

Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on Land Dispute Management and Land Conflict Monitoring, 23 – 27 February 2024

GLTN, through the Asian NGO Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ANGOC), is organizing a 5-day workshop on Land Conflict Monitoring and Land Dispute Management from 23 - 27 February 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The event will be divided into two thematic tracks:

a. Land Dispute Management Track: 23rd – 25th February 2024

Managing land and resource conflicts recognizes and respects the different and often conflicting values and interests of different user groups. When addressed constructively, this can help to stabilize and improve the sustainability of land and resources, and the benefits that different people, particularly the rural poor, get from using them.

In Asia, a growing number of civil society organizations (CSOs) have been engaged in dispute resolution processes. Thus, documenting and sharing such experiences in land dispute management can contribute towards improving relationships and mitigating conflicts.

This track will be a regional writeshop for CSOs with a focus on:

- i. Sharing approaches, methodologies and tools on land dispute management/resolution based on field experiences; and,
- ii. Discussing the field experiences, including their potential for adaptation and scaling-up, the factors that enable the successful management/resolution of disputes, and the potential role of CSOs and other land actors.

The expected outcome is a brief narrative on the case studies, including the applicability of different methodologies and tools for managing land disputes.

b. Land Conflict Monitoring Track: 26th – 27th February 2024

The growth of land conflicts in number, coverage, and intensity in recent years have prompted CSOs to investigate them further. Thus, in 2013, ANGOC and Land Watch Asia (LWA) incorporated land conflict in the monitoring component of the "The Land Conflict Monitoring Initiative" campaign. In 2018, the campaign produced country reports on land conflicts in Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Nepal and the Philippines. In particular, the studies discussed the nature and causes of land and resource conflicts, their impacts on local communities and land rights defenders, and action taken in response to them.

In this regard, the regional workshop will focus on:

- iii. Presenting and discussing the findings and recommendations of land conflict monitoring reports in six Asian countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines);
- iv. Identifying key action areas at the regional level to address land conflicts; and,
- v. Exploring partnerships with other stakeholders in the region.