

- ▶ **Hernando De Soto**, who attended to the First European Real Estate Summit of 2002⁽⁵⁾, intervened in videoconference from Lima and he confirmed his support and willingness to collaborate for the achievement of the LFDP objectives. In this context, he reaffirmed his determination in establishing a High Level Commission, formed by eminent political representatives, academics, professionals and economists from all over the world which would prepare a “*a tool-kit for policy makers to improve property rights for the poor*”. It was agreed that the working for the establishment of this body would be carried out by the UNECE Secretariat in cooperation with the REAG members.



The economist
Hernando
De Soto.

Finally, it was envisaged that the first official meeting of this body would take place in occasion of the next UNECE/REAG LFDP Forum in 2004.

⁽⁵⁾ Cfr. “QEI - Quaderni di Economia Immobiliare - Six months periodical of Tecno-borsa **Rome Summit 2002 Special**”.

The High-Level Commission Objectives

- ▶ **The High Level Panel will prepare** a tool-kit for policy makers on how the poor can access property rights in the following recognition as: credit, mortgages, registering ownership to land and other assets, infrastructure, terrorism fighting, women’s rights, personal identity and basic connections with human rights.
- ▶ The objective will be to look at new ways to release property rights into the economies through tailor-made institutions and special actions at local, regional and national levels; it will not be just a review of existing property rights systems but rather how existing and new institutions can serve more effectively the interests of the poor.
- ▶ The Commission will look at registering and valuing property rights for the poor, making the legal and Court process more responsive, suggesting new legal reforms that will facilitate access and new ways of community involvement in the protection of such rights in rural and urban areas. •