

Work Plan for 2019/2021

Preamble

During the ninth session the Committee of Experts requested the Expert Group to make use of appropriate globally accepted concepts and approaches, such as existing guidelines, best practices and standards, in order to effectively and efficiently link people to land, to record, document and recognize relationships between people and land in all its forms. The outcome of various events showed that the Expert Group continue to consider key requirements or pillars for sustainable and interoperable land administration and management systems, and to formulate a framework for effective land administration and management. The framework will provide an overarching policy guidance that can be referenced by Member States when developing effective and efficient land administration and management systems, strengthening and modernizing existing systems towards greater effectiveness and efficiency.

Further the Expert Group agrees that effective land administration caters to all people, and must: i) develop confidence and trust, promote security, safety and peace, and peace building; ii) cater to all circumstances and situations – in times of peace and prosperity, in times of stress and hardships (disaster and conflicts); iii) promote preparedness and resilience (with increasing climate vulnerabilities); and iv) inclusive, recognizing traditions, customs and customary tenures, and respecting the inherent rights of indigenous peoples to their lands and resources.

Land administration that is effective: i) can accelerate the proportion of adult population with tenure security; ii) promote an efficient and vibrant land market taking into consideration aspects of land values and land development; iii) contribute to smart and resilient societies; and iv) mitigate issues related to land as a cause triggering migration, both intra- and trans-boundary, and triggering conflict that often leads to violent and protracted conflicts. These are in addition to: a) conferring land rights and providing access to land; b) securing land and property rights; c) land, environmental and resource management; d) access to basic infrastructure and services; and e) supporting equitable and safe housing.

Effective land administration must be inclusive and accessible, gender and youth sensitive, and consider the vulnerable and marginalized. The enabling environment for effective land administration called for: i) sound and robust legal and policy frameworks; ii) leveraging technologies and innovations, including mobile computing; iii) consider data and information from a wide range of sources, scales and sensors; and iv) harnessing partnerships with civil society, academia, professionals, private sector and philanthropic organizations. There is the need for: a) continual advocacy and awareness across multiple sectors - intra and inter-agency or ministries, across governments, with professionals, industry, investors and the community; b) sound and tested land tools and technical guides; c) open standards; and d) interoperability – of systems, institutions as well as legislative and human interoperability.

Activities for 2019/2021

The Terms of Reference called for the Expert Group to play a leading role at the policy level and encourage the wider use of geospatial information, tools and systems to improve the recordation and recognition of people-to-land relationship in all its forms. The Expert Group is also to undertake work that is able to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and other areas as appropriate including, access to land, property rights, ownership, land degradation, rapid urbanization, and climate change, in coordination with other expert and working groups noting that the overarching principle of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to leave no one behind.

For this 2019 - 2021 period, the work plan of the Expert Group will thus focus on –

Focus Areas	Activities	Period
<p>1) Addressing the guidance, feedback and comments provided by the Committee of Experts at its ninth session, re-write as appropriate, including but not limited to promoting and respecting the inherent rights of indigenous peoples to their lands, territories and resources, recognizing traditions, customs and customary tenures, and the importance of land use planning;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet online in September 2019 ▪ FELA Editorial Group to re-write as appropriate 	<p>2019 Q4</p>
<p>2) Ready the Framework for Effective Land Administration and undertake, with the support of the Secretariat, a broad global consultation process involving Member States and relevant stakeholders;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet online in December 2019 to ready the Framework document for the global consultation process ▪ Coordinate with the Secretariat on the global consultation process ▪ Members to encourage their respective “networks” to respond to the global consultation 	<p>2019 Q4 2020 Q2</p>
<p>3) Reviewing and considering the results from the broad global consultation, and thereafter, finalize the Framework for Effective Land Administration and provided to the Committee of Experts for consideration and adoption at its tenth session in August 2020;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinate with the Secretariat and have an initial overview of responses ▪ Review and work through responses from global consultation at a face-to-face meeting (proposing Amsterdam on the margins of the 2020 FIG Working Week) hosted by Kadaster Netherlands in May 2020) ▪ FELA Editorial Group to re-write as appropriate and finalize the Framework document ▪ Coordinate with the Secretariat to prepare the report of the Expert Group to the tenth session of the Committee of Experts 	<p>2020 Q2 2020 Q3</p>
<p>4) Advocating and raising awareness of the merits and benefits of fit-for-purpose land administration, and share knowledge and understand of the FELA as the overarching policy guidance that can be referenced by Member States to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contribute to the ongoing development of the Implementation Guide of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework 	<p>2019 - 2021</p>

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effectively and efficiently relate people to land in all its form;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engage Regional Committees of UN-GGIM at their annual plenary meetings, as appropriate ▪ Organize a learning event and session(s) as appropriate at the World Bank Land and Poverty Conference (2020 and 2021) ▪ Organize side events at the tenth and eleventh session of UN-GGIM ▪ Participate when opportunities arise to advocate and raise awareness - such as annual sessions of UNECE-WPLA, learning events of UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies, UN-GGIM: Academic Network, etc. 	
5) Leveraging the Implementation Guide (of the IGIF) to translate the concepts of the Framework for Effective Land Administration into practical implementation guidance for Member States to operationalize the Framework at national or sub-national levels with recommended actions, land tools, guides and approaches, applicable internationally agreed standards, and proven practices;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider and deliberate on appropriate implementation guidance at a face-to-face meeting (May 2020) ▪ Initiate development of implementation guidance to operationalize FELA ▪ Meet online, as appropriate, throughout 2H2020 and 1H2021 to advance the development of implementation guidance 	2020 - 2021
6) Establishing a modality to periodically review, update and tailor the Framework, as living document, to suit national circumstances according to the changing and evolving societal, economic, environmental, political and technological landscapes; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider other outputs from the Committee of Experts including the third edition of the "Future trends in geospatial information management: the five to ten-year vision" due in April 2020 ▪ Brainstorm, deliberate and consider appropriate modalities to periodically review the Framework at a face-to-face meeting (May 2020) ▪ As appropriate, use the online meetings throughout 2H2020 and 1H2021 to develop the modality ▪ Include an agreed modality into the updated workplan of the Expert Group 	2020 - 2021

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<p>7) Providing a forum for dialogue and coordination between Member States, United Nations system, international organizations, and experts with a view to advocate, promote and deliver effective land administration.</p> <p>In this regard, to address issues, gaps and appropriate approaches including that of access to basic datasets, so as to accelerate efforts in documenting (including survey and mapping), recording and recognizing people-to-land relationship in all its forms. And to leverage synergies, avoid duplication through collaboration with other expert and working groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Report to the Committee of Experts at its tenth and eleventh session ▪ Address guidance from the Committee of Experts at its tenth and eleventh session ▪ Organize side events at the tenth and eleventh session of UN-GGIM ▪ Consider a second international seminar on effective land administration ▪ Engage and as appropriate, participate in the Working Group on Legal and Policy Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management 	<p>2019 - 2021</p>
<p>Presently identified engagement opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM-AP, 3 – 5 November 2019, Canberra ▪ 7th Plenary Meeting of UN-GGIM: Arab States, 15 – 19 February 2020, Algiers 	<p>2019 - 2020</p>

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