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### Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management

#### Working Party on Land Administration

##### Fourteenth session

Geneva, 28-29 April 2025

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the Working Party on Land Administration

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Room XXIV, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday,  
28 April 2025.\*

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising from the eighty-fourth and eighty-fifth sessions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management.
3. Review of the programmes of work for 2022-2023 and 2024-2025:
  - (a) Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing;
  - (b) Land administration reviews;
  - (c) Studies on selected topics in land administration and land management.
4. Keynote segment: Tenure security towards resilience and sustainability.
5. Strengthening collaboration at the national level and with other international organizations and agencies.
6. Draft programme of work for 2026-2027.
7. Election of the Bureau.
8. Other business.

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9. Date of the next session.
10. Adoption of the report.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

*Documentation: Provisional agenda for the fourteenth session of the Working Party on Land Administration (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2025/1)*

The proposed agenda and timetable, agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Party, will be presented for the consideration and approval of the Working Party.

The Working Party is invited to adopt the agenda.

### **2. Matters arising from the eighty-fourth and eighty-fifth sessions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management**

The Working Party will be informed about decisions taken by the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management at its eighty-fourth session (Geneva, 4–6 October 2023) (ECE/HBP/219) and eighty-fifth session (Geneva, 2–4 October 2024) (ECE/HBP/2024/2) as well as decisions by the Executive Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) of relevance to the work of the Working Party.

The Working Party is invited to take note of the information provided. As decided by the Committee, its eighty-sixth session (Geneva, 8–10 October 2025) will include a ministerial segment on housing, scheduled for 8 October 2025. The Working Party is invited to contribute to the preparations of the ministerial segment, as relevant. It may wish to agree on one proposed commitment for ministers to take to promote affordable and sustainable housing as input to the draft outcome document to be prepared for consideration of the ministers.

### **3. Review of the programmes of work for 2022-2023 and 2024-2025**

*Documentation: Review of the programmes of work for 2022-2023 and 2024-2025 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2025/3)*

*Outcomes of the thematic webinars on land administration (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2025/4)*

*Outcomes of the workshop on ensuring tenure security (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2025/7)*

Delegates will be informed about activities carried out since the thirteenth session of the Working Party (Geneva, 4–5 April 2023) as per its programme of work for 2022–2023 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2021/4) as well as planned activities for completing the implementation of its programme of work for 2024–2025 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2023/6).

The Chair will provide an overview of implemented and planned activities (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2025/3). This will be followed by a presentation of deliverables under each of the below three clusters of the programme of work.

#### **(a) Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing**

Delegates will be informed about the outcome of the thematic webinars and workshop on land administration organized by the Working Party (ECE/HBP/2025/4 and ECE/HBP/2025/7). Delegates will also be informed about the work of the Bureau on international knowledge-sharing during regional and international workshops, conferences and other events.

**(b) Land administration reviews**

The Working Party will be informed about national land-administration reviews that have been or will be undertaken as part of the ECE country profiles on housing and land management.

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

Lastly, the Working Party will be informed by the Bureau about the finalization of the study on “Ecosystems and security for future land administration arrangements”, and the progress in issuing it as a United Nations publication.<sup>1</sup> The study aims at helping land administrations and relevant State agencies better formulate targeted and effective policies. Its initial findings and recommendations had been presented to the Working Party at its thirteenth session in 2023 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2023/5). Subsequently, the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management considered draft versions of the study at its eighty-fourth and eighty-fifth sessions and approved the publication of the study in its final format in 2024.

The Working Party is invited to:

- (a) Take note of the outcomes of the thematic webinars and workshop on land administration;
- (b) Take note of the review of land administration and land management that was conducted in Armenia, and those that are ongoing in Montenegro and planned for in Uzbekistan;
- (c) Take note of the finalized publication on “Ecosystems and security for future land administration arrangements”;
- (d) Review the steps needed for the completion of the remaining activities in 2025.

