of the Agendas objectives as they relate to land management.

16. This segment will include interventions from prominent experts in land markets and land tenure who will address promoting good governance in the ECE region for the implementation of the Agendas.

¹ <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41174>

² <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=43153>

17. The Working Party is invited to take into consideration the discussions and conclusions in shaping its future activities as relevant.

6. Presentation of the programme of work for 2020-2021

18. The Working Party will be presented with the draft programme of work for 2020-2021 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2019/4) which has been developed by the Bureau with the support of the secretariat.

19. The Working Party is invited to comment on the document and discuss how to reflect the outcome of the keynote segment and the ensuing discussion in the 2020-2021 programme of work.

20. The Working Party is invited to review and approve its programme of work for 2020-2021.

7. Review of the Draft Terms of Reference of the Working Party 2021-2025

21. The Working Party will be presented with its draft Terms of Reference for the period of 2021-2025 and will be invited to review and approve them. Once approved the Working Party will recommend the renewal of its mandate to the Committee. The Terms of Reference of the Working Party for the period 2021-2025 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/8) are to be endorsed by the Committee and the Working Party's mandate renewed in October 2019 and approved by EXCOM in 2019.

8. Election of the Bureau

22. The Working Party is expected to elect its Bureau for a two-year term of office.

9. Any other business

23. Delegations are invited to discuss other issues under this agenda item.

10. Date of the next session

24. The next session is scheduled to take place in spring 2021.

11. Adoption of the report

25. The meeting is expected to adopt the report in session.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	
27 February	10:00 – 10:25	1	Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
	10:25 – 10:45	2	Matters arising from the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth sessions of the Committee on Housing and Land Management of the Economic Commission for Europe
	10:45 – 12:00	3 (a)	Review of the programme of work for 2018-2019: Capacity building and international knowledge sharing
	12:00 – 12:15	3 (b)	Review of the programme of work for 2018-2019: Land administration Reviews
	12:15 – 13:00	3 (c)	Review of the programme of work for 2018-2019: Studies on selected topics in land management and land administration
	15:00 – 18:00	4	Keynote: Transforming Land Administration
28 February	10:00 – 12:00	5	Land governance in the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda
	12:00 – 12:15	6	Presentation of the programme of work for 2020-2021
	12:15 – 12:25	7	Review of the draft Terms of Reference of the Working Party for the period 2021-2025
	12:25 – 12:35	8	Election of the Bureau
	12:35 – 12:40	9	Any other business
	12:40 – 12:45	10	Date of the next session
	12:45 – 13:00	11	Adoption of the report