

Transforming Land Administration - a Scenario Study for Future Land Administration

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SUMMARY

Decision-makers in the field of land administration need a broad understanding of emerging developments that are expected to shape the future of the sector. To this end, the UN-ECE Working Party for Land Administration (WPLA) has initiated a study to develop future scenarios for the land administration sector based on the relative importance and anticipated impacts of global megatrends within the next 10-15 years. The objective is to support land cadastral and land registration authorities within the ECE region (56 member states) and beyond to identify common challenges, share best practices for solutions and risk mitigation measures, and to improve preparedness for future disruptive changes. The study is aimed at contributing with relevant thought leadership to the long-term strategic work of the cadastre and land registration authorities. Ultimately, the outcome is to support the land agencies to stay relevant, liable and trustworthy well into the future, considering the different scenarios.

The objective is achieved through dialogue of ideas and visioning among recognized policy leaders, experts and researchers as well as a verification procedure through synthesis of feedbacks from the ECE member states based on a related survey study. The developed scenarios, including compiled responses from the ECE member states, will be presented at the FIG Working Week in Hanoi 2019. The long-term aim is to annually tune the scenarios for actors in the sector to benefit from up-to-date scenarios supporting them in making appropriate priorities to meet changing expectations and needs. The scenarios will also reflect the contribution to Agenda 2030.

The study began in December 2017 and the current status is that a preliminary scenario cross has been defined together with four scenarios. This will be fine-tuned until end 2018 after which the survey will take place in January-February.