

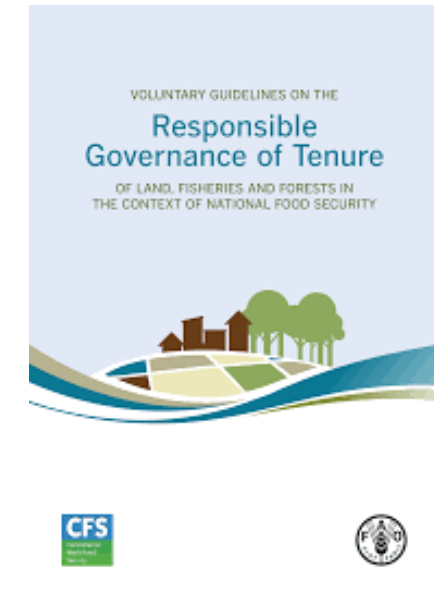
Perspectives on GLTN's regional Engagement

Reflecting on the Arab Land Initiative and beyond

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- Reflect on how global, regional and national land governance and land rights' work interface and influence each other
- The regionalization of GLTN's work in the Arab states
- Overview of the Arab Land Initiative, past and present
- The perspective from the partners – Panel 1
- A more structured regional GLTN approach – Panel 2
- Conclusions

- Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure, Fisheries and Forestry
- SDGs
- UNCCD – COP15
- International Human Rights Frameworks (e.g. General comment No. 26 /2022 on Land and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)
- Global data
- GLTN tools
- Resolutions (GA, SC...)



Global frameworks

A wide-angle photograph of the United Nations Security Council chamber during a meeting. Delegates from various countries are seated around a large, curved wooden table. The room features a large mural on the right wall and a balcony with additional seating at the back. A blue cloth-covered object is in the center of the room.



Global frameworks



National and local realities

Mauritania Parliament



Discussion on land and property tax revenues
for service delivery in the DR Congo



National technical committee,
Kenya

Local realities



Darfur Land Conference, GLTN/UN-Habitat / UNDP, 2018



What bridges the gap?



Source: UN-Habitat

What bridges the gap?



Who bridges the gap?



Adaptation of tools

**Creation / documentation / sharing of field-based
knowledge**

Development of capacities

Foster collaboration and coordination

Technical assistance

Support to nationally and locally-led interventions

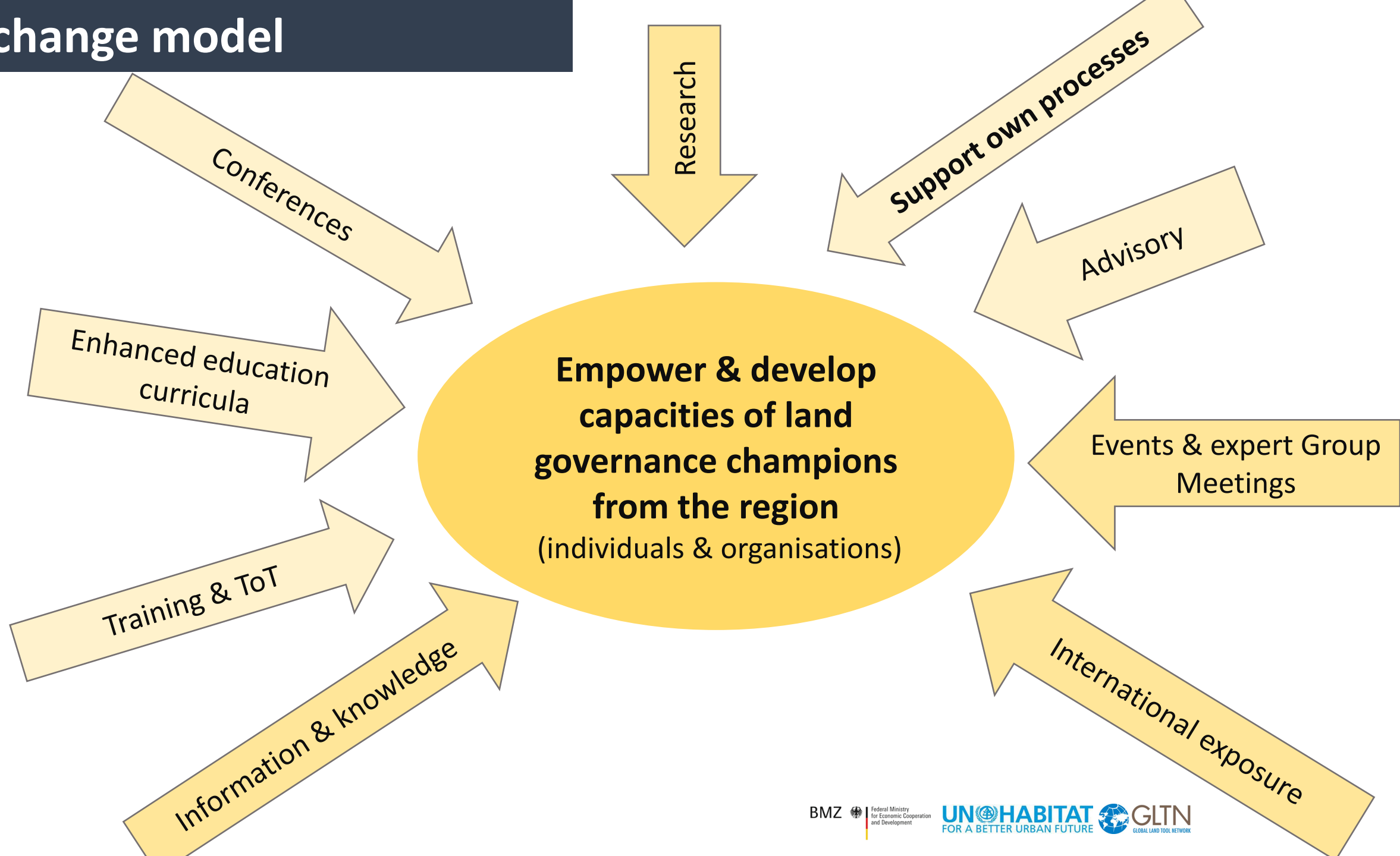
Key info:

