

<b>Title of Event:</b> <b>Name of Organisation:</b> <b>Date and time of the session:</b>	<b>Global Land Tool Network</b> <b>Development of Pro Poor Land Tools</b> <b>UN-HABITAT and GLTN partners</b> <b>Tuesday 20 June 2006, 16.30-18.30</b>
<b>Key Highlights</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Estimated no of participants: 146</li> <li>2. Stakeholder group representation at the event: Approx 55 different key stakeholder groups.</li> <li>3. What were the expected objectives: To gain common understanding on the GLTN work programme and to officially launch the Network.</li> <li>4. What did the networking event achieve: Reached common understanding on the GLTN work programme and the Network was officially launched.</li> </ol>	
<b>Core issues identified as they relate to the theme and sub-themes of WUFIII</b> <p>The lack of pro poor land tools hampers poverty alleviation initiatives globally. The Global Land Tool Network hence aims to address the gap between current land policy approaches and the phase of implementation, by creating spaces of interaction between various stakeholders involved in land development and by lending support to existing pro poor land tools. The Global Campaign for Secure Tenure (GCST) by UN-HABITAT and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) provide the overall framework of the GLTN and the network is outlined in accordance with the principles provided by the Paris Declaration on the harmonization of donor involvement in developing contexts.</p>	
<b>Main points raised by panellists and participants</b> <p>Invited speakers such as Jan Meeuwissen, Sergej Melnichenko and Mohamed Elewa presented reviews of Expert Group Meetings (EGM) held on GLTN themes during 2005. In summary, the EGM-meetings addressed issues such as the key role played by land policies in achieving sustainable socio-economic growth, the need for innovative as well as effective land tools to realize this goal but also that the GLTN-initiative needs to conduct a bottom-up approach in order to be sustainable in the long term. Dan Lewis from UN-HABITAT drew attention to the need to address land tenure issues in post-conflict contexts, as there is very little cohesive material on the subject and strategic tools are lacking on how to deal with such development obstacles.</p> <p>Siraj Sait, Legal Officer, presented the draft Gender Mechanism of GLTN. The mechanism proposes a framework; methodologies and strategies that can be employed by GLTN partners to support gendered land tools, which will enhance women's rights and security of tenure. Features built into the mechanism consist of a multi-stakeholder approach, systematic multi-stage methodology, the building on current tooling processes by partners and the prerequisite that tools are gendered in women-led processes.</p> <p>Kaori Izumi, speaking on behalf of FAO, raised the needs by HIV-positive groups in terms of land development and how inheritance structures, as well as land grabbing, affect women and children in access to resources. Holger Magel and Richard Sliuzas, from FIG and ITC respectively, drew attention to the need to need for innovation, unconventional approaches and an emphasis on capacity-building in order to achieve the objectives of the Global Land Tool Network. On another note, the Huariou Commission's Jan Petersen anticipated that there would be positive outcomes by the GLTN, more specifically in recent projects in partnership with UN-HABITAT and FAO in Africa, which</p>	

places gender and genderised tooling processes as a central priority. G77 The G77 and China representative, Agnes Kalibbala, stated that the tools supported in the Global Land Tool Network should assist in slum upgrading programmes, as it is key to significantly raise the living conditions among the world's urban poor. Beth Chitekwe of Slum Dwellers International drew attention to the resourcefulness of local communities in driving their own initiatives, i.e. realizing delivery of basic services, through for example applying different tools on information generation.

### **Process steps that were identified that could help turn ideas into operational reality**

The World Bank discussed the agreement on a “continuum of land rights”, which has implications for policy development and implementation on a country level, as the Global Land Tool Network will have a central role in bringing on board relevant stakeholders on tool development. By working together with key partners on pro poor land tool development the network event concluded that GLTN will be able to turn ideas into action.

#### **Moderator:**

Ben Dotsei Malor, Chief Executive Producer, United Nations Radio

#### **Rapporteur:**

Erika Lind, Programme Officer, Land and Tenure Section, UN-HABITAT

#### **Speakers:**

- a) Agnes Kalibbala (G77) “The Political Dimension and the Need for Pro Poor Land Tools”
- b) Alain Durand-Lasserve (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) “Report on GLTN Internet Discussion”
- c) Beth Chitekwe-Biti (Slum Dwellers International) “Grassroots Involvement”
- d) Clarissa Augustinus (UN-HABITAT) “GLTN mandate, work programme and way forward”
- e) Dan Lewis (UN-HABITAT) “Post Conflict”
- f) Holger Magel (FIG) “Innovations on Spatial Units and Social Tenure Domain Model”
- g) Jan Meeuwissen (UN-HABITAT) “Secure Tenure: New Legal Frameworks and Tools”
- h) Sergey Melnichenko (City of Moscow) “Innovative Land Tools and Urban Cadastre”
- i) Jan Petersen (Huirou Commission) “The Gender Dimension”
- j) Kaori Izumi (FAO) “HIV/AIDS and Urban-Rural Land Rights”
- k) Klaus Deininger (World Bank) “Implementation of Pro Poor Land Policies”
- l) Mohamed Elewa (Government of Egypt) “Islamic Land Tools”
- m) Richard Sliuzas (ITC) “Capacity-building on Land Administration”
- n) Ulrik Westman (UN-HABITAT) “GLTN mandate and work programme”

#### **Launch of the Global Land Tool Network**

The official launch of GLTN took place immediately after the Networking Event. Brief statements welcoming and embracing the initiative were made by:

Mrs. Inga Bjork-Klevby (Deputy Executive Director to UN-HABITAT)

Mrs. Anne Stenhammer (Norwegian State Secretary)

Mr. Thomas Melin (Chief, Urban Division, Sida)