**4. Keynote segment: Tenure security towards resilience and sustainability**

*Documentation: Tenure security towards resilience and sustainability  
(ECE/HBP/WP.7/2025/5)*

Global megatrends, including digital transformation, urbanization, climate change and the rise of interconnected business ecosystems driven by the platform economy are reshaping the land administration sector. Alongside those broad influencers, sector-specific drivers, such as cybersecurity, open data and artificial intelligence present new dynamics. In addition, ECE region-specific challenges, such as population ageing, natural disasters and the persistence of informal settlements, are creating both opportunities and challenges for the sector. The discussion under this agenda item aims to identify key challenges and innovative solutions for building resilient and sustainable land administration systems.

The keynote segment will feature presentations on several interrelated themes essential for advancing resilience and sustainability in tenure security, a cornerstone of effective land administration and land management. Tenure security has been recognized as a fundamental factor influencing land governance within the ECE region and beyond, particularly in the context of prevailing global megatrends. Building on the findings of the recently concluded ECE study on “Ecosystems and security for future land administration arrangements”, the session will also draw upon the outcomes of recent activities. Furthermore, it will introduce proposed areas of future work for the Working Party. The background paper prepared by the Bureau of the Working Party (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2025/5) outlines these proposed activities, focusing on security of tenure and additional, thematically related proposed future areas for consideration by the Working Party.

Delegates will be invited to discuss how land administration could be transformed to address those challenges, including the required actions for land administration authorities to contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda.

<sup>1</sup> ECE/HBP/227, forthcoming.

The Working Party is invited to:

- (a) Take note of the information provided;
- (b) Request its Bureau to develop a study on tenure security towards resilience and sustainability and report on progress made at the fifteenth session of the Working Party in 2027.

## **5. Strengthening collaboration at the national level and with other international organizations and agencies**

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda feature land administration and land management as cross-cutting issues. Those issues require coherent approaches that strengthen complementarity between land administration authorities and other relevant agencies, including those engaged in land management, housing policy and urban development. This segment will discuss avenues for achieving that strategic objective and strengthening collaboration between the Working Party and other relevant international organizations and agencies.

The Working Party is invited to welcome the support provided by the Real Estate Market Advisory Group to the Working Party in the implementation of its programmes of work and consider possible further cooperation activities under the programme of work 2026–2027.

## **6. Draft programme of work for 2026-2027**

*Documentation: Draft programme of work for 2026-2027 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2025/6)*

*Tenure security towards resilience and sustainability  
(ECE/HBP/WP.7/2025/5)*

The Working Party will be presented with the draft programme of work for 2026–2027 (ECE/HBP/WP.7/2025/6), developed by the Bureau with the support of the secretariat.

The Working Party is invited to:

- (a) Comment on the document and discuss how to reflect the outcome of the keynote segment on tenure security towards resilience and sustainability and the ensuing discussion in the 2026–2027 programme of work;
- (b) Review and approve its programme of work for 2026–2027.

## **7. Election of the Bureau**

The Working Party is expected to elect its Bureau members, including a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, for a two-year term.

## **8. Other business**

Under this agenda item, delegates are invited to discuss other issues of relevance to the Working Party.

## **9. Date of the next session**

The next session of the Working Party is scheduled to take place in spring 2027.

## **10. Adoption of the report**

The Working Party will be invited to adopt the report from its present session at the end of the meeting.

### III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	
28 April	10:00 – 10:20	1	Adoption of the agenda
	10:20 – 10:40	2	Matters arising from the eighty-fourth and eighty-fifth sessions of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management
	10:40 – 18:00	3	Review of the programmes of work for 2022–2023 and 2024–2025
	10:40 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 16:00	3 (a)	Capacity-building and international knowledge-sharing
	16:00 – 17:00	3 (b)	Land administration reviews
	17:00 – 18:00	3 (c)	Studies on selected topics in land administration and land management
29 April	10:00 – 12:00	4	Keynote segment: Tenure security towards resilience and sustainability
	12:00 – 13:00	5	Strengthening collaboration at the national level and with other international organizations and agencies
	15:00 – 16:00	6	Draft programme of work for 2026–2027
	16:00 – 16:30	7	Election of the Bureau
	16:30 – 16:45	8	Other business
	16:45 – 16:50	9	Date of the next session
	16:50 – 18:00	10	Adoption of the report