

Global Donor Working Group on Land (GDWGL) Thursday, 1 July 2021.

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Chair: Javier Molina Cruz, FAO

AGENDA

1. Introduction.
2. Updates by members
3. Update/proposal on the GDWGL website.
4. Presentation on NCAER, an initiative on land records and services index, based in India.
5. Presentation on the global initiative to secure the land and resource rights of IPs and local communities by FCDO.
6. Update on the policy paper on land tenure and Food System Summit.
7. Discussion on TWG's chairmanship.
8. Closure of meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSIONS |
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| 1. Introduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new member of the group was introduced, Karol Boudreaux - Senior Land and Resource Governance Advisor at USAID. Starting from 1 July, she will share the chair position with Caleb Stevens (USAID) going forward. |
| 2. Updates by members | <p>FAO'S Land Tenure Priorities (2021 – 2024) Presentation in Annex I</p> <p>[Karol Boudreaux, USAID]: Has the initiative on the Land Observatory begun? How would it look like once it's done and how does the FAO hope to engage with others this process?</p> <p>[Adriano Campolina, FAO]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process is about to start. The vision is to develop the initiative as a place of convergence for all the data that is being collected and analysed on land. |

- Several organizations will be convened to discuss the Observatory's format, starting with the groups that are currently working on the Food Systems & Land Tenure paper, as well as the Concept Note on the Global Land Report. There will be a meeting next week for a first round of consultations based on the initial set of ideas, which will involve a discussion on how the Observatory will be governed to ensure that it becomes a public good.
- The GDWGL will be continuously updated on the process.

[Chris Penrose-Buckley, FCDO]:

- Some members have been in discussions with the ILC and other organizations to develop the Global Advocacy Agenda and its action plan. A presentation of this at the next GDWGL meeting would be useful to socialize the report before its launch.
- The Earthworm Foundation has developed an online training tool for investors on Social License Risk. Members were encouraged to try it out and circulate it across their organizations. You can find the tool [here](#).
- The research on "Quantifying Tenure Risk" that the FCDO has funded together with ODI has moved into a 2nd phase, which will focus on the cost faced by companies in the management and responsible investment in tenure risk. The report will be published soon and will be circulated to all members once ready.

[Robert Lewis-Lettington, UN-Habitat]:

- The presentation on FAO's priorities resonates with quite a number of UN-Habitat's work and priorities and presents a number of opportunities for collaboration going forward.
- There has been a lot of land-related activity at the Human Rights Council and other human rights bodies that is worth keeping an eye on. In particular, the Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing ([Read more](#)) and the Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) ([Read more](#)).
- There is also an ongoing comment period opened by the Committee of Experts on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on general comments on land and human rights. There are crucial discussions and debates coming out of this process that the GDWGL should take note of, due to their implications for the recommendations to be made on land administration and regulation.
- There are open discussions on the review of the draft strategy of the African Land Policy. There is, however, some concern that we are still looking at land governance and the instruments around it in a mechanical way, without really thinking through how those instruments will play out on the ground, e.g. how will the income and expenditures of the created institutions be managed on a day-to-day basis so that they can be sustained over time and have a robust land management system in a country.
- Discussions are ongoing with the EC and EIB regarding a number of large-scale investments in Africa on a number of intersecting issues, such as slums, housing, land administration etc. It is still in its early stages.
- There is a GLTN steering committee meeting planned on 16 July. An invitation will be extended to all observers and steering committee members. Members who are not on the observer list can reach out to the Chair and to Robert, for addition. All members were welcomed to follow the discussions which will be around the strategy and work plan for the next couple of years.

[Amy Regas, Place Fund]:

- Prindex, one of Place Funds investees, is working on deep dives in Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, India, Nigeria & Burkina Faso. The results which may be of interest to the members, will be

