



Global Donor Platform
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GDWGL Telco Minutes

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9. Annalisa Mauro – ILC (guest)
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Main decisions:

- **Global CoP on MSPs for Land Governance:** If GDWGL members wish to provide feedback on the [design document](#), they may do so via the [online survey](#).
- **Global Land Governance Report concept note feedback:** Members are asked to provide more consultation and feedback from those who have not yet given any. Three key questions that GDWGL members should ask themselves are: “What priority data questions and gaps should the report address? What bigger advocacy and policy strategy is needed over the next 5-10 years to ensure such a report makes a difference? And what can we learn from similar initiatives in other sectors (such as the SUN movement and the Global Nutrition Report)?”
- **Potential meeting with CSOs at CFS:** FAO has secured a room at CFS on 15 October at 14:30 CET where GDWGL members could have an informal meeting to continue dialogue with CSOs and discuss the proposed Global Land Governance Report. Please notify the Chairs or the Secretariat if you are someone from your organization are planning to attend CFS.
- **Next physical meeting:** Set for Monday, 25 November at the margins of the ALPC in Abidjan.
- **GDPRD Transition:** GDWGL members are encouraged to reach out to the colleagues in organizations in charge of the GDPRD to petition for GDWGL support during the transition. A Plan B should be devised for the group during the transition period. A separate discussion within the group should be arranged before the next physical meeting
- **AOB/Proposed Land Summit:** GDWGL members are requested to notify the WB if they have major reservations about the group supporting a land summit in Dubai. To be discussed again at the physical meeting.

1. Quick Round Table from Members

UN Habitat: The first thing to be highlighted is the 2020 World Urban Forum to be hosted in Abu Dhabi in February. It will bring together stakeholders interested in cities, innovation, and climate change. The topic is on urban innovations and so there will be some track on land governance and urbanization issues. UN Habitat will keep the Group informed on the process of establishing some

event on land to see how to best participate. The second thing to be flagged is the release of the UN Habitat, FAO, & World Bank publication "[Measuring Individuals' Rights to Land; An Integrated Approach to Data Collection for SDG Indicators 1.4.2 and 5.a.1](#)".

World Bank: Their work on land and disaster risk management will continue. The consultations on the use of PPPs in the land sector are ongoing and the land and conflict flagship report is shaping up. The Stand4Ger land campaign is also ongoing. The Bank will be present at the ALPC Conference and they are working on a session regarding the fit-for-purpose technology/customary land rights nexus.

SDC: Peter confirmed the Swiss approval of the SDC Phase II IGAD Land Governance support, which includes a timeframe from 01.09.2019 until 31.08.2023. The total foreseen budget of for the entire foreseen support amounts to USD 3,588,000 - split in two separate contracts (the first contract from 01.09.2019-31.08.2020 for USD 415,450, the second contract is foreseen to be from 01.09.2020-31.08.2023, USD 3,172,550). The support is intended to allow IGAD to pursue the implementation of and fundraising for the IGAD Land Governance Business Plan 2019-2023, which costs USD 16.3 million. More details can be provided by contacting Peter directly.

GIZ/BMZ: Apologies from Nora Boehm for not attending the call and she is a maybe for attending the ALPC. She took up Fritz's position at GIZ. They currently have land consolidation projects in Ethiopia, Senegal, Burkina Faso for the Global Land Project. The S2RI project is being extended to Ethiopia, Uganda, and Madagascar.

FAO: There is a new project under design for the Sahel region, covering Senegal, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, and Chad, focusing on conflict prevention, access to resources for youth, women, and pastoralists. The project is funded by Germany's Ministry of Agriculture. Additionally, they are starting the development and implementation of an innovative project on the nexus of land and water tenure, focusing on Senegal, Rwanda, and Sri Lanka. One of the expected outcomes is a methodology on water accounting that has a water tenure component. Open to having members be part of a small think tank on the subject.

Omidyar Network: They have a new grant with Terranova, a Brazilian organization. The grant is going through Global Land Alliance. Terranova has been working on the formalization of the favelas in various cities throughout Brazil for 20 years. Part of the grant is to make the data from their work available for research purposes.

Netherlands Enterprise Agency: Follow up to the LAND-at-Scale Programme. Forty high quality ideas from twenty-two countries were submitted. The ideas had a large variety of thematic links to land governance. Thirteen ideas will be further developed into full-fledged interventions. A representative from the Netherlands Enterprise Agency will hopefully be at the next physical meeting to give an update on the interventions.

DFID: Trying to explore with the partners of LEGEND a funding mechanism for community legal empowerment around land investment projects. There has been growing interest from DFIs for a black box funding mechanism to create an independent funding stream that investors can contribute to. Plan to pilot this in the coming year with Namati in West Africa but details are still being worked out. Has been part of internal discussions on land tenure in context of preparation for COP14. Could be an opportunity for the Group to position their work and make the case for land governance.

