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GLOBAL LAND TOOL NETWORK

PARTNERSHIP CHARTER

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GLTN PARTNERS

1. Aalborg University
2. ActionAid International
3. African Institute for Strategic Research Governance and Development (AISRGD)
4. Arab Union of Surveyors (AUS)
5. Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR)
6. Asian NGO Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ANGOC)
7. Association of African Planning Schools (AAPS)
8. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
9. Cadasta
10. Centre for Land Tenure Studies (CLTS) - Norwegian University of Life Sciences
11. China Land Surveying and Planning Institute (CLSPI)
12. Cities Alliance
13. Comite technique foncier- Developpement (CTFD)
14. Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE)
15. Development Workshop
16. Eastern Africa Land Administration Network (EALAN)
17. Federation des Geometres Francophones (FGF)
18. Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)
19. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
20. German Agency for International Development Cooperation (GIZ)
21. German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
22. Grassroots Organizations Operating Together in Sisterhood(GROOTS Kenya)
23. Government of Norway
24. Groupe de recherche et d'echanges technologiques (GRET)
25. Habitat for Humanity International (HfHI)
26. Habitat International Coalition (HIC) - Housing and Land Rights Network
27. Huairou Commission
28. Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)
29. Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)
30. Institute for International Urban Development (I2UD)
31. International Alliance on Land Tenure and Administration (IALTA)
32. International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
33. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
34. International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
35. International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)
36. International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
37. International Land Coalition (ILC)
38. International Research Group on Law and Urban Space (IRGLUS)
39. International Union of Notaries (UINL)
40. Kadaster International
41. Korea Land and Geospatial InformatiX Corporation (LX Corporation)
42. Land Portal Foundation
43. Landesa
44. Lantmateriet - The Swedish mapping, cadastral and land registration authority
45. Legal Action Worldwide (LAW)
46. Les Afriques dans le Monde (LAM)
47. Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
48. Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
49. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development - France
50. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands
51. Namati
52. Natural Resource Institute - University of Greenwich
53. Netherlands Academy on Land Governance for Equitable and Sustainable Development (LANDac)
54. Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanisation in the South (N-AERUS)
55. Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
56. Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo)
57. Oxfam International
58. Protimos
59. Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)
60. RMIT University
61. Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
62. Slum/Shack Dwellers International (SDI)
63. Statens Kartverk (Norwegian Mapping Authority Cadastre and Land Registry)
64. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
65. Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
66. Technical University Munich (TUM)
67. Terra Institute
68. United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP)
69. United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
70. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
71. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
72. United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
73. University of East London (UEL)
74. University of Florida (UF)
75. University of Twente - Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC)
76. University of West Indies (UWI)
77. Urban LandMark
78. Urban Training and Studies Institute (UTI)
79. World Bank
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1. PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Global Land Tool Network ("GLTN"), under this Charter, join together in partnership, working together for a world in which everyone enjoys secure land rights;

RECALLING that GLTN was founded in 2006 under the auspices of UN-Habitat, as an alliance of international land actors from a range of sectors including international civil society organizations, research and training institutions, bilateral and multilateral organizations, and international professional bodies. The current GLTN ecosystem consists of network partners, development partners, implementing partners, individual members and the secretariat (see Diagram 1).

COGNISANT that GLTN responds to the premise that land and tenure security are crucial for the realization of human rights, poverty reduction and inclusive sustainable development. Many millions of people lie outside of any effective land administration system and have no security of tenure which undermines sustainable development;

ACKNOWLEDGING that secure land rights have been identified as critical to the attainment three (3) international, one (1) regional frameworks, and the monitoring systems of these frameworks make it possible to measure progress:

- **The Sustainable Development Goals (January 2016)**: Five of the 17 goals (1, 2, 5, 11 and 15) refer specifically to land in sustainable development. Indicator 1.4.2 tracks progress in strengthening tenure security and indicator 5.a.1 tracks ownership rights and secure tenure of agricultural land using disaggregated data.

- **The New Urban Agenda (October 2016)**: This focuses on tenure security, housing and community development as key requirements for sustainable, inclusive and efficient cities. It envisages cities and human settlements that fulfil their social function, including the social and ecological function of land. It confirms the importance of the continuum of land rights approach and the role of GLTN.

- **The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (May 2012):** These guidelines put land tenure at the centre of efforts to secure tenure rights for food security and to protect natural resources.