- ✓ Established in 2016
- ✓ Seed support SIDA, SDC, UN-Habitat / GLTN + in kind contributions from partners
- ✓ BMZ dedicated support 2018
- ✓ Goal: Improve the capacity of regional and national stakeholders to manage land to foster peace, stability and socio-economic development particularly for women, youth and displaced

Streams of work

1. Increase alignment, coordination and collaboration on land governance in the region
2. Create, share and manage knowledge
3. Develop capacities
4. Support to country level land interventions

The change model



Empowered land governance champions can:

- influence power dynamics
- facilitate national discussions
- support coalition development on key topics
- engage with policy makers and international partners

Climate action
(e.g. land use change management, land degradation neutrality)

Poverty alleviation & food security

Women's land rights and empowerment

Land administration reforms

Land for peacebuilding
(historical grievances, eviction of refugees / IDPS)

The context



Population
436 m



poor
20%



50% below
25 years

Impact of
Covid-19



60%
urban

90% of people
live on 4% of
the land

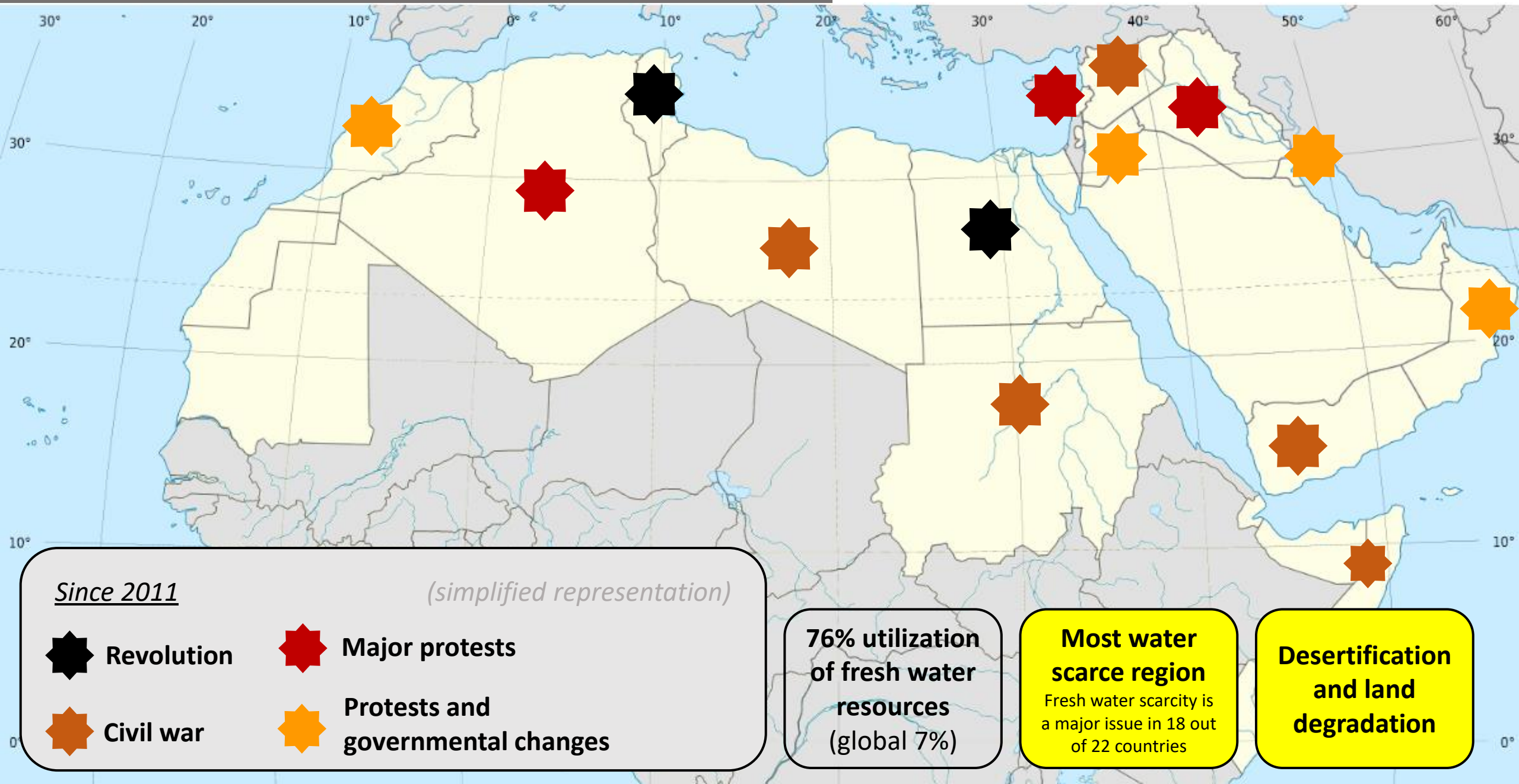


40 m
migrants



21.2 m
displaced
people

The context



1. Alignement coordination and collaboration



1. Alignment, coordination & collaboration

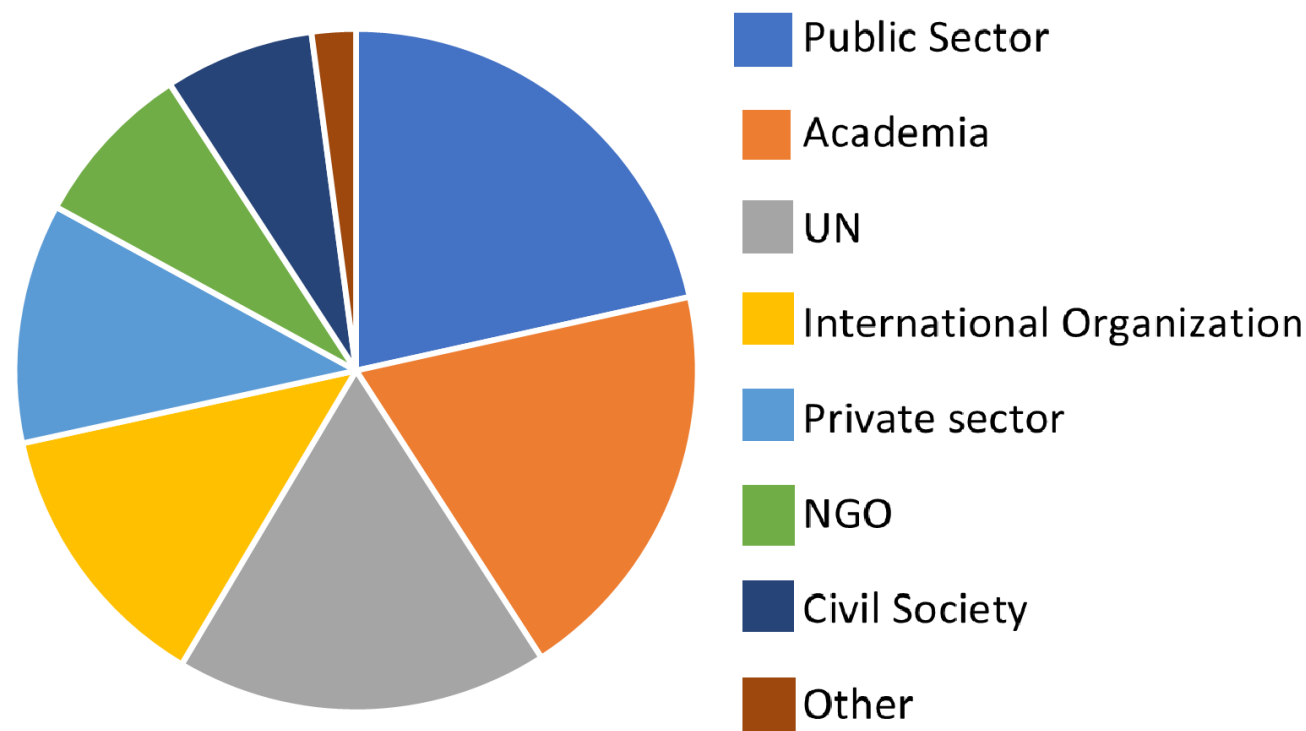
The Arab Land Initiative's Network

- A network of **land governance champions** *(2200+ experts & practitioners)*
- Over **50 organisations**
- **Reference Group** *(WB, GIZ, FAO, NELGA, ILC, ESCWA, etc.)*
- **Collaborations with existing networks**
- Collaboration with **15 UN-Habitat country offices** & **catalyze the expansion** of the land governance portfolio in the region
- **Website**, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn & partners' media platforms

