



Terms of reference and Action plan

UN-GGIM - GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON LAND ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

UN-GE-LAM

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Positioning geospatial information to address global challenges

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Objectives of UN-EG-LAM

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Rationale

- During the fifth Expert Meeting of UN-GGIM in 2015, the Committee of Experts endorsed the establishment of an Expert Group on Land Administration and Management (UN-EG-LAM).
- In order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and to have legal certainty for all citizens in the world, good geospatial information management and sound land administration are considered important prerequisites. It is believed that the momentum is right for the challenging but feasible ambition to have land rights for the world.
- **This Expert Group fits within the global setting**, global agenda and global initiatives, and can play an important role in facilitating the needed leadership. UN-GGIM can do this by coordinating the cooperation between the United Nations Member States, and to link to other global initiatives and organisations, including academia, NGO's and the private sector.



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Functions UN-GE-LAM

- **Provide a forum** for coordination and dialogue among global experts from the land administration and geospatial communities with a view to advance the activities related to the administration and management, and strengthening the use of geospatial information for good land governance;
- **Propose work plans**, informed by broad global consultation, to address the main areas of focus identified by Member states while ensuring that there are no overlaps or duplication with other initiatives;
- **Address** governance, data management, institutional and technology adoption and sustainability **issues** related to the implementation and management of efficient land administration and management systems, and transparent, functioning land markets and;
- **Undertake work** that is able to **contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals** of the UN indicator process and other areas as appropriate including, access to land, property rights, ownership, land degradation, rapid urbanization, and climate change, in coordination with other expert entities.



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Focus (1)

- **Support the convening of the fourth UN-GGIM High level Forum**
- **Increase advocacy and raise political awareness** for policy makers of pertinent land governance and management issues;
- Undertake activities that **foster collaboration** within the land management/governance and geospatial communities within the United Nations, and at national and international levels, including identification and addressing common issues of land management and governance in support of sustainable development;
- **Take the leadership** role in solving land administration issues with the focus on education, training and awareness, in addition to developing institutional capacity to implement the appropriate methodologies;
- **Demonstrate the 'fit for purpose' approach** by defining methodologies for different scenarios;



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Focus (2)

- **Document, share and promote** a variety of experiences/case studies showing the application of geospatial information to land administration;
- **Examine** existing land management **tools and models** and encourage use and access to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experiences in their application;
- **Explore the use of crowd sourcing** and neighbourhood mapping to assist in assessments and;
- **Emphasize** the use and **importance of a national cadastral map and geodetic framework** as key contributors to land administration and a national spatial data infrastructure which supports other sectors – health, planning, infrastructure management, security and disaster management etc.



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Focus (3)

The Expert Group will **bring to the attention** of United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management and the United Nations Statistics Division, **new developments** relating to the application of geospatial and land information, as well as other developments coming from the Expert Group's programme of work.

The Expert Group will **stimulate and facilitate the cooperation** between governmental organizations, NGO's, private sector parties and scientific bodies in order to achieve its objectives.



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Action plan

- Define actions and time frame
- Required partnerships and organisation
- Monitoring and results

- First draft available for review, June 2016



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