Call for Papers and Pitches: Modern Land Administration for Development Forum – Arab States Autumn 2019, Amman - Jordan

We are pleased to announce the call for papers to the Modern Land Administration for Development Forum – Arab States that will be held in Amman, Jordan, Autumn 2019.

The Modern Land Administration for Development Forum is a high level forum organized by the Jordanian Department of Land and Survey (DLS) in partnership with the Netherlands' Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency (Kadaster). Within the context of attaining the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and as a follow-up of the 1st Arab Land Conference in Dubai in 2018, the Forum offers a platform for debate on the future of Land Administration in a sustainable and Fit For Purpose land administration system that suits the needs of society and environment as a whole.

The Land Administration for Development Forum is supported by the League of Arab States and the Arab Union of Surveyors, UN-Habitat, GIZ (German Agency for International Development) , World Bank , the Global Land Tool Network, and International Land Coalition (ILC).

Central to the Forum is the **Amman Declaration on Modern Land Administration for Development** which will be completed and signed during the 3-day forum by decision makers of the Arab states.

The event will have an open and interactive character; rather than presentations we ask participants to "pitch" their ideas or statements in 5 minutes and a moderator will facilitate the discussion that will follow. The set-up is a round-table rather than stage. Submission can include a maximum of 7 slides to back up your pitch. A paper is recommended to back up the pitch but the paper itself is not presented. The outcome of the discussion should feed into the Declaration and is structured around the below topics

The event sessions will be interactive and draw audience participations by initiating the sessions with short stories/presentations and then open discussion by the participants. If you are interested to present your story/idea on one of the topics listed below in Annex I, please submit a one page abstract outlining the content of your story/idea accompanied with no more than seven slides presentation to: Ms. Kholoud Saad kholoud.saad@kadaster.nl

Kindly indicate the related session name and number in the email subject.
Submission can be both in Arabic or in English, Deadline for submission is 30 April, 2019

We look forward to your participation and input to the Forum. See you in Amman!

Warm Regards,

Amman Land Administration Forum Organizers

Annex I : Sessions Index

Day 1: 4th March

Session 1: Land Policies for social and economic development: needs and requirements

    1.1 Government: Building Strong Institutions - Customer Orientation, Cooperation, Improved Services

    1.2 Citizens: Access to Land and Water

    1.3 Business: Creating Conditions Investment and Development

Session 2: Establishing Land Rights for All (Leave No one behind)

    2.1 Women's Land Right (Challenges between legal framework and actual implementations)

    2.2. Recovery of land registers and cadastres in conflict and post conflict situations (Syria, Palestine, Libya, Iraq, Yemen)

    2.2 Land Rights for All (Conversion of Informal Areas, Nomadic Behavior)

Session 3: Law for Modern Land Administration

    3.1 Recognition and Registration of Land Use and Property Rights: Conversion of weak land tenure security for vulnerable urban and rural populations

    3.2 Land Acquisition: ensuring fair compensations for compulsory purchase

    3.3 Land Taxation: Valuation, Fair Approaches, Accountability, Transparency

Day 2: 5th March

Session 4: Modern Land Administration: Data Acquisition and Maintenance

    4.1 Simplification: Crowd Sourcing of Spatial and Administrative Data, UAVs, Biometric Approaches

    4.2 Geo-referencing: Imagery and GNSS

    4.3 Information Management: ICT, Data in the Cloud

Session 5: Modern Land Administration II: Data Sharing

    5.1 Information Society: Collect once, use Many Times, Key Registers and SDI, Linked Open Data

    5.2 Internet of Things: Smart Cities, Cameras and Sensors in Public Areas

    5.3 Data Protection: Ownership of Data, Liability, Cybercrime

Day 3: 6 March
Session 6: Financing Modern Land Administration

    6.1 Business Models: Cost Recovery, Cadastre Tax, Government Budgets

    6.2 How to Know Transaction Costs, Norms, Performance Measurement

    6.3 Role of Private Companies Possible PPP solutions

Session 7: Joining Forces (building bridges between research and implementations)

7.1 Capacity, Research and Knowledge Sharing

7.2 Communication Platform

7.3 Education: how to get LA on the agenda of the Arab states