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Invitation

Sustainable Land Management Week **24-27 February 2015, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

- ***Workshop VITAL PUBLIC SPACES: Promoting Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements through Designing and Managing Public Spaces (Tuesday, 24 February)***
- ***The challenge of Informal Settlements – WPLA workshop (Wednesday, 25 February)***
- ***Ninth Session of the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA): Land and Sustainable Development Goals (Thursday, 26 – Friday, 27 February)***

Dear Ms./ Mr.,

I have the pleasure to invite you to attend the Sustainable Land Management Week, which includes:

1. The workshop, “**VITAL PUBLIC SPACES: Promoting Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements through Designing and Managing Public Spaces**” on 24 February;
2. The workshop “**The Challenge of Informal Settlements**” on 25 February 2015; and
3. The **Ninth Session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA)**, on 26-27 February 2015.

The Session and workshops will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva and will incorporate the needs and priorities of land administration in the UNECE region in support of the post-2015 development agenda and the proposed sustainable development goals.

The workshop on 24 February, speakers will discuss how sound urban public areas promote democracy, inclusiveness and openness and enhance social cohesion. Whereas at the workshop on 25 February will address challenges posed by illegal and unplanned urban growth in the region and tools available to governments to better the lives of their inhabitants. The WPLA session will provide an international platform for a high-level exchange on issues related to land administration and management. At the Session on 26-27 February, representatives of the UNECE member States will review the work of the WPLA in 2014 and 2015 and discuss how the UNECE can continue to work to improve land management and land administration practices throughout its region. The Second Meeting of International Organizations/Agencies will provide an opportunity to discuss how to best work together to improve land management and land administration in Europe and the UNECE region.

The Session and workshops will have simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Russian. For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.unece.org/hlm/slmw2015>.

I would be most grateful if you would indicate your intention to participate in the above mentioned meetings at your earliest convenience, if possible, before **15 January 2015**. For more information about the events, please contact Ms. Amie Figueiredo, Secretary to the WPLA, at amie.figueiredo@unece.org.

I look forward to welcoming you at the Sustainable Land Management Week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raola Deda', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Raola Deda
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