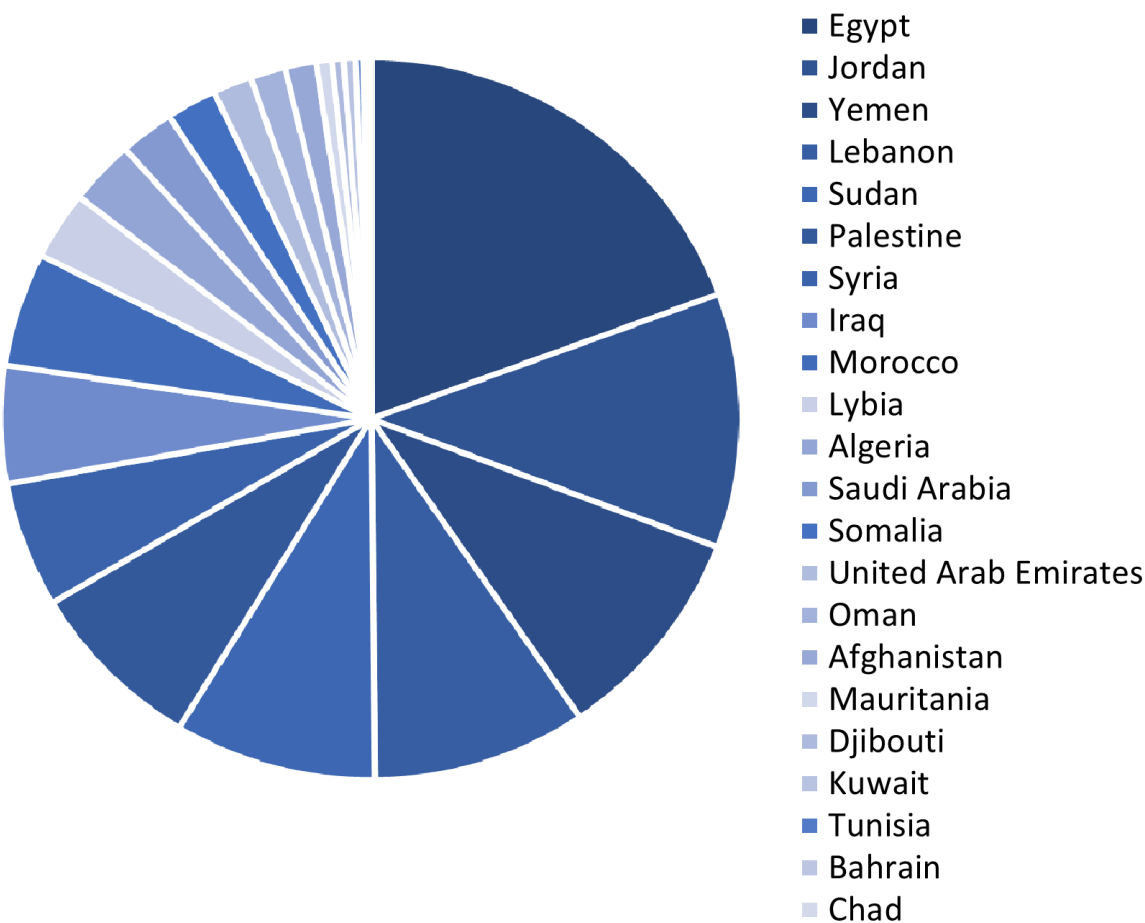
Global – regional - national

The Arab Land Initiative's Network

Analysis by type of stakeholder



Analysis by country



The Arab Land Conference



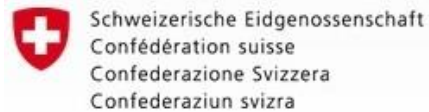
المؤتمر العربي الثاني للأراضي

Second Arab Land Conference

22-24 FEBRUARY 2021 • CAIRO, EGYPT

<https://arabstates.glt.n.net/second-arab-land-conference/>

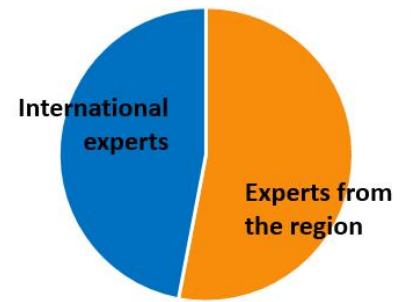
Objective: advance good land governance in the Arab region, through increased leadership from regional – national – local champions



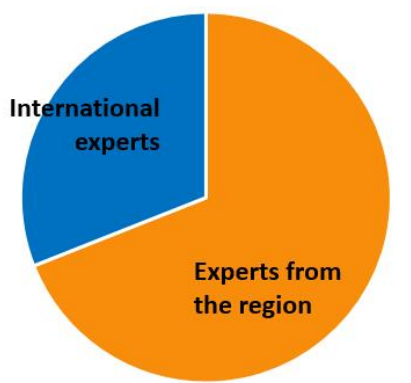
Arab Land Conference's attendance & ownership

Speakers:

First Arab Land Conference 2018



Second Arab Land Conference 2021



Participants Second Arab Land Conference:



871

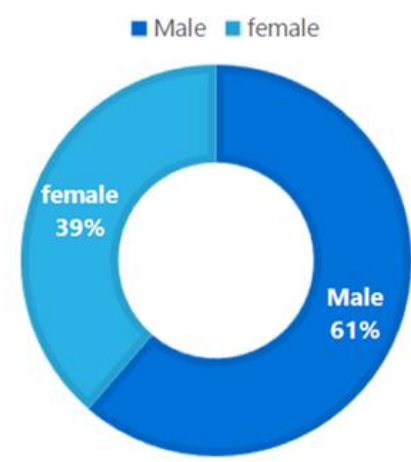
Registered Attendees

+ 5315

connections

through zoom

REGISTERED ATTENDEES



184

Total Speakers

Governments' involvement:

- ✓ **5 Countries - High-level delegates**
(Iraq, Yemen, Egypt, Palestine, Jordan)
- ✓ **15 Countries from the region**
(Tunisia, Iraq, Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Sudan, Yemen, Lebanon, Egypt, Syria, Palestine, Jordan, Oman, UAE, Djibouti)





