

**Intensive Online Training on
Monitoring Land Governance and Land Tenure Security
in the Arab Region
(Middle East sub-region)**

December 14-16, 2020

**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
DEADLINE: 30 NOVEMBER 2020**

Background

In the lights of the Arab region program on good land governance in support to inclusive development, peace and stability, funded by BMZ and implemented by the Global Land Tool Network / UN-Habitat, Rasheed (Transparency International-Jordan) (hereinafter referred to as Rasheed TI-JO) and UN-Habitat/GLTN have signed an Agreement of Cooperation aiming to implement different areas of work of the overall program.

Rasheed TI-JO was established at the end of 2013, as a non-for-profit civil society organization, through a group of activists working in the field of anti-corruption. Rasheed TI-JO commenced work in Amman at the beginning of April 2014, and it represents the official branch of Transparency International in Jordan. Rasheed TI-JO aims to reinforce the involvement of the Jordanian citizens in anti-corruption activities, protect public, private and local governance institutions against corruption, enhance the efficiency and independence of control agencies specialized in the area of anti-corruption, strengthen the integrity of the legislative and judicial authorities, and reinforce the performance of Rasheed TI-JO towards achieving its mission and vision.

The Arab region is currently facing profound change and challenges, and land tenure security, land governance and, particularly, land governance monitoring, are illustrative of such issues. Noteworthy is the launch of the Arab Land Initiative, which was established in 2016, but concretely very little has been done in the framework of monitoring. Overall, it results in a lack of information and data around land and land governance, subsequently resulting in issues in regards to transparency, accountability and evidence-based decision-making around land.

Taking advantage of global dynamics and initiatives regarding land governance monitoring, it is presently opportune and necessary to develop these capacities in the region. This will need:

- 1) First and foremost, understanding the land governance monitoring itself (it's legitimacy and relevance as well as how and what to monitor);
- 2) Capacity development in order to create the expertise for effective land monitoring implementation;
- 3) Comprehensive package to be deployed at national level, in order to respond to and cover possible national specificities, policy priorities and processes, so the different frameworks are complementary and countries (or the different stakeholders within these countries) can adapt these monitoring tools in response to their specificities and priorities.

This training will serve as a stocktaking, analytical and capacity-building exercise and an opportunity to discuss the means of implementation of improved monitoring of tenure security and good land governance related issues within the region. It aims to bring together key actors from the Arab states of Middle East region (Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Lebanon) comprising of experts with diverse professional backgrounds, but with converging experience and interest in collecting, analyzing and monitoring land governance-related data and evaluation of land tenure and governance-related interventions in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and beyond.

Training Details

The intensive training will be held online over three days from 14 to 16 December 2020 (10:00-14:00 EET).

In relation to the objectives of the training, the coverage, content-wise, includes the following:

- Overview of the land governance in the Arab region, especially monitoring land governance and tenure security, its importance and role;
- Overview of the SDG indicators related to land both directly and indirectly, along with VGGT principles;
- Tool Box that includes LANDex, GLII, PRIndex, Land Matrix and explaining their concepts, objectives, methodologies, alignments and products;
- Alignment of these tools with SDGs and VGGTs and their contribution to monitoring land governance;
- Reporting on SDGs and shadow reports;
- Current issues in the represented countries, challenges and their causes as well as accomplishments within their contexts.

Training will comprise a series of lectures, extensive hands-on practical, group discussions and experience sharing by participants in order to enrich and expand their capacities. The combined approach of expository and collaborative methods will ensure the interaction and allow avoiding the one-directional way of knowledge transfer that comes with lecture-style training.

The training will also serve as a basis for the further Expert Group Meeting, which will be held in April 2021 (either in-person or online depending on the global situation), and some of participants from the training will be invited to take part in this event.

Initial Focus Areas

The trainings will focus on the following topics in order to facilitate the discussion regarding the implementation of the monitoring of land governance and land tenure security in the region:

1. How to strengthen capacities in monitoring of land governance;
2. Creating partnerships for implementing improved land governance and land tenure security monitoring in the context of the SDGs and beyond;
3. Monitoring indicators and tools, and their alignment with SDGs and VGGTs;
4. New forms of accountability from governments towards citizens and land users;
5. Financial, technical, human-related resources for the development of monitoring.

This training should provide the opportunity for capacity building, fostering ideas, identifying trends, noting challenges and projecting future scenarios for good land governance and land tenure security along with the suitable methodologies for monitoring in the region.

Objectives

Training will aim to:

1. Strengthen the technical capacities of national and regional stakeholders in collecting, analyzing and evaluating land governance-related data, and to monitor

- the progress of land governance and land tenure security in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and beyond;
2. Facilitate the mutual exchange of expertise, experiences, lessons learned and best practices among the participants regarding improving approaches for monitoring land governance and tenure security in the region and identify common regional perspectives, priorities and solutions for promoting land governance monitoring;
 3. Increase knowledge and improve capacity to collect data and report on the land governance-related SDG indicators;
 4. Escalate the discussion and preparation of the unified package of tools and approaches for land monitoring based on the already-existing indicators, like LANDex, PRIndex, Land Matrix, and GLII, which will contribute to improvement of land governance monitoring in the region;
 5. Serve as an interactive platform for a diverse number of leading experts and stakeholders both from governmental and non-governmental organizations to voice their expert opinions, proposals, analysis and aspirations for the development of a multipronged land monitoring strategy in the region;
 6. Define specific sectoral concerns in the represented states, and how they influence the overall framework of land monitoring and good governance of the land sector.
 7. Introduce the IAEG-SDGs approved methodology; Measuring Individual Rights to Land; an Integrated Approach to Data Collection for SDG Indicators 1.4.2 and 5.a.1 developed by the custodian agencies-UN Habitat, FAO and the World Bank; and discuss feasible adoption of the methodology as a principal guide on standardized land tenure security data collection for evidence-based decision making on land tenure interventions.

Materials

Before the event:

- All the necessary information and guidelines for the event will be shared with the participants in advance.
- Participants will be kindly requested to submit their presentations prior to the training (the guidelines will be provided in advance).

After the event:

- All materials shared with/by participants during the training will be uploaded on Google Drive that will serve as a knowledge hub for the covered issues.
- Participants will be kindly requested to submit summarized document on outcomes of the discussions briefly summing up the training discussions and highlighting key issues and potential solutions as well as examples of transferable practice that will be used as grounds for further EGM event.

Working languages

English will be the working language of the training course. However, English-Arabic and Arabic-English simultaneous translation will be provided.

Application, procedure and selection of participants

Participation in the training is free of charge.

Interested candidates are kindly requested to send short organization profile (in case of applying on the behalf of organization) or personal statement (in case of individual application) to: vadamenko@rasheedti.org

The application deadline is **23:59 (EET) November 30, 2020**.

In order to ensure an ideal working environment Rasheed TI-JO will select a limited number of participants based on the provided information. It will try as far as possible to respect the organization`s/person`s priorities, but also to ensure a balance between genders, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organizations, institutions and projects.

Candidates will be informed whether their application has been successful by December 3, 2020.

Further information

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