

## Concept note: Launch Webinar

### Key Messages on Women, Land and Peace

#### Sustaining peace through women's empowerment and increased access to land and property rights in fragile and conflict-affected contexts"

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### Background

The role of women's is pivotal to the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peacebuilding and peacekeeping. This role is often undetected and is consistently underreported. Women's role as peacemakers, mediators and negotiators in their own communities needs to be given more attention and women's contributions to peace initiatives need to be expanded. This involves increased participation in peace negotiations and peacebuilding initiatives, as well as peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance, and post-conflict rehabilitation. To be able to do so effectively, women must feel safe in their communities and able to engage in decision-making and planning. Secure housing, land, and property (HLP) rights are enabler of both.

Women's housing, land, and property rights contribute to preventing and recovering from conflict and fragility by reducing the likelihood of violent conflicts re-igniting and by assisting communities in emerging and recovering from war. These rights increase food security, agricultural productivity and production, and they are critical to promote the realization of other interconnected human rights, such as an adequate standard of living, adequate housing, protection against forced eviction, and gender equality. Further, secure land rights improve the trust in institutions, a critical factor for state and peacebuilding in fragile settings.

The "[Key messages on sustaining peace through women's empowerment and increased access to land and property rights in fragile and conflict-affected contexts](#)" were developed based on the field experience of UN-Habitat, the Global Land Tool Network, the HLP Area of Responsibility of the Global Protection Cluster and their partners in fragile and crisis affected contexts. The Key Messages, first published in the occasion of the Global Protection Forum on 26 November 2021, are a quick reference on how to empower women and protect their housing, land and property rights in fragile and crisis affected contexts, and why this is an essential element to sustain peace and stability. The messages are relevant for different groups of women and girls, independently of their ethnicity, status, disability, sexual orientation, and any other characteristic they identify with.

### Objective of the event

The objective of the webinar is to launch and promote the key messages among a wide spectrum of stakeholders to increase the discussion and understanding about the nexus among women, land and peace.

### Date and platform

The webinar will be held on Zoom, as an online event, on 16 February 2022 from 2.00 to 3.30pm CET/ 4.00-5.30pm EAT. To attend the event on Zoom, online registration is required at the following link: <https://nrc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpceqtqD8jGddtpHeSV2SUc1MyzpyHyqkX>

After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## **Language and translation**

The webinar will be held in English, with simultaneous interpretation in English, Arabic and French.

## **Target audience**

The webinar targets primarily, but not only, donors, local government/authorities, practitioners working or approaching the work on land or gender issues in fragile contexts, including public officers, land professionals and practitioners, academia, development and humanitarian stakeholders involved in the development or implementation of gender responsive land administration and peacebuilding processes, NGOs, and grassroots women organisations.

## **More information**

For more information on the event, please visit [the event page on GLTN website](#), or contact Eleonora Serpi [eleonora.serpi@un.org](mailto:eleonora.serpi@un.org) or Jim Robinson [jim.robinson@nrc.no](mailto:jim.robinson@nrc.no)

Time (CET)	Topic and session	Organisation	Speakers
2.00 – 2.20pm	<b>Welcoming participants and opening remarks</b> <i>Chair: Jim Robinson, Coordinator, Global Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility (HLP AoR)</i>		
	Opening remarks	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)	<b>Daniel Valenghi</b> - Programme Officer, Global Programme Food Security
		German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)	<b>Frank Samol</b> - Programme Director, Housing, Land and Property Rights <b>Rana Mitri</b> - Technical Advisor, Housing, Land and Property Rights
		United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat)	<b>Filiép Decorte</b> - Chief (oic) Programme Development Branch, Interim Emergency Director
2.20 – 3.10pm	<b>Messages on Women, Land and Peace</b> <i>Chair: Jim Robinson, Coordinator, Global Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility (HLP AoR)</i>		
2.20 – 2.25pm	<b>Session 1 - Why is it important to increase women's housing, land and property rights in fragile and conflict-affected contexts?</b>		
	Key messages	UN-Habitat/GLTN	<b>Ombretta Tempra</b> - Human Settlements Officer, Land Specialist
2.25 – 2.40pm	<b>Session 2 - How to increase the recognition and protection of women's housing, land and property rights in fragile and conflict-affected contexts</b>		
	Key messages	UN-Habitat/GLTN	<b>Ombretta Tempra</b> - Human Settlements Officer, Land Specialist
	Example 1: Displaced Syrian women housing, land and property: challenges and opportunities	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	<b>Laura Cunial</b> – Syria Crisis, Information, Counselling & Legal Assistance (ICLA) Research Adviser <b>Shereen Al Abdallah</b> – Durable Solutions Officer, Syria
2.40-2.50pm	<b>Session 3 - How to empower and increase women's participation in processes related to land management and housing, land and property rights</b>		
	Key messages	UN-Habitat/GLTN	<b>Ombretta Tempra</b> - Human Settlements Officer, Land Specialist

Example 1: Enhancing women's participation in land governance through customary institutions, Sudan/Darfur	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Sudan	<b>Issack Abdirahman</b> , Chief Technical Advisor
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2.50-3.10pm	<b>Session 4 - The humanitarian-development-peace nexus</b>	
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Example 1: Equal access to land and the role of women in border management in Tunisia	Ministry of State Property and Land Affairs, Tunisia	<b>Ms. Najwa Ben Kamla</b> - Director in the Investment Unit and Special Representative in the Council of Peers at the Ministry of State Property and Land Affairs, Tunisia
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Example 2: Women's inheritance rights in Egypt	BEENA Foundation, Egypt	<b>Rasha Emad El-Din</b> - Executive Director
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Example 3: Improving land administration in Afghanistan	UN-Habitat Afghanistan	<b>Anthony Lamba</b> - Chief of Party, City for All Programme
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3.10-3.25pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b> <i>Moderator: Jamal Browne, Durable Solutions Officer, UNHCR Focal Point - Housing, Land and Property Division of Resilience and Solutions</i>	
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3.25-3.30pm	<b>Closing remarks</b> <i>UNHCR</i>	
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