Diagram 1: GLTN Ecosystem

- **The African Union Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges (July 2009):** States parties resolve to 1) ensure that land laws provide for equitable access to land and related resources among all land users, including youth and other landless and vulnerable groups such as displaced persons and 2) strengthen the security of land tenure for women.

ACKNOWLEDGING that this Charter reflects inputs from the GLTN Network gathered during the 2018-2030 Strategy development process, the 2018 GLTN Partners meeting and the former International Advisory Board and the UN-Habitat Steering Committee meetings. The Charter also reflects recommendations from the Phase 2 mid-term (2016) and end of Phase (2018) evaluations.

2. PURPOSE

AWARE that the Network contributes to poverty alleviation and the achievement of the global frameworks by promoting tenure security for all;

To achieve this, GLTN takes a holistic approach to land issues based on the continuum of land rights which recognises and accommodates a wide and flexible range of rights, uses and relationships to land. Our methodology is inclusive, incorporating a range of disciplines, sectors and stakeholders, prioritizing women, youth and vulnerable groups in both urban and rural settings;

WHEREAS, GLTN improves global land knowledge and coordination through the development, dissemination and implementation of scalable pro-poor, fit for purpose and gender responsive land tools. These tools and approaches contribute to land reform, good land governance, fit-for-purpose land administration, sustainable land management, and functional land sector coordination.

ACKNOWLEDGING that the GLTN Network benefits organizations and individual members by:

- Being part of a diverse and dynamic global community of stakeholders working in, or experts on, tenure security for sustainable development.

- The association with an influential Network of stakeholders recognized for delivering new knowledge, practical tools and change on the ground through its track record and alignment with the UN system.
- Access to new ideas, new developments and opportunities for knowledge exchange and capacity development.

3. ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION

Since its inception, the GLTN Secretariat has been hosted and facilitated by UN-Habitat at its headquarters in Nairobi Kenya. UN-Habitat is also a partner of GLTN.

GLTN's work programme is included in UN-Habitat's Strategic plan and work programme as well as located in the Enhanced Normative and Operational Framework as approved by the 21st session of the UN-Habitat Governing Council (and the Governing Council resolution GC23/18).

GLTN is also recognized in the New Urban Agenda as a critical Network through which evidence based and practical materials are generated to support its implementation (paragraph 128).

The alignment of the Network to the United Nations system, via its hosting arrangement within UN-Habitat provides a dynamic platform for GLTN. It offers the Network convening power, the presence of the other UN agencies inside GLTN and importantly, a mandate to address land issues via international Human Rights and Sustainable Development instruments and frameworks.

The scope of the GLTN Steering Committee and the financial arrangements related to GLTN's 2019-2023 work programme are under the auspices of the rules and regulations of the United Nations Secretariat and are accountable within that framework.

GLTN has adopted a new Strategy (2018-2030) and embarks on the Phase 3 Programme (2019-2023) in January 2019.

4. VISION, MISSION, GOAL, STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES, AND VALUES

We are guided by the following:

Vision

A world in which everyone enjoys secure land rights.

Mission

Partners working together to develop and implement inclusive fit-for-purpose and gender responsive land tools to improve living conditions for all, prioritizing women, youth and vulnerable groups in both urban and rural settings.

Goal

Improved tenure security for all, with a focus on women, youth and vulnerable groups.

Strategic Objectives

We support the four aligned strategic objectives as defined by the 2018-2030 Strategy:

- **Accelerate** reforms of the land sector by fostering global, regional and national discourse on responsible land governance and transformative land policies.
- **Institutionalize** inclusive, gender-responsive and fit-for-purpose land tools to scale up tenure security interventions.
- **Monitor** land-related commitments and obligations by mobilizing international, regional and national partners to track progress and build evidence.
- **Share** and develop capacities, knowledge, research and resources on land tenure security.

Core values:

We subscribe to the core values of GLTN as defined by the 2018-2030 Strategy:

- **Social justice and equity:** GLTN adopts an inclusive and transformative approach, develops and applies its tools for the most vulnerable, and promotes inclusive policies and actions that deliver security of tenure for all within the United Nations Human Rights framework.
- **Strength in diversity**: GLTN embraces a diversity of perspectives and knowledge to drive its work. It embodies and demonstrates power of heterogeneous, multi-sectoral partnerships to deliver transformative change on the ground.
- **Reciprocity**: GLTN understands the importance of open, mutually beneficial partnerships defined by collaboration, respect and accountability, and where rights and responsibilities operate within a collective framework and deliver mutual gain for strengthened learning, collaboration and impact.
- **Transparency:** GLTN embraces the value of transparency and accountability across its interactions, processes, programmes and reporting within a framework for learning and continuous improvement.

