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## FIFTH MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON LAND ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

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### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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#### Background

Effective land administration is fit-for-purpose, appropriate and adequate, interoperable, sustainable, flexible, inclusive and able to accelerate efforts to document, record, recognize and monitor people-to-land relationships in all their forms. Effective land administration provides humanity with better access to and security of land and property rights and supports the principle of leaving no one behind – one of the commitments under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Under the FELA, a plurality of tenure types, globally agreed concepts and approaches are covered, the use of applicable internationally agreed standards is promoted and the need to respect the inherent rights of indigenous peoples to their lands, territories and resources, as well as their traditions and customs, is recognized. Land administration relates people to land and provides information on the how, what, who, when and where of land tenure, land use, land value and land development. Land administration systems are the basis for recording the complex range of rights, restrictions and responsibilities related to people, places and policies.

The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management at its tenth session, with [decision 10/107](#), welcomed and adopted the [Framework for Effective Land Administration](#) (FELA) and appreciated that FELA is fully aligned with the [United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework](#) (UN-IGIF), whilst noting that transparent and secure land and property rights for all was a crucial component for an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable society. At its thirteenth session, the Committee of Experts with [decision 13/109](#), reiterated that FELA is an important element of the work of the Committee of Experts and provides a valuable step forward in assisting and guiding Member States when developing, reforming, strengthening and modernizing effective and efficient land administration.

The fifth meeting of the United Nations Expert Group on Land Administration and Management is hosted by the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía) (INEGI) of Mexico with the support of the Mexican Cadastre Institute (Instituto Mexicano de Catastro) (INMECA) and the Permanent Committee of Cadastre in Latin America (El Comité Permanente de Catastro en Iberoamérica) (CPCI). The fifth meeting includes the Second International Seminar on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management with the theme “Effective land administration”.

This fifth meeting of the Expert Group is a closed meeting for members of the Expert Group and invited participants including from the National Institute of Statistics and Geography, the Mexican Cadastre Institute, and the Permanent Committee of Cadastre in Latin America. This in-person meeting allows members of the Expert Group together with invited experts and participants to review, discuss and consider a number of substantive items that are presently before the Expert Group.



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The Committee of Experts, when adopting FELA, requested that the Framework:

- i) Be a living document, periodically reviewed and updated, taking into consideration political, societal, economic, environmental and technological circumstances;
- ii) Address the rights of Indigenous peoples to lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired; and
- iii) Encourage the use of internationally recognized standards, including International Organization for Standardization standard 19152 and International Hydrographic Organization standard S-121;

In addition, the Committee encouraged the Expert Group to work through its identified inventory of issues and to consider the roles of effective land administration in the area of climate and the integration of the terrestrial, maritime and cadastral domains. The inventory of issues and thus the areas of focus for the Expert Group in its present three-year work plan are:

- i] Leadership, promoting and raising awareness of the merits and benefits of effective land administration through:
  - raise awareness of and advocate for the country-level implementation of the FELA together with the UN-IGIF;
  - role of effective land administration within the area of climate change and resilience, and sustainable development.
- ii] The implementation of the UN-IGIF and the FELA at the country-level:
  - leverage the Implementation Guide of the UN-IGIF as a reference resource when considering guidance to implement the FELA at the country level;
  - elaborate and align the UN-IGIF implementation guidance and recommended actions with national circumstances and needs;
  - address effective land administration within an “ecosystem” or “interconnected domains”.
- iii] The integration of the terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains; and additional issues related to:
  - rights, restrictions and responsibilities associated with land;
  - digital and mobile access to land information;
  - cybersecurity and data security mechanisms needed to protect vital land information;
  - integrated information on land tenure, land value, land development, land use and land use change.
- iv] Collaborating with other UN-GGIM functional groups and to work closely with relevant international organizations to further anchor the FELA in the broad programme of work of UN-GGIM.

## Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda for the fifth meeting of the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management

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- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Agenda, organization of the meeting and setting the scene
- 3) Reports, highlights, updates and considerations
  - a) Report of the co-Chair on the Expert Group’s activities, progress and accomplishments
  - b) Report of the Secretariat including the programme of work of Committee of Experts
- 4) Integrated geospatial information for effective land administration and management – national and regional perspectives
- 5) Merits and benefits of effective land administration and accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, address climate-related challenges and improve resilience



- 6) Sustaining the FELA as a living document, reviewing and updating taking into consideration political, societal, economic, environmental and technological circumstances
- 7) Implementing FELA together with the UN-IGIF at the country-level, including -
  - a) Providing practical guidance and support
  - b) Addressing the rights of indigenous peoples to lands, territories and resources
  - c) Encouraging the use of internationally recognized standards
- 8) Integrating the terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains and the technical complexities around the land/sea interface
- 9) Plans and activities of the Expert Group and updating the work plan of the Expert Group
  - a) Strengthening collaboration, partnerships, engagement and capacity development
  - b) Anchoring the FELA within the broad programme of work of the Committee of Experts
- 10) Fourteenth session of the Committee of Experts, 7 – 9 August 2023
- 11) Seventh High-level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management with the theme “Accelerating implementation: Achieving resilience”
- 12) Next steps, summary and close

