

EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON GENDER STRATEGY AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION ON LAND RIGHTS (15th-17th June 2023)

Organised by: Global Land Tool Network, University of East London, Huairou Commission, and Namibia University of Science and Technology

Venue: University Square Stratford, University of East London, UK

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Background: Strengthening women's and girls' land rights has long been recognised a critical component of eradicating poverty and reducing income and gender inequalities globally. Women's and girls' secure access to, control and ownership of productive resources, particularly land, feature prominently in four United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): ending poverty (Goal 1), achieving food security (Goal 2), gender equality and empowerment of women (Goal 5) and making cities and regions inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable (Goal 11). In the context of the SDGs and international standards, the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), with more 85 partners, has continued to work tirelessly to promote tenure security and women's access to land across national, regional, and global contexts and frameworks. Since its formation in 2006, GLTN partners have prioritised strengthening women and youth access to land, pursuing innovative methodologies and strategies for developing land tools to promote equal tenure security for both women and men, boys, and girls. The Network recognises women are not a homogenous group with regards to housing, land, and property rights (HLP rights), and that different groups of women have different interests and face different situations. GLTN partners have studied the tenure rights of women and girls from various social, economic, cultural, and religious groups and across regions and looked at how legal reforms affect their access to land by reviewing and considering entry points for reforms to land laws, policies, and practices through which women's, girls' and youth tenure rights can be secured. Among its successful tools is the Gender Evaluation Criteria (GEC), which has been adapted in over 40 countries, in coordination with the International Land Coalition (ILC). Youth access to HLP rights is also a key dimension of ensuring land rights for all and an essential part of the inclusive, participatory, and equitable land governance approach.

In 2018, the University of East London and Huairou Commission led the multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder participatory processes that culminated in the GLTN Gender Strategy 2018-2030 (hereafter GGS). The GGS aims to support national and local governments and other key stakeholders in fulfilling their obligation for inclusive development and meeting their SDGs commitments and human rights obligations on land and women's tenure security. It does this by developing, testing, and promoting pro-poor and gender-responsive land management and land tenure tools. It advocates for establishment of a continuum of land rights, rather than just focusing on formal land titling processes. Additionally, it aims to improve global and regional coordination on land by catalysing and promoting a shared agenda and multi-faceted partnerships through GLTN and by strengthening other key land actors and networks at various levels. The GGS particularly highlights global interconnections in women and girl's access to, control and ownership of productive resources, particularly land that feature prominently in the SDGs (1.4.2, 5.a1&2, etc.) and in the New Urban Agenda (paragraph 35). This is an ongoing endeavour as a large proportion of women continue to face persisting and new challenges which serve to deny them their equal rights to access, use, inherit, control, and own land. Similarly young men, women and children find it difficult to access their HLP rights. HLP rights are underscored by human rights-based approaches and grassroots women's participation in the design, development, and implementation of gender- and youth-responsive land tools.

Promoting tenure security and women's and girls' access to land has assumed renewed focus following the Covid-19 pandemic, rapidly changing climate and disaster risk, and conflict challenges, which have prompted deepening social and economic inequalities globally. The work of several networks and campaigns such as the ILC, the Stand for Her Land Campaign (S4HL), and Global Environment Facility (GEF), has highlighted this priority. Therefore, this is an opportune moment for GLTN partners to reflect, review and strengthen gender and youth work and planning, in the context of the GGS and planning for Phase IV GLTN programme (starting in 2024), particularly in reviewing normative and country level work on gender and youth. For example, the workshop will discuss the recently concluded 'Gender and Youth Responsiveness in Country-level Land Interventions: A Practical Guide' led by the Namibia University of Science and Technology and University of East London. The meeting takes place in the backdrop of recommendations from the independent study on the sustainability of GLTN (2022).