GLTN acknowledges the UN values of respect for diversity, integrity and professionalism.

We embrace the continuum of land rights approach underpinning GLTN's conception of land and tenure security.

We support the Network's focus on innovation, normative knowledge and tools that improve the lives of the most poor and vulnerable, that are equitable, affordable, sustainable, fit for purpose, gender responsive, and are systematically scalable.

5. GOVERNING BODY

There are two (2) entities defining the GLTN governing body as outlined below in Diagram 2:

(a) The GLTN Partners
(b) The Steering Committee

6. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

GLTN Partners

Partners are key drivers of the network and shall participate in the governance of GLTN through:

- Their representation on the GLTN Steering Committee (via the cluster leads).
- Their engagement at the GLTN Partners meeting where the Partners will endorse strategic decisions and policy directions of GLTN, agree on any changes to the Charter and elect the cluster leads.

Partners shall participate in the substantive activities of GLTN:

- By joining a GLTN cluster and providing inputs into debates around land and tenure security issues that contribute to broader GLTN knowledge.
- Through the development of knowledge, tools and other normative products including capacity development and evidence-based materials.
- Via contributions to the Steering Committee as well as through strategic engagement processes such as Cluster and other Network activities.
- By nominating main and alternative focal points from their organization to be their representative within the Network and to be the main contacts for the Secretariat.

Partners shall support the implementation of the GLTN programme:

- Through tool development and project implementation;
- Capacity development, monitoring and evaluation and resource mobilisation; and

- Through participation in the clusters (in-kind support, contracts) and Partners' self-organized activities which will be aligned with the GLTN programme at different levels (global, regional and country).

Partners shall support and facilitate a dynamic Network by:

- Endorsing the GLTN values and approaches;
- Engaging in the clusters including any cross-cluster activities;
- Engaging in feedback processes to improve the partnership, network operations and to promote an understanding of GLTN's value in the land sector and beyond;
- Actively representing GLTN in key forums and events as "GLTN Champions"; and
- Actively promoting GLTN's work on their various communication platforms.

THE CLUSTERS

Partners are divided into four (4) cluster groups. These groups are based on professional backgrounds or sectors, which Partners select in consultation with the Secretariat when joining the Network.

The cluster groups include:

- **Urban international civil societies** including non-governmental Organisations (NGO), not-for-profit organisations, Community-Based Organisations (CBOs), faith-based organisations (FBOs), Grassroots organisations. These organisations are working in urban areas and undertake programme/project delivery in the land sector.

- **Rural international civil societies** including non-governmental Organisations (NGO), not-for-profit organisations, Community-Based Organisations (CBOs), faith-based organisations (FBOs), Grassroots organisations. These organisations are, working in rural areas and undertake programme/project deliver.

- **International training/research institutions** including universities, research centres, those organizations undertaking research, teaching and training and other academic style work and think tanks.

- **International professional bodies** including professional organizations and associations working in land-related field such as surveying, planning, registrars, notaries, valuation and mapping.

Roles and functions

Clusters have the following attributions:

- Support the delivery of the GLTN programme;
- Facilitate knowledge exchange particularly on impacts and lessons;
- Collaborate on specific projects and processes including tool identification and development, capacity development, research and innovation;
- Advocate for the GLTN Agenda and serve as a means to organize and communicate between partners within the Network and beyond;
- Meet face to face every two years at the GLTN Partners meeting to discuss activities and their implementation, to share knowledge, and vote on cluster leadership;
- Hold ad-hoc meetings, as is deemed necessary, during global and regional events or during the implementation of planned activities; and
- Foster inter-cluster interactions and knowledge-sharing by involving other clusters members in their activities where relevant.

Cluster leads

- Each cluster will be represented by two (2) leads elected by the Partners in each cluster.
- The leads will come from two (2) different organizations within each cluster and where possible and appropriate, will reflect gender and regional diversity.
- Cluster leads will be chosen through an agreed designation process at the bi-enniel Partner's Meeting.
- The two (2) leads in each cluster will have the following leadership and coordination responsibilities.