### Provisional annotated agenda and organization of work

Wednesday 10 April 2024	
08:30 - 09:00	Arrival of participants
09:00 - 10:30	<p><b>Agenda item 1: Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p><i>This is the opening segment of the two-day meeting with brief welcome remarks.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome remarks:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Briefing welcome remarks</i></li> <li>➤ Claudio Martínez Topete, INEGI</li> <li>➤ Ricardo López Rivera, INMECA/CPCI</li> <li>➤ Raffaella Anilio Olguín, EG-LAM/SNIT-IDE</li> <li>➤ Victor Khoo, EG-LAM/SLA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Announcements           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Briefing to participants on the facilities and arrangements for the meeting, arrangements refreshment and lunch breaks for the two days and any relevant public health and safety announcements</i></li> <li>➤ tbc, INEGI</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Introductions           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>In the interest of time, all participants are encouraged to introduce themselves to one another during mid-morning, lunch and/or mid-afternoon breaks.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p><b>Agenda item 2: Agenda and organization of the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional agenda and organization of the meeting <i>The meeting will briefly discuss expectations and expected outcomes before confirming the agenda of the meeting together with the organization of the meeting.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Raffaella Anilio Olguín, EG-LAM/SNIT-IDE</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>Agenda item 3: Reports, highlights, updates and considerations</b></p> <p><i>The meeting will be provided with reports on the activities, progress and accomplishments of the Expert Group since its last meeting as well as to consider the decisions, guidance and views of the Committee of Experts at its thirteenth session. The reports and highlights contribute to setting-the-scene for the two-day expert group meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlights and takeaways from the International Seminar <i>Participants are invited to share their observations, comments and highlights from the international seminar held on 8 and 9 April 2024. In particular, the meeting will discuss how the presentations and interactions at the international seminar can inform these two days of meeting and its outcomes.</i></li> <li>• Open interactions</li> <li>• Report of the co-Chair on the Expert Group’s activities, progress and accomplishments <i>The co-Chairs will review the activities, progress and accomplishments of the expert group during this intervening period vis-à-vis the work plan of the expert group. Participants are invited to discuss the progress and outcomes of activities as appropriate.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Victor Khoo, EG-LAM/SLA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Open discussion</li> <li>• Report of the Secretariat including the programme of work of Committee of Experts <i>The UN Secretariat will provide a report to the expert group including relevant items of the Committee of Experts programme of work and decisions and views of its thirteenth session.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CheeHai Teo, UN/DESA/SD/GGIMS</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
10:30 - 11:00	Refreshment break & Group photograph
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Agenda item 4: Integrated geospatial information for effective land administration and management – national and regional perspectives</b></p> <p><i>The meeting will be briefed on the administration of territories and land (and where appropriate, marine spaces – marine cadastres) in Mexico, Latin America and other regions including any efforts to operationalize the Framework for Effective Land Administration. The meeting may discuss issues and challenges expressed and the relevance of FELA to further improve and strengthen existing land administration and management arrangements and systems. (Briefings may be accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation and should generally be no more than 10 minutes in duration).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National perspectives <i>The sharing of national perspectives beginning with Mexico’s. Participants are invited to share and exchange views and perspective about their national situations vis-à-vis effective land administration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Claudio Martínez Topete, INEGI</li> <li>➤ Ricardo López Rivera, INMECA</li> <li>➤ Others (tbc)*</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion</li>   <li>• Regional perspectives <i>The sharing of regional perspectives beginning with CPCI for Latin America. Participants who are active in regional committees and their working groups are invited to share and exchange views and perspective about their regional situations vis-à-vis effective land administration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ricardo López Rivera, CPCI</li> <li>➤ Raffaella Anilio Olguín, UN-GGIM: Americas Working Group on Land Administration</li> <li>➤ Kean Huat Soon, UN-GGIM-AP Working Group on Cadastre and Land Management</li> <li>➤ Others (tbc)*</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Open discussion</li>   <li>• Global perspectives <i>The sharing of global perspectives beginning with FIG and GLTN. Participants who are active in other global initiatives related to land administration including in standards development are invited to share and exchange views and perspective about the global situation and efforts to promote and progress effective land administration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Amalia Velasco Martin-Vares/Eva-Maria Unger/Rohan Bennett, FIG Commission 7</li> <li>➤ Regina Orvananos, UN-Habitat, Global Land Tool Network</li> <li>➤ Others (tbc)*</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul> <p>* Please inform the UN Secretariat (aigerim.mussayeva@un.org; teo@un.org) if you have a contribution or a presentation under this agenda item. All contributions and presentations, preferably be provided ahead of time to the UN Secretariat.</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>Agenda item #5: Merits and benefits of effective land administration and accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, address climate-related challenges and improve resilience</b></p> <p><i>The Committee of Experts, at its thirteenth session reiterated that FELA is an important element of work of the Committee of Experts that provided a valuable step forward in assisting and guiding Member States when developing, strengthening and modernizing effective and efficient land administration. The meeting will continue is consideration to raise and promote the merits and benefits of effective-land administration including contributing to accelerating the achievement of the SDGs, address climate-related challenges and improve resilience.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul> <p><b>Agenda item 7: Implementing FELA together with the UN-IGIF at the country-level</b></p> <p><i>The meeting will discuss implementing FELA together with the UN-IGIF at the country-level including providing practical guidance and support; addressing the rights of indigenous peoples to lands, territories and resources; and encouraging the use of internationally recognized standards. This segment will break out into groups to brainstorm, deliberate, and consider what's feasible to provide the "how" as requested by Member States. The segment may consider a series of questions prepared by the co-Chairs of the expert group to guide the breakout group work.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to break out group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Kean Huat Soon, SLA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Breakout group work</li> </ul>
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Refreshment break</i>
15:30 – 17:00	<p><b>Agenda item 7: Implementing FELA together with the UN-IGIF at the country-level</b> <i>(continuation)</i></p> <p><i>The meeting will continue its breakout group work and consider the “how” to implement FELA together with UN-IGIF at the country-level.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakout group work <i>Breakout groups will conclude their considerations and report back to the meeting followed by open discussions.</i></li> <li>• Breakout group work: report-back</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 11 April 2024</b>	
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival of participants
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Agenda item 8: Integrating the terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains and the technical complexities around the land/sea interface</b></p> <p><i>The Committee of Experts encouraged the expert group, in partnership with other functional groups and relevant international organizations, to work through the integration of terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains and to include consideration for the land-sea interface and its technical complexities. This item was considered by the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information, and at its recent sixth expert meeting agreed for the expert group to lead including to leverage focus work group modality. This segment will break out for participants to brainstorm, deliberate, and consider issues and challenges, successes and lessons as well as feasible approaches to integrate these domains through the strategic pathways of UN-IGIF, FELA and UN-IGIF-Hydro.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to break out work/exercises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Kean Huat Soon, SLA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Breakout group work <i>Participants will engage in breakout work/exercises, share observations and report back to the meeting followed by open discussions.</i></li> <li>• Breakout work/exercises: report-back</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00	Break



