



The GLTN Professional Cluster

More than 70 partners cooperate within the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), and these partners are organised in clusters. There is 'Bilateral Organisations' cluster which integrates many ministries and organisations for development cooperation, and also includes the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The 'International Training/Research Institutions' cluster facilitates cooperation between close to 30 universities and networks/groups of universities. Furthermore there are clusters for 'Multilateral Organisations' (like UN bodies) and 'Rural/Urban International Civil Societies'. FIG is a member of the 'International Professional Bodies' cluster together with the Arab Union of Surveyors, the Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy, the Federation des Geometres Francophones, the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, the International Union of Notaries, the Open Source Geospatial Foundation and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. National mapping and cadastral organisations are also members of this cluster, including Kadaster International (Netherlands), the Korea Land and Geospatial InformatiX Corporation, Lantmateriet (the National Land Survey of Sweden), Statens

Kartverk (the Norwegian Mapping Authority, Cadastre and Land Registry) and the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development in East Africa.

FIG President Prof Chryssy Potsiou was elected as cluster representative to GLTN's International Advisory Board. In close cooperation with the cluster members, a work plan has been prepared for the next two years. This includes an overview of activities, results and planning with a focus on innovative approaches in land administration such as fit-for-purpose (FFP) land administration and the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM).

Many people around the world do not have formally recognised, identified and documented land rights. The fit-for-purpose land administration approach provides a new, innovative and pragmatic solution to land administration. The work plan includes the organisation of an event on building developing infrastructure and services for imagery-based land administration, with particular attention paid to the requirements and the options for business models. This will provide an insight into the topic for industry.

Further areas of attention within the work plan are:

- Dissemination of GLTN tools with stakeholders involved in challenges related to land rights of immigrants, refugees and displaced persons
- Awareness and mindset change – experience and capacity development through the STDM in order to increase understanding of this approach amongst GLTN partners
- Dissemination of knowledge on the fit-for-purpose approach for land administration, investigation of potential feedback on recommendations, development of an outreach strategy and a roadmap to implementation
- Design and development of an online version of the STDM. ◀



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GSDI Members Receive Free Training in Asia and GSDI 15 World Conference Preparation Underway

The GSDI Association's Capacity Building Project is providing a free training opportunity for candidates from Africa, Latin America and the Asia Pacific region to attend the International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training (ICLPST) seminar on geographical information systems and land management in Taipei, Taiwan (Republic of China). The training seminar is being held from 2-15 March 2016.

The 2016 seminar is the fifth annual session to be offered by ICLPST since 2012, during which time 17 GSDI members have benefited from

this important training. Each candidate had to satisfy specific requirements and the applications were vetted by a committee made up of GSDI officers and members. The training opportunity is overseen by the GSDI Association's Mr Jeremy Shen, deputy director, individual members.

After reviewing 33 applications from the members of GSDI, the five selected participants for the 2016 ICLPST seminar on geographical information systems and land management were:

- Ms Meron Kinfemichael Teklie of Ethiopia
- Mr Ram Kumar Sapkota of Nepal
- Mr Laxmi Prasad Sharma of India
- Mr Lekha Nath Daha of Nepal
- Ms Leidy Johana Rico Trujillo of Colombia

All expenses are being paid for by the government of Taiwan. For more information on past training sessions, please visit <http://gsdiassociation.org/index.php/publications/workshops.html>. ◀