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Announcement and draft programme GLTN Workshop and Steering Committee Meeting

Oslo, Norway, 30 and 31 January 2020

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The Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), in partnership with the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN HABITAT), are pleased to announce that the next meeting of the GLTN Steering Committee will be held face-to-face in Oslo, Norway on 31 January 2020. This has been made possible by kind support from and collaboration with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NOFA), the Norwegian Mapping Authority (NMA) and Habitat Norway (HN). The formal Steering Committee Meeting will take place from 9 am to 1 pm, to be followed by a less formal cluster get-together in the afternoon.

We shall be making use of the opportunity to also hold a workshop on “Land and Property Rights for Sustainable Development”, to be held on 30th of January 2020, from 9 am to 4:30 pm. This event will mark the global partnership entry into the “SDG Action Decade towards 2030”. The workshop corresponds with the Network’s 15th anniversary. GLTN was initiated at an international conference in Vetre, Asker, in 2005, organized by NOFA. Since then, GLTN’s 82 diverse partners have collaborated with a common focus of improving land and tenure security of marginalized groups in both urban and rural contexts.

With more than 70% of the global population lacking legally recognized documentation for the land they live on or use for production, land and tenure insecurity presents a significant obstacle to efforts to create acceptable living conditions for all. Forced evictions and “land grabbing” take place on almost on all continents, resulting in the loss of safe and stable environments for children and youth to grow up in. Women’s rights are particularly vulnerable in these situations, and in contexts affected by human conflict and natural disasters. Guaranteed rights to land and property (secure tenure) will improve ordinary people’s opportunities to invest in and improve their housing situation. These are amongst the challenges and opportunities to be presented and deliberated upon during the workshop.

All the organizers of the workshop – NOFA, GLTN, NMA and HN – share the goal of promoting sustainable development with a focus on improving living conditions in the rural-urban continuum. The Sustainable Development Goals, the New Urban Agenda, the Sendai and the Paris Declarations on Disaster and Climate constitute a valuable normative frame for our partnership.

The workshop will highlight practical cases and approaches to addressing emerging challenges in the land ecosystem (conflict, displacement, climate change) to ensure tenure security for all within the framework of the SDGs, from technologically advanced information systems to concrete experiences and practice in the field.

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WELCOME RECEPTION AND FILM VIEWING at Folk Oslo, in Youngstorget Wednesday 29 th January from 6:30 PM		
WORKSHOP PROGRAMME LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Oslo, Norway, Thursday 30 th January 2020 <i>Venue: NMAs auditorium, entrance Hammersborggata 6</i>		
Moderator: Jean du Plessis, Land and GLTN Unit, UN-Habitat		
Time	Item	Speaker(s)
9:00	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State secretary; Min. of Foreign Affairs/Ministry and/or Local Government and Modernisation • African Land Policy Centre (TBC) • Victor Kisob, Deputy Executive Director, UN Habitat • Norwegian Mapping Authority • Habitat Norway
9:30	Land, property and SDGs: opportunities to reduce the gap between urban and rural development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eugene Chigbu, Technical University of Munich • Q & A, discussion
10:30	Advancing land and property rights: the position of women and youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a multi-stakeholder approach to strengthen women's land rights, Mino Ramarosan, Huairou Commission • Women's land rights in the VGGT: Lessons from countries, Javier MolinaCruz, Head of Land Tenure Section, UN-FAO • Lifting barriers for youth access to land from the Ethiopian Experiences, Stein Holden, Centre for Land Tenure Studies, Norway • Q & A, discussion
11:45	Coffee and tea	
12:00	Affordable technology for inclusive land administration and information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit-for-Purpose land administration approach to reduce the data gap, Diane Dumashie, Vice President FIG • Land information and geospatial technologies in transitioning countries, Norwegian Mapping Authorities. • Q & A, discussion
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Facing emerging issues in the land sector: climate change, conflict, peace and stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkage between land tenure and climate change, Siraj Sait, University of East London • Mechanisms for protecting Indigenous land rights in the context of forest degradation, Nonette Royo, Tenure Facility, Sweden Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards a coherent engagement of the United Nations in addressing land and conflict, Oumar Sylla, GLTN • Integration of land and property rights in the context of reconstruction in the Arab Region, Christian Graefen, BMZ/GIZ • Synergy and complementarity to address new challenges in the land sector, reflection from development partners, Harold Liversage, IFAD • Q&A, discussion
16:30	Closing remarks	Anne Cathrine Frøstrup, Director General, Mapping Authority of Norway

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GLTN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING Oslo, Norway, Friday 31 st January 2020 <i>Venue: NMA's regional office, entrance Storgata 33A</i>	
Time	Item
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by the Chair of the GLTN Steering Committee• Presentation of the Objectives• Presentation of the Agenda
9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update from Clusters Leads• Update from Development Partners
10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee break
11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key Highlights of GLTN Activities 2019• Challenges and opportunities in Work Plan implementation 2019• Update on Fundraising activities• Presentation of Work Plan and Budget 2020• GLTN Phase 3 review process
12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Reflection on GLTN comparative advantage in the land sector: <i>How to maximize gain and consolidate partnership?</i>
13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch Break
14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clusters' informal get together
16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closure