11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Agenda item #5: Merits and benefits of effective land administration and accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, address climate-related challenges and improve resilience</b></p> <p><i>This segment will revisit this agenda item and the meeting continue its consideration on effective land administration vis-à-vis accelerating the achievements of the SDGs; addressing climate-related challenges and improving resilience; improving access to land for all; the recording and recognition of the complex range of rights, restrictions and responsibilities; diversity, equity and inclusion; respecting the inherent rights of indigenous peoples to their lands, territories and resources, digital and mobile access to land information; integrated information on land tenure, land value, land development, land use.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Agenda item 6: Sustaining the FELA as a living document, reviewing and updating taking into consideration political, societal, economic, environmental and technological circumstances</b></p> <p><i>The meeting will discuss and consider how to sustain FELA as a living document with a process that allows the periodic review and update that take into consideration prevailing circumstances including the evolving technologies, machine learning, and geospatially related artificial intelligence.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>Agenda item 9: Plans and activities of the Expert Group and updating the work plan of the Expert Group</b></p> <p><i>The meeting will review the workplan of the expert group, consider any deliverables and timeline, refine and revise as appropriate. In this regard, the expert group should consider its objectives and functions as endorsed by the Committee of Experts in its review.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Agenda item 10: Fourteenth session of the Committee of Experts, 7 – 9 August 2023</b></p> <p><i>The UN Secretariat will brief the meeting with regards to preparations for the fourteenth session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management including anticipated timeline for preparation and submission of substantive report of the Working Group to the fourteenth session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing on the preparations for the fourteenth session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ CheeHai Teo, UN/DESA/SD/GGIMS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>Agenda item 11: Seventh High-level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management with the theme “Accelerating implementation: Achieving resilience”, Mexico City, Mexico, 8 – 10 October 2024</b></p> <p><i>The Advisory Committee for the Seventh High-level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management will be providing a briefing to the meeting on the ongoing preparations for the 7HLF.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing by the 7HLF Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Gabriela Garcia Seco, INEGI</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

15:00 - 15:30	<i>Refreshment break</i>
15:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Agenda item 12: Next steps, Summary and close</b></p> <p><i>The meeting will consider its next steps and the co-Chairs will summarize the main discussions points, consolidate views and outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Expert Group and provide a brief closing.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next in-person meeting <i>The meeting will consider, if feasible, its sixth in-person meeting.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Victor Khoo, EG-LAM/SLA</li></ul></li> <li>• Outcomes and summary of the meeting <i>The co-Chairs of the Expert Group will outline key outcomes and decisions and provide a summary for the entire four-day event.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Raffaella Anilio Olguín/Victor Khoo, EG-LAM</li></ul></li> <li>• Closing remarks <i>The meeting will be brought to a formal close with brief closing remarks.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Claudio Martínez Topete, INEGI</li><li>➤ Raffaella Anilio Olguín, EG-LAM/SNIT-IDE</li><li>➤ Victor Khoo, EG-LAM/SLA</li></ul></li></ul>

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