Seventh Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM

Side Event

Land Administration and Management

Tuesday, 1 August 2017
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Venue: Conference Room 12 (CR-12)
United Nations Headquarters, New York

Background

At the Sixth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management (EG-LAM) was encouraged to address the issue of fit-for-purpose land and geospatial information required to support effective and efficient land administration and management to address the need to secure land and property rights for all.

The Expert Group convened a physical meeting in Delft, The Netherlands on March 14 - 15 2017 (http://ggim.un.org/Delft_Meeting.html) and decided that the Expert Group –

- Develop a global framework for land administration that captures key elements or principles essential for a universal, efficient, effective and sustainable land administration system that will provide security of tenure, and to document, record and recognise people-to-land relationship in all its forms at scale and in a timely manner.

- Provide guidance for appropriate methodological approaches and standards that will accelerate the proportion of global population’s relationship to land that will be documented, recorded and recognised, currently estimated at 25%-30%. This guidance will include key legal, institutional and geospatial elements that address access to basic datasets and image libraries.

- Establish a liaison group, with the aim to improve awareness and understanding, enhance advocacy and knowledge sharing, to support the upcoming ISO-TC211 and OGC revision of ISO 19152 (Land Administration Domain Model).

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The Expert Group has since prepared its work programme for the 2017-2018 biennium that will be tabled for endorsement by the Committee of Experts at its Seventh Session. Within this work programme, the expert group will begin consideration on key elements or principles essential for establishing a universal, efficient, effective and sustainable land administration system that will provide security of tenure and will allow for documenting, recording and recognizing the many people-to-land relationships in all their forms. The global framework will support efforts to improve and accelerate the proportion of global population’s relationship to land that will be documented, recorded and recognised (SDGs Indicator 1.4.2 – Proportion of total adult population with secure tenure rights to land, with legally recognized documentation and who perceive their rights to land as secure, by sex and by type of tenure).

The side event is organized by the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management and supported by the Secretariat for UN-GGIM, UN Statistics Division.

Objectives

This side event aims to engage participants, observers as well as experts attending the Seventh Session of UN-GGIM to begin consideration of key universal elements essential for sustainable land administration system, that will –

- allow for efficiency and effectiveness in documenting, recording and recognizing the many people-to-land relationships in all their forms; and
- provide security of tenure for all.

Proposed Agenda

This side event will be a moderated interactive session with introductory presentations, interactions and discussions between panellist and participants with opportunities for questions, comments, clarifications and answers. The moderator will give the opening remarks including a short introductory presentation. The moderator together with the rapporteur will provide a summary prior to the close of the side event.

Moderator:
Mr. Kees de Zeeuw
co-Chair, Expert Group on Land Administration and Management
Kadaster International, The Netherlands

Rapporteur:
Mr. Mahashe Chaka
co-Chair, Expert Group on Land Administration and Management
Land Administration Authority, Lesotho

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Panellists:

#1 Mr. Silvano Tjong-Ahin (tbc)
Management Instituut GLIS, Suriname

#2 Mr. Brian Ballantyne
Surveyor General Branch, Natural Resources Canada

#3 Mr. Batbayar Altantsetseg (tbc)
Administration of Land Affairs, Geodesy and Cartography Mongolia

#4 Mr. Joep Crompvoets (tbc)
KU Leuven, Belgium

(Note: On the organisation of work for this side event, providing the moderator and panellists about 10-12 minutes to deliver their presentations, there will be approximately 30 minutes for moderated Q&A and discussions before wrap-up)