The cluster leadership should serve the following purposes:

- Represent the GLTN Partners in the GLTN Steering Committee.
- Provide strategic leadership and direction to the Cluster on the development of any work or project plans ensuring that they are aligned with the GLTN Programme.
- Lead the development of cluster impact stories and deliver on monitoring and evaluation requirements as per the GLTN programme.
- Liaise with other Clusters' leads to develop engaging and informative cross-cluster events or projects.
- Actively represent GLTN in key forums and events as a "GLTN Champion".

Diagram 2: Governing body of GLTN.

GLTN PARTNERSHIP
Clusters
Rural CSOs + Grassroots Organisations	Urban CSOs + Grassroots Organisations	International Professional Bodies	International Research and Training Organisations

STEERING COMMITTEE
Partner (Clusters) Representatives	UN-Habitat Representative	Member States Representatives	Development Partners (Advisors)

SECRETARIAT

The cluster leads shall play a coordination role by:

- Serving as a channel of communication between the Steering Committee, and the Partners within the Cluster (e.g. sharing minutes, reports and collect and transmit feedback from clusters to the Steering Committee);
- Convening and facilitating intra and cross-cluster discussions on key thematic issues (strategic, substantive, coordination, governance issues, annual webinar etc.). Other informal meetings can be held if necessary (virtually or physically) considering the transaction costs. Minutes shall be taken at each official meeting of the Clusters to provide a permanent record of Cluster business. It is expected that these will be shared with the GLTN Secretariat focal points and cluster members;
- Coordinating the development and implementation of Cluster activities aligned with the GLTN programme; including driving any monitoring and evaluation components; and
- Liaising regularly with the Secretariat, via the Secretariat cluster focal point, on the status of the Cluster activities and to promote open communication and innovation.

Proposed characteristics of the cluster leads

It is recommended that Cluster leads demonstrate some of the following characteristics:

- Keen interest in the GLTN Agenda and knowledge of land and tenure security issues.
- Ability to drive dialogue on land related issues (normative and operational).
- An understanding of GLTN strategic framework (strategy and work programme).
- Good interpersonal skills related to timeliness and communication such as fostering inclusive collaboration and an appreciation of diversity.
- Institutional support for the role.

Role of individual members

Individual members have the following role within GLTN:

- Support the implementation of the GLTN programme including monitoring and evaluation.
- Provide feedback to the Steering Committee on key challenges and opportunities for the Network within the land and broader development sector.

- Make technical and/or scientific contributions through reference groups, streams of work, or any other form of consultation.
- Participate in the proceedings of GLTN (including the partners meeting) but desist from participating in official endorsement processes on the strategic directions of the Network.

Specific activities of individual members

Individual members participate in the delivery of the GLTN programme through a project or activity via in-kind support or specific contractual arrangements.

7. THE GLTN STEERING COMMITTEE

Composition

The GLTN Steering Committee is composed of GLTN Partners as represented by:

- The partner-elected dual cluster leads from the international rural civil society organizations cluster, the international urban civil society organizations cluster, the research and training institutions cluster, grassroots organizations and the international professional bodies cluster;
- A representative from UN-Habitat, the Deputy Executive Director, appointed by the Executive Director of UN-Habitat as the host agency;
- Development Partners (GLTN Donors, other Bi-lateral and multilateral organizations, UN-Agencies) by virtue of their resource contributions to GLTN, with the role of advisors;
- Member state representatives, nominated and confirmed by an agreed Steering Committee process; and
- GLTN Secretariat Leader (Ex-Officio), as appointed by the Executive Director of UN-Habitat as the host agency.

Role and functions

The role of the Steering Committee is to:

- **Provide detailed strategic guidance to the Network** in relation to the GLTN programme and work plan. This includes guidance in areas such as policy and

strategy. The Steering Committee might also request the establishment of sub-committees to deliberate on specific normative or technical issues.

- **Oversee the implementation of the GLTN Network activities** and report back to partners accordingly (at the Partners meeting and through annual reports). This includes consideration and approval of the network activities, associated detailed annual plans and budget and overseeing the associated monitoring and evaluation requirements. The Steering Committee shall also develop the Partners Meeting programme and prepare key documents to be tabled during the Partners Meeting, including substantive and financial reports which will be circulated to the wider network one month prior to the Partners Meeting.

- **Advise on mechanisms to enhance the dynamism of the Network,** including guiding the co-operation between the Partners within the Network and the expansion of the Network to include new partners.

Steering Committee Chair

The steering committee is led by a Chair and seconded by a Vice Chair.

