



The Sixth Session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

SIDE EVENT **Land Administration and Management**

Tuesday, August 2, 2016
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm
Venue: Conference Room 12 (CR 12)
United Nations, New York

BACKGROUND

The UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) at its fifth Session August 2015, in New York acknowledged the importance and need for geospatial information as an essential base for an effective and efficient land information system, and established the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management. The Committee also recognised the need to play a leading role at the policy level by raising political awareness and highlighting the importance to decision makers of the need for reliable, timely and fit for purpose geospatial information that supports the administration of land policy frameworks, provide security of tenure, recording and recognising formal and customary land and property rights, all contributing to sustainable development and overall social, environmental and economic well-being.

At the same session, the Committee of Experts also approved the convening of the fourth High-Level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management, in Addis Ababa in April 2016, with a focus on land administration and management, and with a particular emphasis on sharing experiences, including benefits and challenges, considering “fit-for-purpose” aspects, digital land registers, cadastres, and other land data needs.

The Expert Group held an open meeting on the margins of the fourth UN-GGIM High-Level Forum where its proposed terms of reference and action plan were deliberated and refined with further inputs from delegations. Among others, the Expert Group identified the need to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals particularly in addressing the challenges to secure land and property rights for all and issues related to the implementation, management and maintenance of an efficient and effective land administration and management system. The Expert Group also took cognizance of the impending New Urban Agenda, (the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development - Habitat III) and noted that there is a great need to address land issues in a rapidly urbanizing world.

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OBJECTIVES

This side event allows the Expert Group to continue its engagement with the Committee of Experts to –

- (a) further refine its action plan;
- (b) consider fit-for-purpose geospatial information framework to secure land and property rights for all, and in particular, exploiting earth observations and geospatial information as well as other new data sources; and
- (c) consider contributions towards housing and sustainable urban development vis-à-vis the New Urban Agenda.

Moderator: Dr. Brian Ballantyne, Canada

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introduction (5min)
Dr. Brian Ballantyne, Canada
2. Presentations: (50min)
 - (a) *Expert Group on Land Administration and Management: Action Plan*
Mr. Mahashe Chaka, co-Chair EG-LAM, Lesotho
 - (b) *Fit-for-purpose geospatial information to secure land and property rights for all*
Mr. Kees de Zeeuw, co-Chair EG-LAM, The Netherlands
 - (c) *Land, Law and the New Urban Agenda*
Mr. Filiep Decorte, UN-Habitat
 - (d) *Addressing land and geospatial information needs in the New Urban Agenda*
Mr. Arvo Kokkonen & Markku Markkula, Finland (to be confirmed)
 - (e) *OGC's Charter for the Land Administration Working Group*
Ms Denise McKenzie, OGC
3. Open Discussion: (45min)
Moderated and interactive discussion with participants and presenters
4. Closing Remark: (5min)
Dr. Brian Ballantyne, Canada

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