



**GLTN**  
GLOBAL LAND TOOL NETWORK

# 7TH GLTN PARTNERS MEETING

24-26 APRIL 2018  
NAIROBI, KENYA

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# THEME: TOGETHER, MOVING TENURE SECURITY FOR ALL TO THE NEXT LEVEL

## INTRODUCTION

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Established in 2006, the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) is celebrating 12 years as an alliance of diverse global, regional and national partners that contribute to poverty alleviation and sustainable development through improvements to security of tenure and land governance.

During this period, the Network has positively influenced the global security of tenure agenda and shifted the thinking towards pro-poor inclusive approaches. Practical tools have been developed and tested at country level, security of tenure improvements provided for everyday people in local communities, innovative projects delivered via the clusters and key stakeholder capacity strengthened to approach the challenges with knowledge and confidence.

The new GLTN Strategy (2018-2030) comes at a dynamic moment. On the one hand, there remain many significant challenges in the land sector and in terms of ending poverty for all: one in seven households' lives in slums or informal settlements (UN-Habitat 2016). One in seven households is undernourished and without access to food and water (FAO 2011).

The scale of land governance is significant and it is growing exponentially, made worse by climate change. Furthermore, resources for the land sector appear to fluctuate while the group of actors seeking them has increased as competition grows.

On the other hand, and for the first time, land tenure security appears prominently in all the current global development agenda commitments. Five of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) make specific reference to and advance the role of land in sustainable development, with SDG Indicator 1.4.2 intended to directly track real progress in strengthening tenure security.

The New Urban Agenda focuses squarely on tenure security, housing and community development as key requirements for sustainable, inclusive and efficient cities. The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGTs) have put land tenure at the 'center' of the planet's efforts to secure food supplies and protect natural resources. Additionally, member countries have ratified the SGDs with a critical majority supporting the VGGTs and the NUA.

GLTN's transition to a new Strategic Framework (2018-2030) thus comes an opportune time to capitalize on the Network's successes and lessons as well as the emerging opportunities to drive a stronger pro-poor security of tenure agenda that delivers change for everyday people. GLTN has the network, experience, know-how and the tools to guide all levels of government both in urban and rural areas.

Vibrant ideas, improved collaborative arrangements and innovative resources are now required to realize the Network's unique potential and increase its vibrancy as an ongoing catalytic force.

The 2018 Partners meeting provides an opportunity for all GLTN partners to join in and be part of the collaborative energy, effort and impact. Together, we can explore how to deliver improved tenure security for all, at scale, for sustainable development.

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## OBJECTIVES

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- Reflect on the key achievements of the GLTN partnership in addressing land tenure: successes, lessons learnt and challenges.
- Explore the opportunities for strengthening collaborative efforts to address emerging land tenure issues within the global agenda.
- Connect, learn and be inspired by each other.
- Engage the partnership in new directions with the 2018-2030 strategy, 2018-2024 programme and associated governance framework.

## OUTCOMES

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- A re-connected and invigorated GLTN, with re-energized partners committed to inclusive global tenure security solutions.
- Strengthened partnerships for collaborative upscaled impact.
- Strengthened global leadership and governance.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Venue:** The 7th GLTN Partners Meeting will be held at the UN-Habitat Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya at the United Nations Offices Nairobi – UNON.

**Dates:** *The Main Event* will be on Tuesday 24 April to Thursday 26 April.

*Side-events and other partner-led activities* will take place on Monday 23 April 2018 and Friday 27 April 2018, with the option of some weekend activities.

## WHO WILL ATTEND?

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The Partners meeting is open to all GLTN partners and will also include Government representatives, country implementing partners and strategic partners.

## PREPARATION FOR ATTENDANCE

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Participants should confirm their participation via email to Melissa Permezel (melissa.permezel@un.org) and cc to Victor Wainaina (victor.wainaina@un.org) **by 2 March 2018**. Partners are expected to mobilize their own funds for their participation at the meeting. Limited funding on a cost-sharing basis can be made available. Requests must be submitted via email to Melissa Permezel (melissa.permezel@un.org) and cc to Victor Wainaina (victor.wainaina@un.org). **by 2 March 2018**.

Participants will be required to make their own accommodation and visa arrangements to enter Kenya. The GLTN Secretariat will facilitate invitation letters where necessary. Lunch and morning tea will be provided on **The Main Event** days (Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th April). Participants are expected to cover other meal expenses. See the additional note on accommodation options and other useful information on logistics to support your visit to Nairobi.

## SIDE EVENTS, MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

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Side events will be organized and run by partners, and open to participants unless otherwise specified. These events will run on Monday 23rd before the main event and on Friday 27th after the main event. Depending on the demand, there is an option for weekend events. The maximum allocated time for side events is **two hours**. Partner's proposing the events are requested to submit an abstract (Max 500 words) describing the event and the Partners involved via email to Melissa Permezel (melissa.permezel@un.org) by **2 March 2018**.

Partners are to take charge of the event's organization including facilitation, the invitation of participants, refreshments and funding. The GLTN Secretariat can assist with venue-related logistics. Note that the side events schedule is subject to changes up until the final programme is available.

Partners organising additional meetings for specific groups (EGM's for example) and workshops will be financially responsible for these events. It is anticipated that attendance at these events is by invitation only. The Secretariat can, if required, support with the organization of a venue but unfortunately cannot cover the costs.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR NETWORKING

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A key part of the GLTN Partners meeting is for participants to connect with partners, colleagues and make new links via bi-lateral meetings and informal interactions. The programme will allow time for this as well as organize opportunities for social interaction at the end of each day.

## ENQUIRIES:

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