The role of the Chair of the Steering Committee is to:

- Convene the meetings including proposing the Agenda and inviting participation;
- Chair the Steering Committee meetings;
- Provide leadership during the Partner's Meeting;
- Report on GLTN activities in UN-Habitat decision making forums such as the Governing Council;
- Act as a spokesperson and GLTN champion within the UN sphere and at other external events and meetings;
- Support resource mobilization and strategic advocacy; and
- Act with impartiality, considering the interests of the Network and excluding personal or organisational advantage.

The role of the Vice-Chair is to:

- Support the Chair as requested and step into the Chair role should it be required;
- Act as a GLTN Champion outside of the United Nations sphere; and
- Act with impartiality, considering the interests of the Network and excluding personal or organisational advantage.

Steering Committee members

The members of the Steering Committee shall:

- Invest time in preparing for the steering committee meetings, to accustom themselves with the relevant documents, and information in advance;
- Provide guidance and inputs into strategic decisions, discussions, including work plan and GLTN overall agenda;
- Actively participate in the meetings and contribute towards all decisions ensuring that consideration is given to the position and ideas from the cluster members and they are informed of all key outcomes; and
- Act with impartiality, considering the interests of the Network and excluding personal or organisational advantage.

Meeting Procedures

- The Steering Committee meetings will be convened by the Chair, who will also set the Agenda and share with members at least two (2) weeks in advance;
- Given the convening power of the UN system and the hosting arrangements with UN-Habitat, the Deputy Executive Director, as the designated representative from UN-Habitat by the Executive Director, will chair the GLTN Steering Committee;
- The Vice-Chair will be drawn from the appointed cluster leads and will be nominated by them. The Vice-Chair can sit for a two (2)-year period after which a new Vice-Chair will be nominated by the cluster leads. The sitting Vice-Chair can be re-nominated for an additional two years by the current cluster leads should they wish to but must step down after four (4) years;
- The Steering Committee shall meet at least twice a year with the option for additional meetings should the Chair and Committee members deem it necessary;
- At least one (1) of the meetings should be face to face at an agreed time and location;
- Key decisions will be taken by a vote and require a quorum. Any parties foreseeing a conflict of interest should desist from voting if appropriate;
- For a quorum, half of the Steering Committee must be present including one (1) representative from each of the clusters. Proxies can be accepted and must be shared in advance with the Chair and Vice-chair. Development Partner Advisors cannot be counted in this instance;
- Membership will be on a rotational basis. Every two (2) years, half of the members must change unless a cluster

lead is re-elected (but then they must change after four (4) years); and

- Under the guidance of the GLTN Secretariat Leader, the meetings will be supported by the GLTN Secretariat in terms of preparation, reporting and follow up.

Advisory

- The Steering Committee shall have members with an advisory role to diversify ideas, opinions and promote innovation.
- The advisory group consists of Development Partners (GLTN Donors, Bi-lateral and Multi-lateral organizations and other UN-Agencies) who will contribute to discussions and ideas in the Steering Committee.
- The advisory group are highly encouraged to attend the Steering Committee meetings and any other relevant meeting. An invitation shall be sent to them prior to any meeting. They can also attend any cluster's technical sessions or any technical work streams.
- As non-voting members, they are encouraged to withdraw from final decision-making processes if certain matters represent a clear conflict of interest.

Code of conduct

The Steering Committee members shall be guided by the following code of conduct:

- Agree with the values and approaches of GLTN.
- Act with impartiality towards their role in the Steering Committee, considering the interests of the Network and excluding personal or organisational advantage. If certain matters represent a clear conflict of interest for individual members, their organizations or in relation to their role as cluster leads, they will not take part in final decision-making processes.
- Be available for Steering Committee meetings throughout the calendar year.
- Undertake the role in a voluntary manner and for non-commercial purposes.

Dispute resolution

Any dispute between the Parties arising from or in connection with the work of the Steering Committee, shall be resolved amicably between Parties/organizations in consultation with the Executive Director of UN-Habitat.

8. THE GLTN SECRETARIAT

The GLTN Secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of GLTN, responding to the overarching guidance of the GLTN Steering Committee.

The GLTN Secretariat will be hosted by UN-Habitat and administered in accordance with UN-Habitat's rules and regulations. This includes the staff of the Secretariat.

