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Conference on Land Policy in Africa

25 - 29 November, 2019
Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

Winning the fight against Corruption in the Land Sector: Sustainable Pathway for Africa's Transformation

Conference on Land Policy: Rationale

- Land a central to development in Africa
- Growing momentum on land policy research, development and implementation in region
- What is required is a continental event to:
- Present, and shape research activities on land policy in Africa
- Complement existing land policy learning events by:
 - Expanding opportunities for participation by African practitioners
 - Nuancing global discussion to meet the specific needs of the African land policy community

Conference on Land Policy in Africa

What

A policy and learning event to promote evidence based land policymaking and implementation

Why

To deepen capacity for land policy in Africa through improved access to knowledge and information

How

By sharing and generating interest in new evidence; showcasing emerging and promising practices and facilitating networking

Specific Objectives

- Address strategic land issues in line with theme of the Conference
- Provide space for informed policy dialogue among stakeholder different groups
- Create a platform for shared learning across a wide range of stakeholders
- Raise the profile of and advocate for key areas of ALPC work in land policy
- Mobilize resources for key areas of work in land policy

Expected Outcomes

- Improved awareness of the AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges, F &G, GPs on LSLBI, VGGT, other regional/global commitments and tools
- Land policy issues in Africa highlighted
- Strengthened capacity of stakeholders to address land policy issues related to selected themes
- Stronger networks

Date: 25- 29 November 2019 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

Theme: *“Winning the fight against Corruption in the Land Sector: Sustainable Pathway for Africa’s Transformation”*

- Aligned with AU designation of on 2018 as Africa’s anti-corruption year. *“Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa’s Transformation”*.
- Africa –perceived as the most corrupt region in the world and one of the poorest.
- Tackling corruption in the land sector will contribute towards realization of the *“Africa We Want”* as envisioned in Agenda 2063 .

Conference Theme and Sub-themes

*Winning the fight against Corruption in the Land Sector:
Sustainable Pathway for Africa's Transformation*

The main theme shall be achieved by reflecting, in specific, to the following sub-themes:

- Corruption in the land sector – impact on Africa's economic transformation, innovative experiences and best practices for tackling corruption;
- Strengthening land administration institutions including through increasing effectiveness and transparency;
- Women's access to land and tenure security – addressing persisting bottlenecks;

Conference Sub-Themes Cont'

- Responsible, transparent, accountable and sustainable land-based investments;
- Rapid urbanization, land use and spatial planning and development control;
- Challenges, opportunities and best practices in development, implementation and monitoring land policies;
- Enabling environment for securing land tenure and access for the youth to transform African agriculture; and
- Responsive land policies – impact on migration, youth employment, regional insecurity.

Expected Outputs

- ❑ Conference papers
- ❑ Database of gray material
- ❑ Policy briefs
- ❑ Press releases
- ❑ Web articles
- ❑ Social media contributions
- ❑ Proceedings of the Conference
- ❑ Published journal articles - To be published in a Africa Journal on Land Policy and Geospatial Sciences.

FAO Participation at the CLPA-2019

Conference Session: Forum of African Traditional Authorities (FATA)

- **Theme of Session:** Improving inclusive decision-making in tenure governance, tenure security and gender equality in customary systems in line with S D G indicators



Objectives of the FATA Session

- Raise awareness of the traditional authorities on impact of the EU Land Governance programme in improving customary land management in selected countries.
- Capacitate and empower the traditional authorities on VGGT and F&G as useful tools for improving the governance of customary tenures and mobilization of traditional leaders on the continent, within the framework of the AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges.

Objectives of the FATA Session Cont'

- Highlight the relevance of responsible governance of tenure to promote food security and nutrition as well as the SDGs.
- Further consolidate FATA as a platform for capacity development among customary land authorities.

Expected Outcomes of the FATA Session

- Knowledge of traditional authorities on good land governance and in dealing with emerging challenges of youth migration, access to land, women's land rights, increased
- Increased understanding and awareness of traditional authorities on the impact of the EU Land Governance Programme in improving customary land management
- Knowledge of traditional authorities on land related SDG indicators and role of traditional authorities in the achievement of the indicators increased.

Expected Outcomes of FATA Session Cont'

- Knowledge of VGGT and F&G as tools for improving the governance of customary lands increased.
- FATA as a platform for capacity development among traditional authorities strengthened

Participation

- Maximum of 30 Traditional Leaders from selected African Countries:
 - Ghana,
 - Burkina Faso,
 - Nigeria,
 - Zambia,
 - DRC,
 - Cameroon,
 - Niger,
 - Malawi,
 - Chad, and
 - Cote d'Ivoire

Side-event: Capitalizing and disseminating impact of VGGT implementation in Africa – A Policy dialogue

Objectives:

- Using VGGT to improve responsible large-scale land investments
- VGGT and dealing with land conflicts
- Improving gender relations and securing legitimate tenure rights through the application of VGGT
- Application of enabling technologies (SOLA/Open Tenure) to improve the governance of tenure
- Identify key thematic issues for consideration in the next phase of VGGT implementation.

Expected Outcomes

- Increased awareness on the application of VGGT to improve the governance of tenure
- Increased political will to use VGGT to improve the governance of tenure
- Lessons and experiences in implementation of VGGT shared
- Feedback provided on key issues to be considered for the next phase of VGGT implementation.

Participants

- Key Experts on land governance;
- Policy-makers from African Member States

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**All roads lead to Abidjan-
25-29 November, 2019!!**

Thank you for your attention!!