



Global Donor Platform
for Rural Development

GDWGL Telco Minutes

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Participants:

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| 5. Chris Penrose-Buckley – DFID | 17. Mika Torhonen – World Bank |
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Main decisions:

- **'Land Summit' idea:** PPT to be shared and further calls to be organised to shape the idea
- **Campaign on Women's Land Rights:** Secretariat to share outline and GDWGL members to indicate interest to support
- **Recap on GDWGL Work Priorities:** draft proposal on the Global Land Report to be shared in the next weeks; DFID to draft TOR for study on how much is spent on land.
- **WB Conference:** further suggestions to improve the conference will be collected and shared with the WB
- **Code of conduct:** Comments should be sent by Friday 17 May, approval on non-objection basis
- **Next physical meeting location:** Secretariat to set up a dudle to check members' availability for both the CFS and ALPC conference.

1. Quick Round Table from Members

USAID: Finalizing research agenda on land and resource governance for the agency. They hope to share it with GDWGL members by the end of summer/fall following an internal review process. Obtained data from the WB on Zambian labour force survey and differences between that and Prindex – can share if other donors upon request. USAID has confirmed support to the African Land Conference.

SDC: is considering support to the African Land Conference and would like to coordinate with other donors on this. The AU Commission is requesting a development partner to finance a consultancy on future options for the institutional hosting of the ALPC. Contacted the ALPC requesting a virtual meeting with the African Dev Partners Roundtable on Land in June for ALPC conference updates. On the issue of HR defenders: SDC has been in touch with ILC to develop a joint proposal of action (see email from 15 May). A draft proposal might be ready within a month.

Netherlands Enterprise Agency: LAND-at-Scale Programme was launched on 3 April. Outreach to their embassies to channel information is forthcoming. Advisory committee with ministry

representatives and external representatives has been set up. Reaching out to partner organizations to inform them how to channel ideas through the embassies.

GIZ: Will conduct a human rights analysis for their sustainable agricultural investments project in Ethiopia. Results are expected in June/July. Discussions on the global project of responsible land policy are continuing with EU co-funding for engagement in Uganda, Ethiopia, and Madagascar.

Omidyar Network: Initial results from Challenge Fund done with Cities Alliance are available. The Fund called for innovative ideas to secure property rights in urban Africa and received over 300 entries. The winners are in the process of being selected. An agreement was finalized with a financing company (a motorcycle financing company that serves low income people) who will provide innovative financing for property formalization on a for-profit basis in Colombia. Reporting to follow in a few months.

FAO: With support of the German government and SDC, organized a large community discussion with about 700 people in Mongolia regarding the hopefully upcoming pastoralist method law. FAO, in collaboration the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, is scoping, with the help of DFID, a learning platform for agricultural promotion agency in Sub-Saharan Africa. Six potential countries have been identified: Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya. There is interest from GIZ to collaborate in this project. With SDC's support, FAO continues to address transboundary pastoral issues in the Sahel, e.g. testing a technical guide on pastoralism in Niger.

MCC - Sri Lanka compact was signed, including a land project. Togo and Niger are at the stage of hiring contractors, Morocco is running smoothly. Malawi will start having land project proposals from their government – WB and other group members can contact MCC to coordinate actions. The Benin final evaluation report is now online via the WB Gender Innovations Lab website. Namibia residential and rangeland evaluation report is about to go online. In Lesotho, Cabo Verde and Mozambique, evaluations are about to start. Will coordinate with some group members to get follow up data before some other donor member projects roll out.

DFID: There is an invite to a webinar on 13 June jointly with Land Portal that will present and discuss key findings from an external review of DFID co-funded land tenure regularisation programmes. The webinar is restricted to GDWGL members.

2. Concept for a 2021 SDG 'Land Summit', by Mika-Petteri Torhonen (WB)

This is a follow up on the WB Land Conference and the GDWGL physical meeting in March where the conclusion was that there is limited corresponding investment and action in place to reach the SDG land targets. In response, the WB proposes a 2020 Land Summit. The idea is only at its initial stages and open for feedback by the donor community. The general objective of the summit would be to elevate the importance of land in view of achieving the SDGs. See PPT circulated on 15 May for the other specific objectives.

The WB is looking for a global partnership and a host country for the 2-3 day summit, which will have at least one high level session at the ministerial (land ministries) level. Need good attendance from developing and donor countries. The United Arab Emirates are a possible host candidate – they signalled interest (will confirm their commitment in the next weeks) and will already host the Expo 2020 Dubai. GDWGL members are called to contribute in a hands-on way: in further developing the concept, mobilising support, designing sessions etc. Possible timing of the summit: January 2021.

Members should signal their interest to join this effort and questions should be directed to Mika, who could organize further calls. Mika and Chris to have a bilateral call to discuss what this event

means. UN Habitat appreciates the high-level ministerial meeting and could facilitate reach out to governments with whom they are in touch regarding the State of Tenure Security Report.

3. Presentation on Women's Land Rights Campaign, by Jennifer Abrahamson (Landesa)

The campaign "[Stand by her Land](#)" mobilizes global advocacy for women's land rights around the world over the next decade. It aims to close the gap between law and practice and help fulfil promises of gender equality. For further details, please consult the Strategic Vision document, circulated to GDWGL members on 14 May via email.

The life cycle of the campaign tracks with the 2030 Agenda and is deliberately aligned with the SDG indicators 1.4.2, 5.a.1, and 5.a.2. The current first phase includes activities like the development of the global campaign infrastructure and a pilot in 5-7 countries in the next couple of years, currently rolled out in Tanzania. The multi-stakeholder campaign was developed by a set of founding partners who form a Steering Committee, with Landesa as Secretariat. [Campaign funding](#): There is no current funding other than what Landesa has provided, which runs out at the end of June. They are looking for funding partners.

4. Recap and next steps on 2019-2020 work plan priorities

[Possible Global Land Report](#) - could be use useful if there is a Land Summit. GLTN has the concept note draft available and could be shared next week with Chris/Bernard first. SDC and GLTN will have a call with colleagues to gather ideas on this topic, in addition to the concept note, and then share with the group to see who would be interested in working on this work stream. Information will be shared with the group within the next two weeks.

[Study on how much is spent on land](#): agreed to move forward with drafting a TOR for commission (DFID on the lead)

[Budget for GDWGL activities](#): the Secretariat is awaiting BMZ's decision regarding its hosting arrangement for the Secretariat before it can give a commitment to funding any studies. Regardless of the funding situation, ToR for the aforementioned study should be drafted.

5. WB Land Conference

Further suggestions to improve the conference will be collected and shared with the WB. Additionally, a call will be organised to discuss this feedback.

6. Code of Conduct for in-country coordination

Updated version was sent out earlier. Comments should be sent by Friday 17 May. If there are no comments, the Code of Conduct will be taken as a joint statement and published on website. A separate call may be organised to clarify how this Code of Conduct could be implemented at the country level.

7. Next GDWGL meeting at CFS or ALPC?

Some members suggested the next GDWGL physical meeting to take place back-to-back to the ALPC Conference in November (Abidjan). The chair consulted members during the call about this possibility. There is agreement that it could be strategic to hold the meeting there, reinforcing partnership with African institutions, but it is not yet clear how many Group members would be present. It was agreed for the Secretariat to set up a *dudle* to check members' availability for both the CFS and ALPC conference.

8. AOB

None