Role and functions

The Secretariat:

- Initiates technical inputs, and provides substantive assistance to the Network, partners at various levels (global, regional, country) including tool development, testing and implementation, capacity development processes and research.
- Monitors and reports on the GLTN Programme including the development, coordination and sharing of lessons and impact stories, to promote learning and the achievements of the Network.
- Supports the GLTN Steering Committee and its activities including the preparation for and reporting back on Steering Committee meetings (minutes and actions identified) and the preparation of key documents including progress and final reports on the GLTN Programme and budget.
- Supports the organization of the bi-enniel Partners Meeting including the preparation of the event (logistics, guiding content), key reports (narrative and financial for example) and the facilitation of any strategic endorsement processes.
- Facilitates network engagement communication and knowledge management platforms including key meetings and events, the GLTN website and regional platforms.
- Ensures partners are involved in the implementation of the GLTN work plan and related events.
- Facilitates the clusters and promotes thematic interconnection and cross-collaboration. A Secretariat focal point will be designated to each cluster to promote and support their work and any opportunities for cross-cluster collaboration.
- Supports the mobilisation and management of resources against priorities and commitments set out in the programme document and under the overall guidance of the Steering Committee.
- Represents and advocates on behalf of GLTN as required; and ensures linkages with other initiatives responding to global and regional land governance frameworks.

- Considers hosting staff secondments from partners, bilateral or multilateral organizations subject to the rules and relations of the United Nations, policies and procedures of UN-Habitat.

Composition

The GLTN Secretariat will comprise of appropriate UN-Habitat staff and consultants to perform key functions including coordination, administration, project and financial management, partnership coordination and specific technical expertise related to the work plan.

9. MEMBERSHIP

Membership to GLTN is open to organizations and individuals.

For organizations to be a partner of GLTN, they must:

- Be a global or regional institution, or network.
- Agree with the values and approaches of GLTN and be interested in the advancement of GLTN's strategic plan.
- Be prepared to make a substantive contribution to the Network.
- Join the network for non-commercial purposes.
- Sign onto the GLTN Charter.

Mechanism for Partners to join GLTN

- Write a formal letter to the GLTN Secretariat outlining the reason for joining and indicating how the organization embodies the values and approaches of GLTN.
- Receive an acceptance letter from the Steering Committee.
- Provide key organizational details and individual contact details of the person who will be the main point of contact and submit a signed copy of the GLTN Charter.
- Join a cluster and connect with the cluster leads and Secretariat focal point.

Terminating membership

- Member organizations can withdraw their membership at any time by submitting a letter to the GLTN Secretariat, addressed to the Steering Committee Chair.
- Those members who have not been active in the Network for over a year (no contact with the Secretariat, no participation in any GLTN event) will be contacted by the Secretariat and a mutual decision made about

ongoing membership to the Network. Should the organization wish to cease being a member of GLTN, an official letter should be sent to the Steering Committee Chair through the Secretariat.

Termination of membership due to lack of compliance with the Partnership Charter

The GLTN Steering Committee retains the right to exclude any member that significantly breaches its commitment to the values and objectives of GLTN or the roles and responsibilities set out in the Partnership Charter. The Chair must present clear reasons for the proposed dismissal to the Committee and a decision made by a majority vote.

For individuals to be part of GLTN, they must;

- Agree with the core values and approaches of GLTN; and
- Join the network for non-commercial purposes

Mechanism for individuals to join GLTN

- Register through the GLTN website, and
- Enjoy membership with GLTN with an option of withdrawing via a formal letter to the Secretariat.

10. AMENDING THE GLTN CHARTER

The Charter may be amended by a simple majority vote of partners at the bi-enniel GLTN Partners Meeting.

Any proposed amendments must be provided to all GLTN Partners not less than one month prior to the meeting in which the amendments are to be considered.

Provision will be made for members who are unable to attend the meeting, to vote on the proposed amendment(s) in written form prior to the meeting via an agreed online process.

11. INDEMNITY

UN-Habitat shall not be liable to the acts or omissions of the Network Partners and members and shall be held harmless for any claims by the Network partners and members.

12. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in this Charter is intended to be a waiver of, or impair or limit, any privileges or immunities of any Member under its respective Articles of Agreement or equivalent documents, or any applicable law, all of which are expressly reserved.

13. ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Charter will enter into force upon the approval of the GLTN Steering Committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this Charter on the dates indicated below.

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION

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NAME OF SIGNATORY (AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)

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POSITION

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SIGNATURE AND DATE

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