Knowledge

Women & Land Campaign

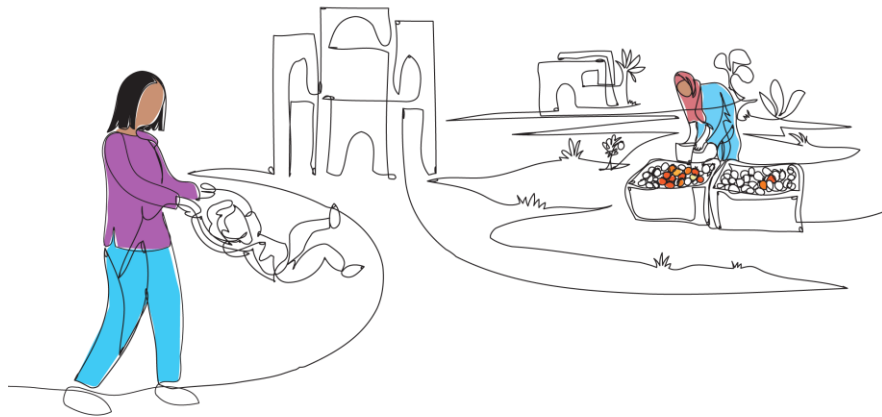
completed

+ Lebanon

+ Tunisia

Empower and Improve the Life of Women by Protecting their Land, Housing and Property Rights in the Arab Region

KEY MESSAGES



UN HABITAT
FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE

GLTN
GLOBAL LAND TOOL NETWORK

STAND FOR HER LAND
HER RIGHTS. HER LAND. A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL.

<https://arabstates.glt.n.net/women-and-land/>

حقوق المرأة في السكن والأرض والملكية في المنطقة العربية

لماذا تحتاج النساء حقوق السكن والأرض والملكية؟

في السياقات المتأثرة بالنزوح والأزمات
عندما تتمتع المرأة بالحقوق في السكن والأرض
والملكية ...

...تزداد مشاركتها في صناعة القرار
وانخراطها في عمليات السلام



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برنامج الأمم المتحدة
لمستقبل حضري أفضل



GlobaLandToolNetwork @GLTNnews · Mar 8

On #InternationalWomensDay ♀ stand up for women's housing, land & property rights. Upholding women's #HLPrights significantly contributes to women's protection & to rebuild their lives & societies out of crisis
#WomenAndLand #Arab_Land_Initiative

Women and Land in the Arab region

Why women need HLP rights?

In displacement and crises-affected contexts, when women have housing, land and property rights...

...they are better protected from violence, extreme weather conditions and other health hazards.

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**Reports and
research papers**

6

**Expert Group
Meetings**

Website
**Repository of
knowledge**

6

**Twinning
agreements**

4

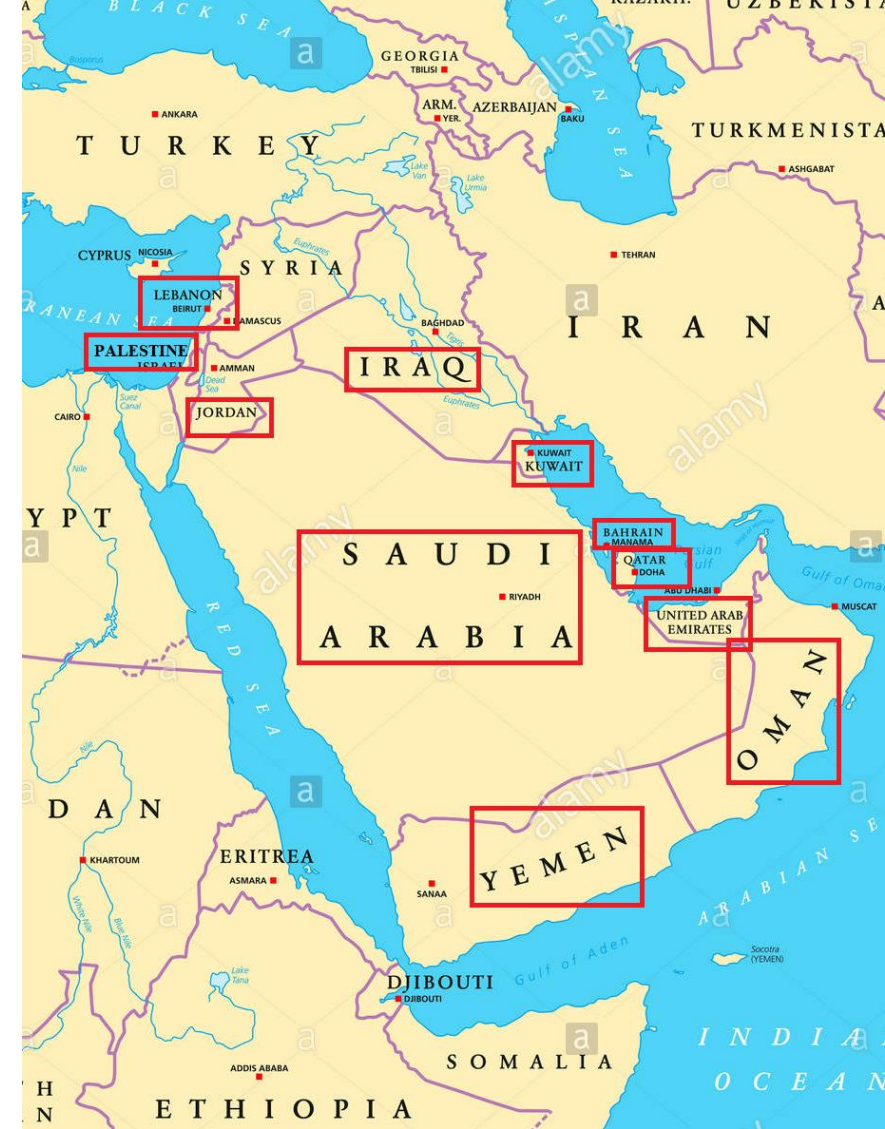
**Knowledge
sharing events**



3. *[Empowerment through]* Capacity development

ENHANCE CURRICULA FOR LAND GOVERNANCE

- **Country assessments in 11 Middle East Countries**
- **Mapping of the learning offer in all Arab region**
- **Complement regional curricula with materials from GLTN partners**