Objectives and Proposed Outcomes: The GLTN Strategy Phase III focused on institutionalization and the scaling up of pro-poor, gender-responsive land tools to implement policies targeting at increased land tenure security. The consultation during this EGM will serve to align with ongoing initiatives such as the S4HL campaign and the GEF collective commitment on land. As GLTN is currently working on putting together its Phase IV strategic documents, this EGM is crucial because it will be a vital opportunity for participants to reflect on the lessons learnt in the Phase III implementation but also to bring out approaches and mechanisms to engage partners and other stakeholders on the uses of gender responsive and fit for purpose land tools in national and devolved land policies.

The expected outcomes of the EGM are as follows:

1. Alignment of the GGS with the Phase IV programme: stocktaking of GGS achievements in Phase III and recommending steps forward based on lessons learnt
2. Evaluation of the GLTN country level Gender and Youth tools implementation (led by NUST) including the inputs from validation.
3. Design of 2023 workplan and forward planning to ensure GGS implementation is in line with ongoing actions (for Phase IV)
4. Consultations and planning for youth responsive land strategies for Phase IV.

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**University Square Stratford, London, E15 1NF
At the University of East London
Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th June 2023**

Location: The EGM is being organised at Stratford, London which has excellent global and national connections. There is also good accommodation available. The conference facilities provided by UEL are of high standard and will allow for hybrid meeting arrangements.

Budget: UEL will fund participation of all UK participants and provide free conference facilities and catering for the duration of the EGM. GLTN will fund travel and DSA for up to 12 overseas participants. Some participants may be self-funded.

Organisation: While the EGM is being co-organised by GLTN, UEL, Huairou Commission and NUST, UEL has set up a local organising committee which is dealing with logistics in London. UEL will support visa applicants as necessary.

	DAY ONE
8.30 – 9.00	Registration (Foyer, University Square Stratford)
9.00 – 10.45	SESSION 1: PLENARY OPENING SESSION Moderator: Prof. Siraj Sait, University of East London
9.00 – 9.10	Welcome Address: Prof. Matt Bellgard, PVC Impact and Innovation, University of East London Barry Collins, Vice-dean & Head of Department, Royal Docks School of Business and Law
9.10 – 9.25	Securing Women’s Land Rights, Keynote Speaker (H.R.H Chief Chamuka VI-Zambia)
9.25 – 9.35	Opening remarks from UN-Habitat (Angela Mwai, Chief Human Rights and Social Inclusion Unit, UN-Habitat)
9.35 – 9.45	Dr. Damodar Regmi – Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Land Management, Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation, Government of Nepal
9.45 – 9.55	GLTN Gender and Land Vision and Priorities (Ombretta Tempra, Arab Land Initiative)
9.55 – 10.05	Aims and objectives of the EGM (Mino Ramaroson, Huairou Commission)
10.05 – 10.30	Introductory session by EGM Delegates and expectations setting.

10.30 – 10.45	Discussion of Programme and Methodology of the EGM, (Siraj Sait, UEL)
10.45 – 11.00	Morning Break
11.00 – 1.00	SESSION 2 - GENDER AND LAND RIGHTS : THEMES AND PRIORITIES Moderator: Mino Ramarosan, Huairou Commission
11.30 – 11.45	Hellen Ndungu, GLTN/UN-Habitat
11.45 – 11.55	Royal Mabakeng, NUST
11.55 – 12.05	Joseph Schechla, HIC
12.05 – 12.35	Group Discussion: What are current developments in the arena of women land rights? What are the entry points for GLTN partners? How can GLTN align itself with other networks and campaigns for women's land rights?
12.35 – 1.00	Plenary Discussion
1.00 – 1.45	Lunch
1.45- 3.30	SESSION 3: GLTN GENDER STRATEGY: OBJECTIVES, RESPONSES, AND EVALUATION Moderator: Ombretta Tempra, GLTN
1.45 – 2.00	Land, Women Empowerment and Socioeconomic Development in GLTN Work – Robert Lewis Lettington, GLTN
2.00 – 2.15	Presentation on GLTN Gender Strategy in Phase III – Mino Ramarosan
2.15 – 2.30	Prof. Siraj Sait, UEL
2.30 – 3.00	Group Discussion: What has been achieved using the GGS? What are examples of GGS success/what does success look like?
3.00 – 3.30	Plenary Discussion
3.30 – 3.45	Afternoon Break
3.45 – 5.30	SESSION 4: LESSONS FROM GLTN GENDER STRATEGY PHASE III; How to make GGS work moving forward Moderator: Don Marquez, ANGOC
3.45 – 3.55	Hellen Ndungu, UN-Habitat/GLTN
3.55 – 4.05	Diane Dumashie, FIG
4.05 – 4.15	Rebecca Ochong, HfHI
4.15 – 4.45	Group Work: What are the gaps and opportunities for GLTN partners with GGS priorities? How can the GGS be improved as a monitoring tool for Phase IV?

