



Country Learning Exchange

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CONCEPT NOTE

I. Introduction

Securing land tenure and property rights are fundamental for the realisation of human rights, poverty reduction, food security, sustainable urban development, economic prosperity and environmental sustainability; it is highly critical for the developing countries' quest for socio-economic development. Securing land and property rights is particularly important to address gender and youth discrimination and the disadvantages faced by the poor linked to inequitable and insecure access and land tenure. Rapid urbanisation, expanding numbers of poor people in both urban and rural areas, food and energy insecurity and risks faced as a result of climate change, conflict and natural or man-made disasters and poor governance heighten the challenge of securing land and property rights. At the same time, developing countries lack the policies, tools, capacity, systematic strategies and technical support necessary to address these challenges. At present, formal records in developing countries only cover less than 30 percent of the country, leaving up to 70 percent of citizens looking to informal and/or customary approaches for their tenure security; in Sub-Saharan Africa, the situation is much worse.

With the existing international frameworks like the Sustainable Development Goals, New Urban Agenda/Habitat III, Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forestry in the Context of Food Security and Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa, the opportunities to address land governance challenges in both urban and rural areas are huge and promising. However, the land sector challenges are huge and complex. It will need more strategic partnerships at international and country levels by various multi-disciplinary stakeholders and institutions. Also, innovative thinking and operational approaches and solutions are much needed at country level work.

The Global Land Tool Network

The Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) was launched in 2006 in response to the above challenges and opportunities as facilitated by UN-Habitat. The Network is an alliance of global, regional and national partners with the long-term goal to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development through 'securing land and property rights for all'. Since its inception, the Network has grown steadily and is now composed of 78 international partners. GLTN is contributing to securing land and property rights for all through the promotion of the continuum of land rights approach and development and implementation of pro-poor, fit-for-purpose and gender responsive land tools centred on strategic partnerships. For more information, visit www.glt.net.

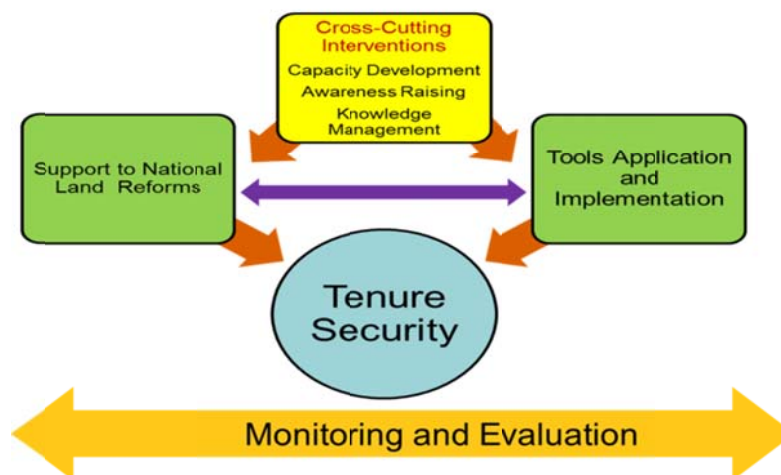
II. Country Level Work and Strategy

In 2008-2011, the first phase of GLTN operations, it has developed into an influential global network on land, including most important actors in the global land sector, promoting the continuum of land rights approach and developing pro-poor and gender responsive land tools and approaches. The country interventions are limited to research and piloting of tools.

During Phase 2 Programme (2012-June 2018), GLTN continues to address global and regional needs and priorities, particularly in influencing global and regional land actors and international organisations to shift their operations and policies towards recognition of the continuum of land rights and towards a pro-poor, gender sensitive and fit for purpose land policies, tools and approaches. At the same time, GLTN expand its activities in a selection of targeted countries mainly through value-added and catalytic engagements for the implementation. However, in some cases, new tools are being piloted also within this phase. So far, GLTN has focused its operations in at least five (5) countries, namely: Uganda, DRC, Zambia, Kenya and Nepal. While these are the so-called priority countries with GLTN’s full engagement, there are other countries where GLTN is also working for value additions and/or for piloting the tools. These countries include Colombia, Sudan, Iraq and Philippines. GLTN is also providing technical assistance to partners in different countries on per demand basis.

Framework for Country Interventions

GLTN country engagement are focused on two major interventions: support to national land reform process and implementation of appropriate land tools and approaches towards improving securing land rights of the poor, women and vulnerable groups. Equally important are the cross-cutting interventions like capacity development, awareness building and knowledge management. Most of these interventions are designed and implemented in collaboration with partner organizations, government authorities, civil society organizations, academia and other land stakeholders at country level.





III. Learning Exchange Objectives

The one-day country learning exchange is an opportunity to learn from one another. It is also a venue to celebrate successes so far and to consolidate experiences and lessons learned. Thus, the key objectives of the learning exchange include the following:

- To share knowledge, experiences, good practices and lessons learned on country level interventions supported by GLTN;
- To share experiences, findings and outcomes on the use and application of GLTN tools and approaches and on the support provided to land reform and land policy processes;
- To identify remaining gaps in improving land tenure security and in promoting responsible land governance at country level and agree on key priority actions.
- To share to the Partners' Meeting the summary of the country experiences and lessons learned

IV. Target Participants

The target participants are the implementing partners of GLTN supported country level interventions. The participants will be coming from different countries like Kenya, DRC, Uganda, Nepal, Zambia, Philippines, Sudan, Iraq and Laos. The one-day learning exchange will also be open to all GLTN partners, relevant UN-Habitat staff and GLTN Secretariat upon confirmation.

V. Logistical Arrangements

GLTN has allocated some funding for this activity and will provide support to one (1) representative from the implementing partner organization at country level including airfare (if applicable) and DSA including attendance to the Partners' Meeting (24-26 April). GLTN is encouraging additional participant/s from implementing partner organizations but GLTN will not be able to provide additional funding support.

VI. Tentative Programme

Time	Activity	Discussant/s
8:00 – 9:00	Registration of Participants	
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction	Facilitator
	Expectation Setting	Facilitator
9:30 – 10:30	Overview of Country Work and Strategy	
	Country Presentations 1	Country representatives
10:30 – 10:45	Health Break	
10:45 – 12:00	Country Presentations 2	Country representatives
12:00 – 13:00	Reflections (<i>Challenges, Outcomes, Success Factors and Lessons Learned</i>)	Facilitator
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30 – 15:30	Break-out Sessions (<i>Opportunities, Gaps and Action Plan</i>)	Country representatives
15:30 – 15:45	Health Break	
15:45 – 16:45	Presentations	Country representatives
16:45 – 17:15	Preparation for the Partners' Meeting	Facilitator
17:15 – 17:30	Closing/Next Steps	