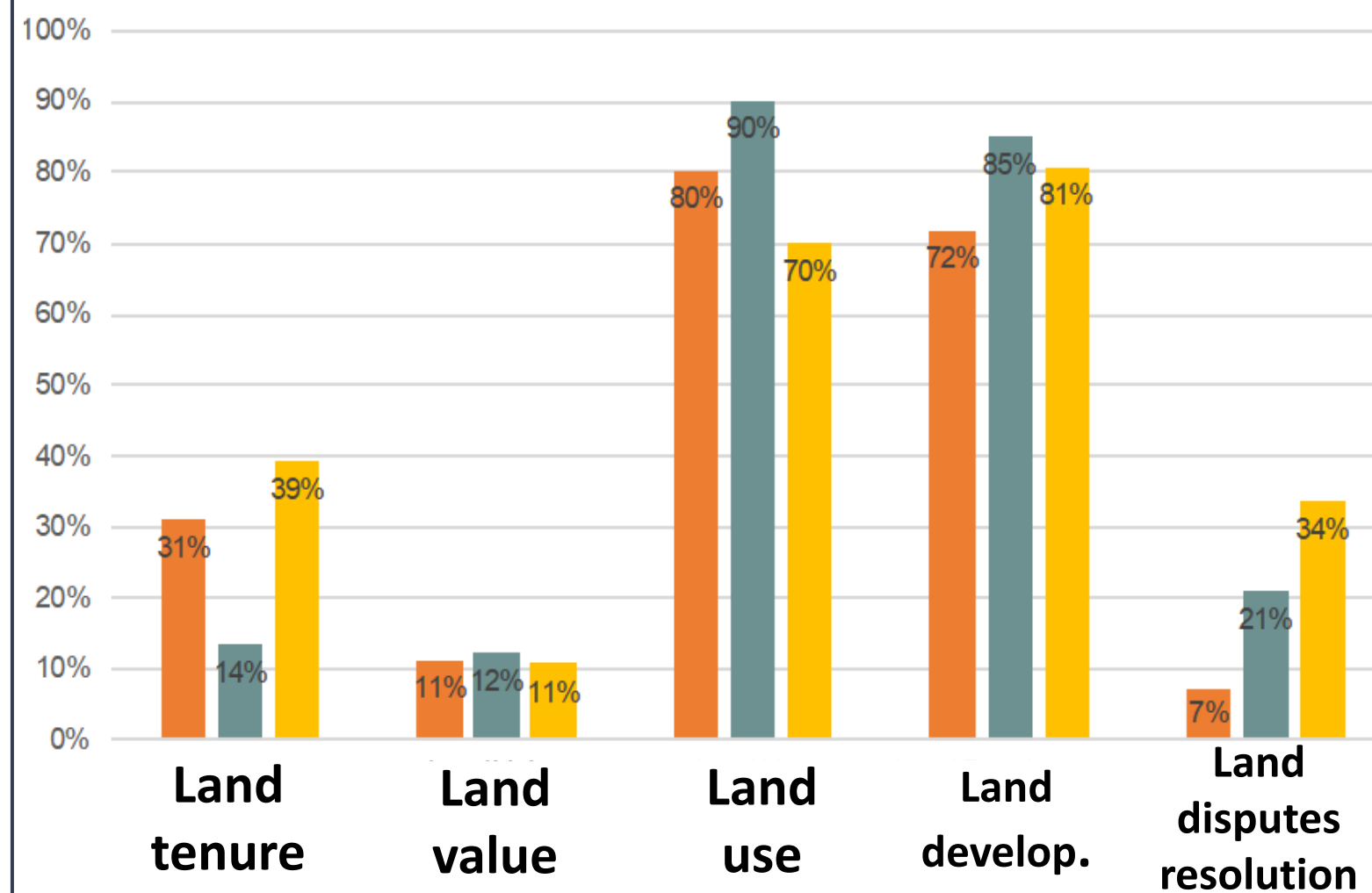
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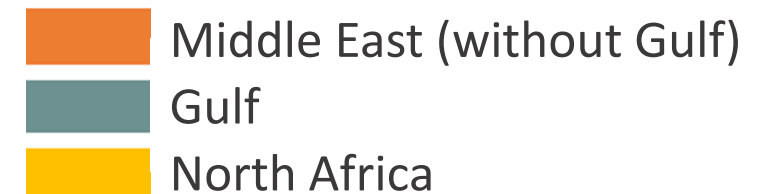
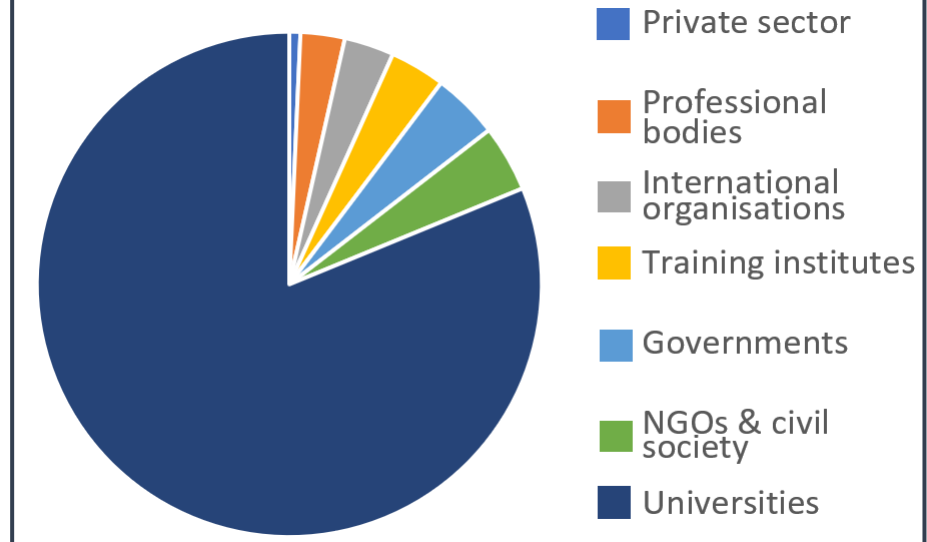
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Analysis of land-related courses in the Arab Region (282 courses)