4.45 – 5.00	Plenary Discussion
5.00 – 5.05	Closing remarks
6.30 – 8:00	Reception, UEL Dinner
	DAY TWO
9.00- 10.45	SESSION 5: PRESENTATION OF THE GLTN SCOPING STUDY REPORT ON GENDER AND YOUTH Moderator: Siraj Sait, UEL
9.00 – 9.10	Review of Day 1
9.10 – 9.40	Presentation on GLTN Gender and Youth Report and Scoping Study – Royal Mabakeng/Eugene Chigbu, NUST
9.40 – 10.00	Outline of key issues, concerns, and methodology – Siraj Sait, UEL
10.00 - 10.30	Group Discussion: What are the key takeaways from the report that can be used elsewhere? How can the guide be more effectively used?
10.30 -10.45	Plenary Discussion
10.45 – 11.00	Morning Break
11.00-1.00	SESSION 6: FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION ON THE GLTN SCOPING STUDY REPORT ON GENDER AND YOUTH Moderator: Hellen Ndungu, GLTN/UN-Habitat
11.00- 11.15	Uganda Case study, Frances Birungi
11.15- 11.30	Nepal Case study Dr. Damodar Regmi, Government of Nepal
11.30 – 11.45	Experiences from the Arab Region, Ombretta Tempra, GLTN; Nohra Ornella Elias, Lebanon Country Programme, UN-Habitat
11.45-11.55	Experience of Malaysia, Prof. Ainul Jaria, IIUM
11.55 – 12.30	Group Work: How does the report inform GLTN Phase IV preparations?
12.30- 1.00	Plenary Discussion
1.00 – 1.45	Lunch
1.45- 3.30	SESSION 7: PHASE IV PLANNING FOR GENDER-RESPONSIVE LAND TOOLS AND IMPLIMENTATION Moderator: Don Marquez, ANGOC
1.45- 2.00	Presentation of Phase IV Planning process, Robert Lewis-Lettington
2.00- 2.45	Group Work: What are the key priorities for Phase IV in relation to GGS? What are the opportunities for GLTN Partners and external collaborators? How can

	GLTN Partners plan effectively for Phase IV innovations and scaling up in relation to GGS?
2.45- 3.15	Plenary Discussion
3.15- 3.30	Afternoon Break
3.30- 5.00	SESSION 8: IMPLEMENTATION OF GENDER COMPONENTS OF GLTN PHASE IV STRATEGY Moderator: Mino Ramaroson
3.30 – 3.45	Connecting to NELGA and other networks – Siraj Sait/Eugene Chigbu
3.45 – 4.00	Arab Land Initiative and regional partnerships – Ombretta Tempra, GLTN
4.00- 4.30	Group Work: How will amendments and updates to the gender strategy be carried out? How can the strategy be made accessible? What can be improved in the document? What needs to be added? What is missing? What resources and funding might be required, and which donors can be approached?
4.30- 5.00	Plenary Session
5-00- 5.15	Closing remarks
	DAY THREE
9.00- 10.45	SESSION 9: YOUTH RESPONSIVE LAND RIGHTS Moderator: Frances Birungi, (Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children's Welfare)
9.00- 9.15	UN-Habitat vision on social inclusion and youth, Angela Mwai
9.15 – 9.30	GLTN Work on Youth and Land, Siraj Sait
9.30 - 9.35	Youth expert – Cidalia Lewis Lettington, United Kingdom
9.35 – 9.45	How to develop youth engagement? Darren Sharp
9.45 - 10.15	Group Discussion: What are the key issues in relation to youth and land and existing tools? How to reach and engage young people on land issues? How can youth priorities be mainstreamed in GLTN work and Phase IV planning?
10.15 -10.45	Plenary Discussion
10.45 – 11.00	Morning Break
11.00-13.30	SESSION 10: EXAMPLES OF EFFECTIVE WORK ON YOUTH PARTICIPATION Moderator: Dr. Shampa Roy-Mukherjee, Interim Dean, Dean of Royal Docks School of Business and Law
11.00- 11.10	Siraj Sait, UEL
11.10 – 11.40	Newham Kelly Web-Martin, Mavis Wenham, James Kagiyyuma

