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#### **NELGA Planning Virtual Meeting**

28 April 2020

The ALPC for African Land Policy Centre has organized a continental expert meeting gathering all the African NELGA Nodes in order to discuss NELGA achievements and present the future strategic Plan of the Centre.

#### **ALPC Technical Meeting**

22 May 2020

NELGA NA participated in the technical meeting organized by the organizing committee of the CLPA2019 conference in order to discuss the challenges and opportunities of organizing the upcoming CLPA2021. In case the Covid-19 continue spreading, the event will be host online. Consequently, issues related to the technological solutions shall be investigated.

### Land Portal Webinar and discussion series

23 June 2020

NELGA NA has participated in the Land Portal webinar coordinated by LANDac. A fruitful collaboration with SLGA NA has been discussed in order to build a liaison between Land Portal and NELGA NA. The idea is to use the experience of Land Portal in order to develop an updated Land Governance Glossary for North Africa.

NELGA NA could constitute an asset to LP by providing technical expertise and updating the regional land governance thesaurus based on the collected data in the regional scoping studies in 2019.









### Scientific Journal AJLP&GS Issue 1&2 (2020)

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The second special Issue of the AJLP&GS Journal on land policy in Africa [Vol 3, No 1] was published in April 2020.

The papers in this issue cover various topics related to case studies in Africa. They focus on the main challenges of informal and customary land administration in Uganda, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa and Botswana.

The challenges related to gender, women's land rights, technology and innovation, inclusive strategies, land use and expropriation were also explored in Ethiopia, Zambia, Cameroon, Mali, Tanzania and Benin.

The second regular Issue [Vol 3, No 2] was published in May 2020. It contains 10 papers in which 41 African and international researchers and experts have contributed.

### Webinar of the first Continental Meeting of the Editorial Board AJLP&GS

22 June 2020

The ALPC Secretariat organized on June 22<sup>nd</sup> the first continental meeting of the Editorial Board of the scientific journal AJLP&GS. All representatives of NELGA nodes in Africa participated in the meeting. During this meeting, the members of the Editorial Board discussed the mission, structures and strategic development plan of the *AJLP&GS* journal.



# **Virtual Progress Reports of Capstone Projects of SGGF Master's Programme**

3 & 5 June 2020

The 12 students of the Master program in "Geospatial Sciences and Land Governance" performed distance internships at public and private land governance institutions to accomplish their final studies projects. A webinar was organized on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to present and discuss the students' progress activities.

This virtual e-learning experience was successful. Professors, professional/ technical supervisors, NELGA partners in North Africa and students participated together to this webinar. The discussion and comments were relevant as they helped students to accomplish their projects.



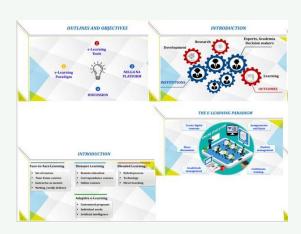


#### Webinar on NELGA NA e-learning platform

11 June 2020

In collaboration with SLGA, NELGA NA organized a first continental e-learning webinar that was host on June 11, 2020. This webinar has the objective to highlight how the academic institutions could take advantages of the digital solutions to meet the requirements of enhancing the training process.

This webinar was an opportunity to share with NELGA nodes the basics and tools of developing e-learning platforms. The step-by-step process of the platform shows profoundly the components and modules of the platform.



#### Webinar on strengthening capacities in North Africa

Lebanese University, 15 & 17 June 2020

As part of the Arab Land Initiative, NELGA NA node was invited to participate in the webinar organized by the Lebanese University on the topic "Towards a postgraduate programme in land governance serving the needs of Lebanon and other Middle Eastern countries".

NELGA NA presented its operational master's programme hosted by IAV Hassan II in Rabat since 2018. The Lebanese University, Lebanon and other Middle Eastern countries will take the experiences of the newly educational programme at IAV Hassan II into consideration as a key of the future operational partnership.



## Webinar on Implementing the Land Governance Assessment Framework of the Collective Lands in Morocco

24 June 2020

A webinar on implementing the framework of analyzing the governance of collective land in Morocco using the LGAF tool was organized on June  $24^{th}$ , 2020. The study is carried out by a research team led by professors Said EL Azrak and Moha El-ayachi. It is a part of the research activities conducted on land policies and indicator analysis of the land governance assessment.

Professors of the School of Geomatics Sciences and Surveying Engineering at IAV Hassan II and group of Moroccan experts participated in the webinar in order to assess the main indicators relating to the study and to develop an analysis matrix of land governance indicators.

### Webinar on Land Governance Analysis in Ivory Coast between 2016 and 2020

26 Iune 2020

A webinar was organized jointly with the Francophone Western Africa NELGA hub to analyze land tenure systems in Ivory Coast for the period 2016-2020. This instructive workshop was an opportunity for young researchers to examine the strategy on how to conduct the LGAF tool in analyzing land governance indicators.

With the fruitful collaboration of the Professor Ibrahima Diallo, NELGA Coordinator of the Francophone Western Africa hub, the webinar was attended by professors at IAV Hassan II, ETAFAT company and eminent experts from Ivory Coast. It highlighted the progress made in legal, administrative and technical aspects of land governance in Ivory Coast.





# Launch of the NELGA North African hub Second Phase (March 2020- August 2021)

29 June 2020

The second phase of NELGA NA is officially launched in March 2020. The second phase of the project has the goal to continuing started activities and recommendations that came up from the first phase. The objective behind is to further developing the advisory capacities and competencies of the regional North African network in Land Governance. The ultimate outcomes are to better accompany the ongoing and future land reforms in Africa.

#### **About Us**

The purpose of NELGA (Network of Excellence on Land Governance in North Africa) is to enhance the role of selected African universities and academic / research institutions in support of land policy development, implementation and monitoring based on the African Union Agenda. IAV Hassan II was selected as NELGA North Africa node, because of its proven leadership, technical capacities and rich experience in academic education, training and research on land governance and related issues.

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