Content of land-related courses



Providers of land governance courses



Writeshop for the finalization of the land sector assessments in 11 countries



Writeshop for the finalisation of the regional assessment of the land sector's capacities in 11 countries of the Middle East – Ismailia, Egypt, 12-16 June 2022



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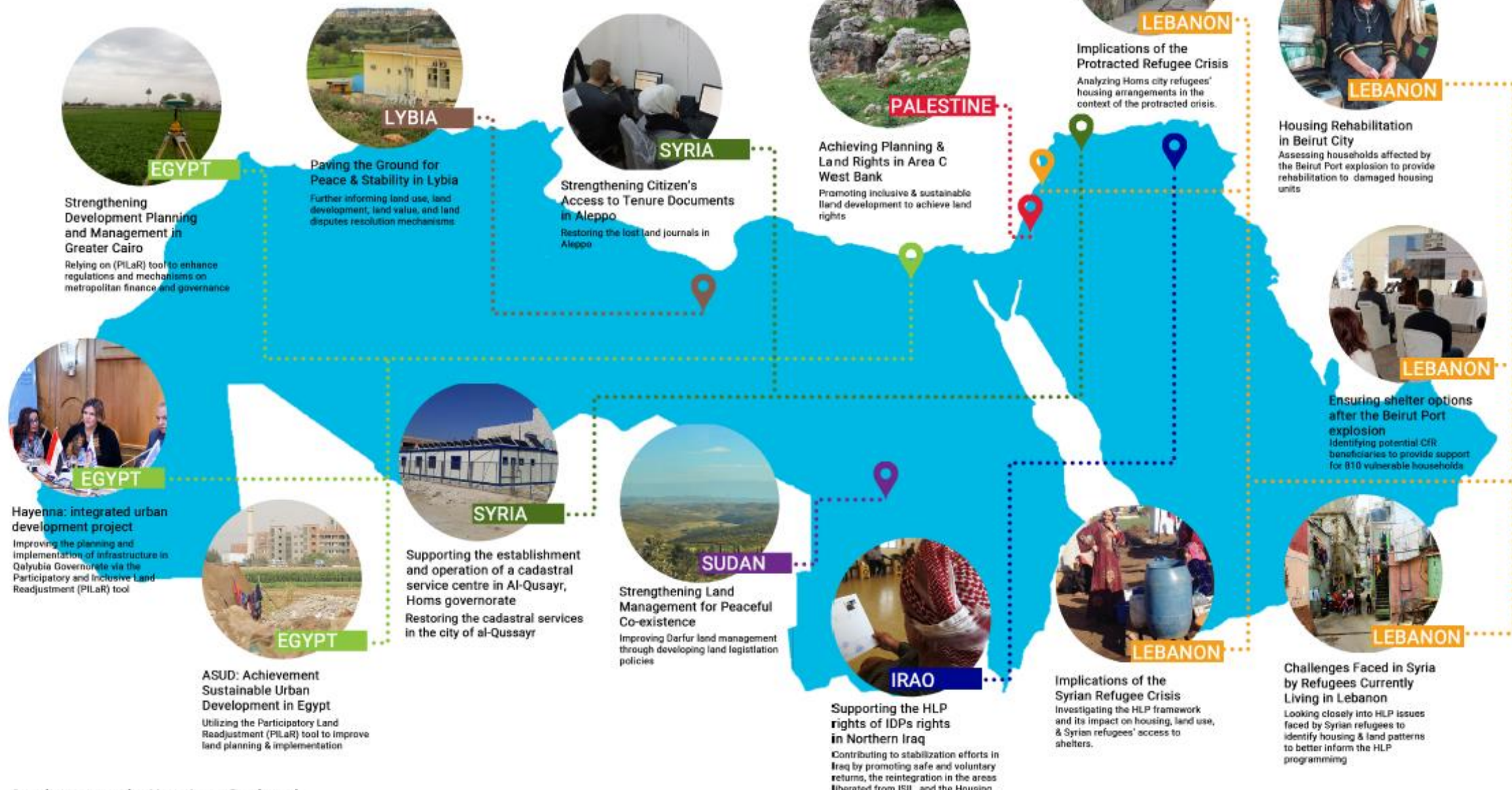
**On-the-job training
for partners**

