

# GLOBAL LAND TOOL NETWORK (GLTN)

**Secure land tenure and property rights** are fundamental to providing shelter, securing livelihoods, protecting human rights, alleviating poverty, enhancing economic prosperity and promoting sustainable development.

Facilitated by UN-Habitat, *Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)* is an alliance of global, regional and national partners contributing to poverty alleviation through the promotion of land reform, improved land management and security of tenure by developing and disseminating pro-poor and gender-responsive land tools.



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contributing to poverty alleviation through land reform, improved land management and security of tenure particularly through the development and dissemination of pro-poor and gender-responsive land tools.

## THE CHALLENGE

- Conventional land administration systems in most developing economies cover less than 30% of the population, leaving the other 70% to seek informal or customary approaches to ensuring security of tenure. **Land-related conflicts account for over 80% of court cases** in many developing countries, cases which conventional land administration approaches cannot resolve.
- Conventional land titling approaches have failed to resolve tenure issues because existing technical solutions are either too expensive, not fit-for-purpose or financially unsustainable. In addition, many countries simply lack the technical capacity to use existing approaches.

## UN-HABITAT'S APPROACH

The GLTN aims to secure land and property rights for all through:

- Developing partnerships at global, regional and country levels for a collaborative, coordinated, and integrated approach to land issues.
- Developing affordable, flexible, and scalable land tools, frameworks and approaches that are pro-poor and gender-appropriate.
- Raising levels of knowledge and awareness about security of tenure and other land related issues.
- Developing the capacity of international and national stakeholders in the land sector to develop and implement pro-poor, gender appropriate land policies through implementation of GLTN land tools.
- Supporting partners at country level to implement pro-poor, gender appropriate land tools in order to deliver security of land tenure to communities.

**80%**

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## Usage of land administration systems in most developing economies:



- Conventional land administration systems
- Informal or customary approaches

## IMPACT

- Since its establishment in 2006, the GLTN has engaged **74 partner organizations and over 2000 individual members** in developing capacity and enhancing knowledge with the objective of improving security of tenure in both urban and rural settings.
- **18 tools** developed to support improvements in security of tenure and land governance to empowering local communities in planning and related decision-making processes have been adopted in Angola, Colombia, DRC, Kenya, Mozambique, Uganda, and Zambia.
- More global land actors adopted the continuum of land rights and fit-for-purpose approaches for improving land governance.
- At regional level, key land actors have strengthened their knowledge about, and capacity to adopt and implement innovative land governance approaches in Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Arab States.
- At country level, GLTN partners and land actors have enhanced their capacity to implement pro-poor, gender responsive and more integrated land governance tools in their interventions in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Kenya, Zambia, Namibia, Colombia and Iraq.
- GLTN has developed and implemented operational tools for land based financing and land readjustment for use by local authorities.

CONTRIBUTING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

<b>4</b> QUALITY EDUCATION	<b>5</b> GENDER EQUALITY	<b>6</b> CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	<b>7</b> AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	<b>8</b> DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	<b>9</b> INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	<b>10</b> REDUCED INEQUALITIES
<b>3</b> GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING						
<b>2</b> ZERO HUNGER						
<b>1</b> NO POVERTY						

**11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

<b>12</b> RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	<b>13</b> CLIMATE ACTION	<b>14</b> LIFE BELOW WATER
<b>15</b> LIFE ON LAND	<b>16</b> PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	<b>17</b> PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

By promoting land reform, improved land management, and security of tenure by developing and disseminating pro-poor and gender-responsive land tools, the Global Land Tool Network contributes to *“ending poverty in all its forms everywhere.”*

Land is a driver to achieving seven Sustainable Development Goals as it is explicitly included in **SDGs 1, 2, 5 and 15** and it contributes to the achievement of **SDGs 11, 14 and 16**.

BENEFICIARY VIEWS

*“ We have transformed as a community. We no longer see violence as the means to settling of land disputes. We now embrace land mediation as the appropriate approach to the resolution of conflicts”*

A resident of Luhonga community, North Kivu province, DR Congo

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