

Date

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Title of session

Workshop: Capacity Building

Name of presenter/chair

Dr Chukwudozie Ezigbalike, Secretariat, African Centre for Statistics, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa - Chair

Željko Obradović, Company Director, Federal Geodetic Administration Bosnia and Herzegovina - Presenter

Name of rapporteurs

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Željko began his presentation by introducing his home country and stating that there is no top state level institution in charge of geodetic administration in Bosnia and Herzegovina, asking if that represented the problem.

He then drew attention to the fact that the importance of private ownership is growing in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Alongside this, he stated that new laws mean that the law courts are responsible for land rights, whilst the Cadastre is responsible for land parcels.

He then went through the framework and conceptual framework for reform, before discussing the current situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The immediate work to be done was then outlined, with particular projects and delivery dates. It was also stated that, as part of this, Bosnia and Herzegovina intend to sign a contract with the European Commission on a project to further strengthen cooperation between public and private sectors.

In outlining major obstacles to overcome, Mr Obradović drew attention to the need for the Ministry of Justice and the Geodetic Administration to work in a more collaborative manner. He then outlined the key issues of reform in relation to capacity building, emphasising the importance of education.

Questions/Comments	Answers
Questions focused on the issue of education.	Željko Obradović: clarified that education is improving as there are now three universities providing relevant courses, whereas there was only one before the war.
Where is the land book?	Željko Obradović: clarified that it was in the courts where all land rights are invested.