**Training sessions &
training of trainers**

**Visiting professors'
arrangements**

**4. Support nationally / locally owned country
interventions**

UN-HABITAT LAND RELATED PROJECTS IN THE ARAB REGION

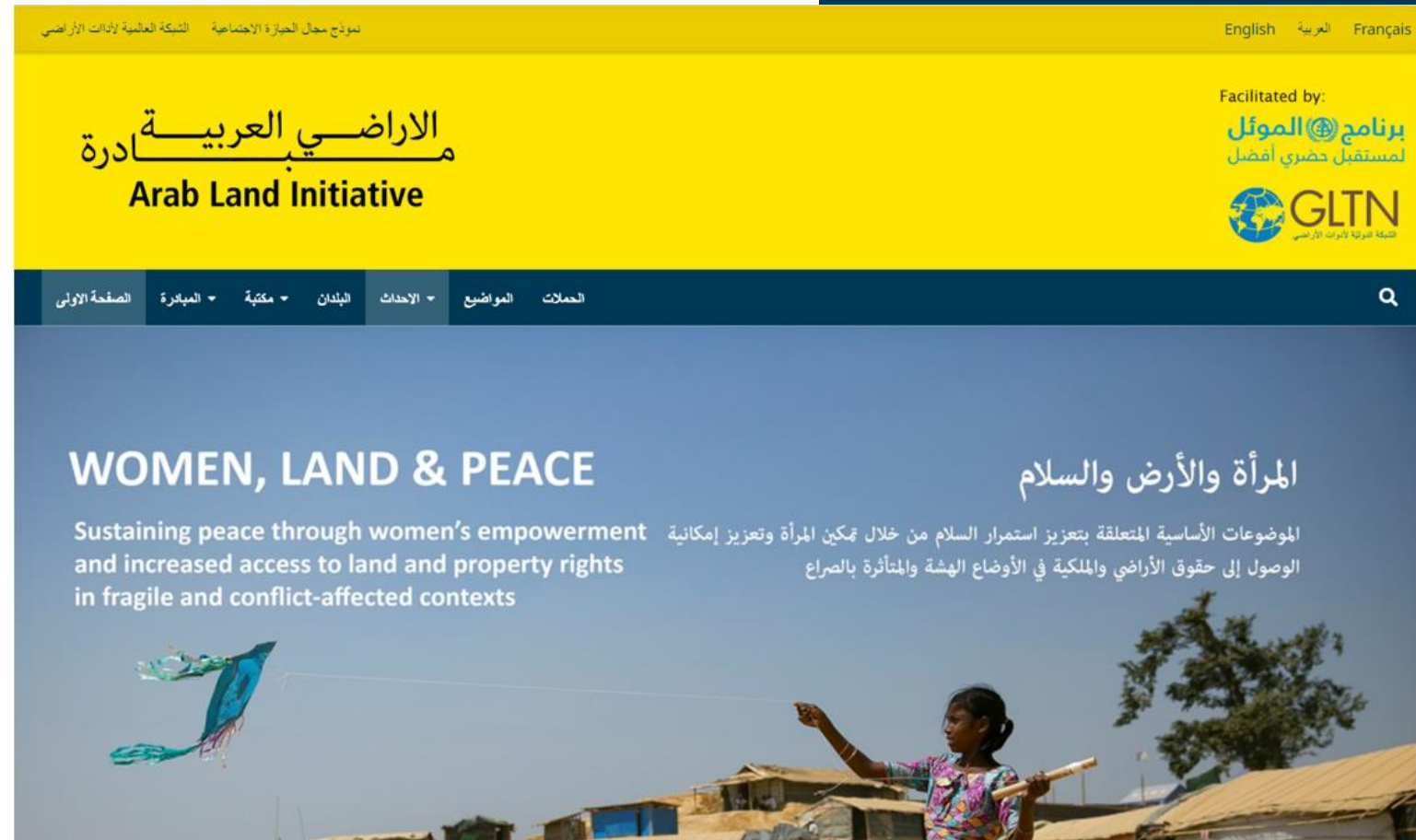


- News
- Publications
- Training materials
- Country pages
- Links to partners' pages

In 2021

39.000 unique visitors
61,000 visits
3.4 million hits

Over **19 thousands**
publications' downloads



1. Women's land rights

2. Land for climate resilience and food security

3. Fit-for-purpose land administration

4. Land & conflict / Housing, Land and Property rights

5. Monitoring land governance

BMZ



Federal Ministry
for Economic Cooperation
and Development



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra



Way forward / How to engage

1. Coordination, collaboration and partnership development

2. Institutionalise capacity development for partners' empowerment

3. Continue knowledge development and sharing

4. Bring on board decision makers

5. Facilitate national land governance engagements

6. Provide specialized technical expertise & catalyze land programmes.

**1. Future engagement in the
Arab region**

**2. GLTN's engagement in
other regions**