11.40 - 12.00	Group Discussion: What does effective youth participation look like? What can GLTN learn from the experiences of others? What does a strengthened youth engagement for Phase IV look like?
12.00 – 12.30	Plenary Discussion
12.30 - 13.00	Closing Remarks – Robert Lewis Lettington; Mino Ramaroson; and Siraj Sait

Participants: The meeting will be held in hybrid format, where overseas participants will be able to attend in person and others may join virtually. The list below contains multi-stakeholder and multi-country representation where overseas participants who may require funding are marked with asterisk. It is anticipated that there could be 10-15 overseas participants.

External Participants

Name	Organisation	Country
HRH Chief Chamuka	Chamuka Royal Establishment, Zambia	Zambia
Damodar Regmi	Ministry of Land Management, Cooperative and Poverty Alleviation, Nepal	Nepal
Rebecca Ochong	Habitat for Humanity	USA
Mino Ramaroson	Huairou Commission	Madagascar
Royal Mabakeng	Namibia Institute for Science and Technology (NUST)	Namibia
Robert Lewis-Lettington	UN-Habitat/Global Land Tool Network	Scotland
Ombretta Tempra	UN-Habitat/Arab Land Initiative	Egypt
Hellen Ndungu	UN-Habitat/Global Land Tool Network	Kenya
Jennifer Duncan	UN-Habitat/Global Land Tool Network	USA
Angela Mwai	UN-Habitat	Kenya
Ainul Jaria	International Islamic University of Malaysia	Malaysia
Frances Birungi	Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children's Welfare	Uganda
Diane Dumashie	International Federation of Surveyors/FIG	UK
Joseph Schechla	Habitat International Coalition - HLRN	Egypt
Nazim Ali	Qatar Foundation	Qatar
Nathaniel Don Marquez	Asian NGO Coalition	Philippines
Nohra Ornella Elias	Lebanon Country Programme, UN-Habitat	Lebanon
Eugene Chigbu	Namibia Institute for Science and Technology (NUST)	Namibia
Guilia Lavagna	UN Habitat/Global Land Tool Network	Italy
Everlyne Nairesiae	LANDESA	Kenya

UEL Participants

1. Matt Bellgard, PVC Research
2. Shampa Roy-Mukerjee, Dean
3. Gail May
4. Bugewa Ampapa
5. Barry Collins
6. Kofi Kufor* Ghana/UK
7. Augustina Akoto* Ghana/UK
8. Jaya Kypuram*
9. Darren Sharpe
10. Winston Morgan
11. Andrew Ravenscroft
12. Sadia Ahmed
13. Richard Buscombe

Community/ Youth Experts

1. Mavis Wenham
2. Kelley Webb-martin
3. Najera Begum
4. James Kagiyuma

5. Cidalia Lewis Lettington
6. Nilofer Sait

Students

1. Roselyn (PhD)
2. Himashu (PhD)
3. Amanpreet India
4. Samna Pakistan

5. Hazra Mauritius
6. Arun Sreekumar South India
7. Oluchi
8. Omolara