2. Presentation of the Global Community of Practice on Multi-Stakeholder Platforms for Land Governance, a joint project by ILC and Collaboration for Resilience

The CoP of MSP is envisioned as sustained processes, evolving out of ILC's efforts to support their members to work together at the national level, including CSO and citizen led initiatives. Many of

these initiatives are evolving into permanent spaces for policy dialogue and the acceleration of the implementation of policy reforms on land governance due to multi-stakeholders' participation across spatial scales. The CoP of MSP focuses on the capacities of these platforms to sustain the process of transformation.

The CoP of MSP is in an ongoing consultation process, having received some feedback from the land governance community at large on [its design](#), but they are keen on receiving additional feedback via their [online survey](#). The impetus for the CoP of MSP is the interest in MSP for land governance and policy but there has been little systematic effort to date to compile the evidence on factors that impact the effectiveness of MSPs. The wide variety of tools available to land governance practitioners need to be adapted and tailored to make them accessible in a variety of languages. The design document for the CoP of MSP addresses these shortcomings.

They will have a side event during CFS, 17-18 October, during which they will present the outcomes of the consultation process. The launch will be followed by a more detailed planning workshop involving the most active and engaged contributors. There is also a special session organized with FAO and other key partners during the ALPC in Abidjan on 23 November.

3. Global Land Governance Report (GTLN/Un Habitat and the ILC) concept note feedback

The initial feedback comments were summarized: the purpose lacks clarity, guiding questions can be added, which could clarify the scope of the report and help support advocacy, and previous reports (e.g., the Global Nutrition Report) should be used as examples of best practice (see email from 6 September for PDF).

UN Habitat stressed that this concept note is a work in progress. The concept note is meant to both frame the discussion and create a point of convergence in making sure there is a consensus in understanding, not necessarily about thematic areas at this point in this time. They are looking forward to having more consultation and feedback from those who have not yet given any. A key question that GDWGL members should ask themselves is "What do you want to see in this report?" More detail is needed as to how to capture the relevant thematic area via an inclusive and participatory process. UN Habitat is in talks with FAO on how to take advantage of the CFS to better frame the thematic area and identify the best approach.

UN Habitat can for the time being facilitate the high level of technical expertise needed for this report, as well as guiding the process of discussion in order to make sure that there is a common understanding of the desired objects and outcomes. GDWGL members are asked to send comments to Manuel in order to help shape a second draft of the concept note.

Please inform the Chairs or the Secretariat if you or relevant colleagues, who can cover land work, are attending the CFS this year. FAO has secured a room at CFS for 15 October at 14:30 CET to discuss the Global Report/potential CSO meeting. A smaller, informal meeting could be held with any of the donors and international organizations who may be present at CFS. Please notify Chris, Peter, or Manuel if you are planning to attend CFS so that a meeting could be organized.

4. Physical meeting at ALPC.

The next physical meeting is set for Monday, 25 November at ALPC. ALPC was chosen as more members are attending this conference than are attending CFS this year, despite the date not being great for our US colleagues, apologies to them. The agenda is currently being drawn up between the chairs and will be finalized in the coming weeks. Any suggestions on agenda items can be sent to the Chairs or the Secretariat.

5. GDPRD transition and impact on GDWGL

The Secretariat summarized the impact of the Platform's transition on the GDWGL:

- The GDPRD Secretariat's transition to a new host will translate into some degree of interrupted administrative support to the GDWGL starting December 1, 2019. The magnitude and duration of this support interruption is unknown at this time, as these are subject to Board decisions in the coming months relating to the transition of the GDPRD to its new host and the future structure and functions of the Secretariat.
- Until GDPRD member financial contributions to the new host are in place, funding for GDWGL and any other donor related activities will have to come from alternative sources.
- GDWGL work priorities and products during this transition phase should be discussed during the next telco and/or the next physical meeting.

The Secretariat is reacting to Board decisions but the GDPRD Transition Task Force can lobby for GDWGL support during the transition process. The Secretariat will update the group when developments occur that could impact the GDWGL.

The question of how can the Group resource and ensure that there is continuity if there is a break in Secretariat support. In the coming weeks, a Plan B should be devised for the group during the transition period. A separate discussion within the group should be arranged before the next physical meeting.

SDC stressed that GDWGL members should talk to their colleagues who are the general Platform focal points to stress the importance of having GDWGL continuity during the transition. They also mentioned that they could contribute financially to a degree but they would need help from more members of the GDWGL to also contribute financially.

6. AOB

Regarding the WB's High Level Land Summit, the WB is waiting for a response from the government of Dubai. GDWGL members are requested to notify the WB if they have major reservations about supporting a land summit in Dubai and propose alternatives that could also mobilise the necessary funding to secure wide participation. To be discussed again at the physical meeting.