Call for Proposals: 2025 Learning Session on Land-Based Finance

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), in partnership with the Local Government Revenue Initiative (LoGRI) of the International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD), are pleased to announce the **2025 Learning Session on Land-Based Finance, Series 5**. The learning session series purpose is bringing together partners, experts and implementers to learn about advances, good practice, innovations and challenges, and to create opportunities for collaboration.

We would like to **invite professionals, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to submit their proposals to present experiences, share lessons, or discuss specific challenges** related to land-based finance.

This Call for Proposals aims to foster active participation and ownership among participants of the Learning Series to explore innovative practices to enhance land-based finance mechanisms. The session will provide development partners, policymakers, academics, government representatives, and other key stakeholders a platform to share their work on tools, methodologies, and policy innovations for land-based financing (including housing and shelter financing) in lower-income country contexts.

Submission Guidelines

We invite proposals related to any aspect of land-based finance in Latin America, Asia or Africa. Among others, participants in the series have expressed interest in presentations related to property tax administration, approaches to land value capture, administrative cooperation across government in strengthening land-based finance, and the potential for linking efforts to strengthen land-based finance to key areas of service provision, like infrastructure and climate adaptation. Proposals should be organized around a clear and policy relevant question related to strengthening land-based finance, seek to highlight novel insights related to addressing that question, and incorporate a combination of general reform strategies and case-based illustrations.

Deadline for Submissions: 15 December 2024

Session Duration

Please note that each session may not exceed **1 hour and 30 minutes**.

Who Should Apply?

We encourage applications from individuals, organizations, governments, and the private sector. Preference will be given to proposals that include innovative solutions, case studies, and strategies to address real-world challenges.

Application Requirements

To apply, please submit the following:

1. **Proposal Title:** Clearly state the title of your proposed presentation or case study.

2. **Abstract:** A brief overview (max 300 words) summarizing the key focus of your proposal, the related policy relevant question (s) to be addressed and its relevance to land-based finance.

3. **Full Proposal (max 1,500 words):** This should include:

   o Thematic focus

   o Research methodology or practical application

   o Key findings or insights

   o Recommendations for policy or technical improvements

   o Case study examples (if applicable)

   o Agenda of the proposed session, including speakers and discussant

4. **Biography:** A short biography of the speakers, discussant (max 150 words).

5. **Supporting Documents (optional):** Include any relevant supporting materials, such as published papers, reports, or presentations.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- **Relevance:** Alignment with the key topics of the 2025 Learning Series (highlighted in the submission guidelines above).

- **Innovation:** The novelty of the approach or solution presented.

- **Practical Application:** The potential for real-world impact and scalability.

- **Clarity:** Clear articulation of ideas, findings, and recommendations.

- **Geographical and Sectoral Diversity:** Encouraging diverse perspectives, especially from underrepresented regions or sectors.

- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Encouraging applicants to include local government representatives, Civil Society Organization, Private Sector as presenters and/or discussants.

How to Apply

Submit your proposal via email to jonathan.yakutiel@un.org / giulia.lavagna@un.org no later than **15 December 2024**.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and collaborating to advance land-based finance innovations. The Learning Session dates will be determined with the successful applicant.

Best regards,

The GLTN, UN-Habitat Team & LoGRI, ICTD