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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING PARTY ON LAND ADMINISTRATION

1. The Working Party on Land Administration operates within the framework of the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management. Members of the Working Party are the national land administration **and related** authorities of all countries of the UNECE region.
2. The overall goals of the Working Party are the promotion and improvement of land administration and land management in the UNECE region. The Working Party aims at supporting the security of tenure, the introduction and improvement of cadastre and land registry, and the development of real estate markets. The activities of Working Party are based on co-operation and the exchange of experience among all countries of the UNECE region.
3. The Working Party works in the field of land management as follows:
 - (a) Land Administration:

General Task: Acquisition, registration, storing, maintenance and dissemination of information on real property rights, as well as, geometric and physical characteristics of land.

Activities: Documentation of ownership rights, lease and mortgages, land cover, land-use and land-use restrictions, georeferenced addresses; transfer of ownership rights; adjudication of land rights; solving of land disputes; cadastral mapping; data base activities; real property valuation; personal data protection; etc.
 - (b) Planning and Development of Land:

General Task: Contribution to formulation, implementation and monitoring of land policy and geo-data policy (incl. financial matters).

Activities: pricing of services; cost-recovery requirements; development of professional skills; taxation of land and real properties; development of e-services; geo-spatial data policy; sustainable development of urban and rural areas; land consolidation; protection of natural resources; etc.
4. The Working Party co-ordinates its activities in close contact with other international governmental and non-governmental organisations active in the related fields, such as the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and other UN Regional Commissions, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the European Union institutions concerned with land management activities (e.g. INSPIRE Initiative, EULIS Project), the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), the Permanent Committee on Cadastre (PCC), the International Centre of Registration Law (CINDER), the European Umbrella

Organisation for Geographic Information (EUROGI), EuroGeographics and the European Land Register Association (ELRA).

5. The Working Party co-operates with international financial and donor organisations that fund programs and projects related to land administration in countries of the UNECE region, such as programmes of the European Union, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the World Bank.
6. The Working Party encourages partnership among the public and private sectors and the involvement in managing land resources and capacity building for sustainable development. The Working Party encourages co-operation with educational institutions.
7. The work programme of the Working Party is carried out through: seminars and workshops organised in UNECE member countries, land administration reviews (LAR), publication of studies and guidelines on specific topics of land management, and participation and contribution at events of related organisations.