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| | <p>rolling out in the coming months. There will also be a second global survey in 2022 which would provide a contrast of people’s perceptions of tenure security, pre- and post-Covid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cadasta, another of Place Funds investees, now has more than 5 Million people on its platform, over half of whom are women. They also have 100 projects in 38 countries and are looking to form strategic partnerships with various organizations, including some of the GDWGL members. ▪ An impact evaluation on Cadasta’s work was conducted by a third party evaluator in two (2) states in India. 83% of respondents reported an improved quality of life after Cadasta’s work. Members can reach out to Amy Regas or directly to Cadasta for further details <p>[Etienne Coyotte, EU]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciates that the Land Observatory will be built through a co-creation process with other initiatives that collect and analyse data on land. • The new programmes mentioned by Robert are still at the programming stage and no decisions have been made yet regarding the allocation of resources, as the concerned EU organizations are at the beginning of a seven-year cycle. Members should take note of this caveat when referring to this initiative. <p>[Everlyne Nairesiae, UN-Habitat]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-Habitat in collaboration with GLTN, ILC, Un Women, Oxfam, Landesa and other organizations lobbied at the Paris Forum for Generation Equality to have a collective women’s land rights commitment, which was endorsed by a number of UN agencies and civil society organizations. The commitment will be crucial in profiling the women land rights agenda and putting across core actions that will transform women’s’ land tenure rights. A report on this will be circulated. |
| <p>3. Update/proposal on the GDWGL website</p> | <p>Presentation in Annex II</p> <p>[Maurizio Navarra, GDPRD Secretariat]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The website review will give new life to the webpages dedicated to the GDWGL to make them more useful and relevant to members’ needs. • The webpage would therefore be a hub of information based on exchanges among members. • The proposal will be sent to all members of the WG for inputs on the review process. <p>[Petronilla Wandeto, GDPRD Secretariat] delivered a short presentation with a proposal on the revised web pages</p> |
| <p>4. The NCAER, an initiative on land records and services index, based in India.</p> | <p>Presentation in Annex III</p> <p>[Amy Regas, Place Fund]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What feedback did the NCAER receive when they presented the index to local governments? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The index was received seriously and positively even by states that were ranked at the bottom. These states eventually went one to make efforts to move up the rankings. In some sates progress on certain parameters was observed in as little as two (2) months. • Further information on the initiative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Link to the N-LRSI 2020 report. ○ Link to the N-LRSI 2021 report and YouTube link of the launch event ○ Link to the Land Portal (a webpage for data visualization of N-LRSI data along with the data files that were used for constructing the index). |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Google drive link to a video highlighting the impact of N-LRSI (from researchers/states). Please let me know if you are able to access the video. |
| <p>5. The global initiative to secure the land and resource rights of IPs and local communities.</p> | <p>[Chris Penrose Buckley, FCDO]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is strong evidence supporting the case for the protection of the land tenure rights of local communities and Indigenous Peoples as a climate change mitigation strategy and biodiversity protection. • However, despite various climate change COPs, this has not been prioritized as an issue that should receive more attention in global climate mitigation efforts. • Several donor and civil society groups are currently in discussions on how to place this issue on the agenda at the COP 26 through the following initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An event/session on indigenous peoples and local community’s tenure rights. ○ A 30-minute session during the World Leaders’ Summit (i.e. the first two (2) days of COP week) to set the scene on this issue at a high level for further follow-up. ○ Identify 2 to 3 Forest Country Government “Champions” e.g. Columbia, DRC, Peru, Nepal who would be willing to support this initiative going forward, set out what they’ve done to-date and probably make some new commitments. ○ Work with IPLC groups to help them shape activities around this issue during COP 26 and beyond. ○ Partner with bilateral donors and private foundations to raise ambition and funding on this. ○ Coordination across the major global climate funds since there is a general disconnect between work on tenure rights in the forests and work on tenure in the land sector: There is therefore an opportunity to bring these two areas together. ○ A concept note for distribution to the members will be provided. |
| <p>6. Status of the Policy Paper on Land Tenure and Food Systems.</p> | <p>[Chair]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO, ILC & GLTN are working on the policy paper to flag issues of land tenure in the framework of the upcoming Food Systems Summit. • A preliminary draft has been prepared that will be reviewed by members of the advisory group of experts in the coming weeks with the goal of having a final draft ready by the end of July to coincide with the Food Systems Pre-Summit. • The final draft will be shared with the GDWGL once it’s ready. |
| <p>7. The working groups chairmanship.</p> | <p>[Chair]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Javier Molina Cruz’s term as the chair has come to an end and USAID will take over. • The Netherlands had expressed interest in co-chairing over the coming year. A proposal on that will be submitted in the next meeting. • The chairmanship at USAID will be shared between Caleb Stevens & Karol Boudreaux. |
| <p>AOB:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on the transfer of the land map to the land portal are ongoing. There will be a meeting on fundraising for this exercise in the coming week • The next CFS meeting in October 2021 provides an opportunity for the working group to get back to in-person meetings. |

| SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS | | |
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| ACTION POINT | TIMELINE | RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S) |
| Presentation of the Global Advocacy Agenda and its action plan | Next GDWGL meeting | FCDO |
| Try out the online training tool for investors on Social License Risk and circulate it across their organizations. | Flexible | Members |

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| <p>GLTN steering committee meeting planned on the 16th of July: Members interested in following the discussions but are not part of the steering committee or observers' list can reach out to Robert Lewis-Lettington (UN-Habitat) or the Chair for addition to the invites.</p> | TBD | Members |
| <p>Distribution of the proposal on the website review exercise for member's inputs.</p> | TBD | Secretariat |
| <p>Circulation of the final draft of the Policy Paper on Land Tenure and Food Systems.</p> | TBD | FAO |