

Course organization

1 Beginning early May, participants will access a web-based e-Learning environment, where they will find materials, as well as a platform to directly share their experiences through the e-forum. Participants will utilize this environment to start the learning process, at their own pace and interest. Participation will also be open to resource persons and speakers identified for the workshop. Upon completion of each module, participants will be requested to prepare a synthesis' note with their concluding remarks and comments (guidelines will be provided).

2 The asynchronous E-Learning process is intended as preparation for a four-day workshop that will be simultaneously held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Accra, Ghana; Nairobi, Kenya; Pretoria, South Africa; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; and Kampala, Uganda, from May 22 to 25 2006. To enable participation of experts from other countries, selected sessions will connect with other sites such as Washington DC, USA; Brasilia, Brazil; and Antananarivo, Madagascar.

3 Throughout the course duration, participants will reflect on videoconference discussions and outcomes from off-line presentations, to analyze the current situation and together, draft several scenarios to propose ways forward for land reform in their countries.

Land Administration plays a fundamental role in meeting the goals of the African development agenda including poverty reduction, economic growth, conflict prevention & management and the fight against land degradation. However, in most African countries, governments face difficulties establishing the institutional and legal framework necessary for "good land administration" and, consequently, lack accurate and reliable land information. In 1998, UN-Habitat estimated that, in Sub-Saharan Africa, only 1% of land sites or plots were documented. With an uncertain picture of the "land reality", governments are unable to provide land tenure security as well as make informed decisions in defining land policies and national development strategies.

A consensus exists today on the limits of the titling approach in Africa but, while some alternative solutions have recently emerged, needs for innovative approaches to secure land access are evident. Even though reform in Land Administration is a long term process, in a world where pace of change is accelerating, needs for broader land tenure security are immediate.

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Land Administration in Africa *Searching for land tenure security*

May 22nd to 25th 2006
Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya,
South Africa, Tanzania & Uganda



Securing land tenure in Africa

This regional course will bring together various groups of stakeholders and practitioners to discuss land tenure security in Africa, a high political and development priority in many countries.

Among the issues to be addressed during the course are: the linkage between land tenure security, poverty reduction and sustainable growth; "traditional" and innovative approaches to provide land tenure security; the current situation in the land tenure securing process in participating countries as well as a review of international experience from outside Africa including Thailand, Honduras and Brazil.

Objectives

The main objective of this course is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge between practitioners of land administration. At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify benefits, weaknesses and complementarities of the different mechanisms of land tenure security;
- Have a better understanding of past successes and failures in insuring broader land security;
- Examine ways to secure broader access to legal property rights;
- Examine ways to increase the engagement from civil society in the Land Administration process.

During the working group sessions, participants will take advantage of the knowledge acquired through the presentations to undertake a problem based group exercise.

Workshop program

Monday May 22nd

State of the debate around land tenure security

Searching for innovative approaches

Tuesday May 23rd

Securing land rights

Lessons learned from international experience

Wednesday May 24th

Land Administration in Africa

Progress to date

Thursday May 25th

Toward broader land tenure security in Africa

Participating countries & target audience

Target countries include: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. This course is addressed to:

- The public sector (e.g. Senior officials, policy makers and policy analysts of relevant ministries, staff of Deeds/Titles Registry or Record Office, Valuation Office, Surveys, Mapping, National Land Information System);
- Leaders of community-based organizations (CBOs) and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs);
- Representatives of informal settlements and traditional authorities;
- Donors: World Bank and other multilateral/bilateral staff involved in land programs/projects;
- Member of technical bodies;
- The private sector; and
- Trainers, researchers and academics involved in land

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