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# Second Arab Land Conference

## Masterclass: Towards a Common Strategy for Capacity Development in the Arab Region

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## **Capacity development for GLTN and the Arab Land Initiative:**

Capacity development is defined as "the process through which individuals, organizations and societies obtain, strengthen and maintain the capabilities to set and achieve their own development objectives over time" OECD (2006).

This requires:

- 1. Long term vision and commitment**
- 2. Strategic short-term interventions** delivering value in the short term while building the foundation for the long-term vision
- 3. A solid base of individual champions**
- 4. A growing network of organisations and institutions from the region** that will lead the land sector forward in the years to come
- 5. Some funding support from donors**

## What we have:

### In the region

1. Nine (9) signed partnerships;
2. Four (4) pieces of research;
3. Additional eighteen (18) innovation research;
4. Eight (8) capacity development events / including training of trainers;
5. Eight (8) expert group meetings and knowledge sharing events;
6. Call for six (6) twinning arrangements;
7. Support country interventions (6+)
8. First & Second Arab Land Conference
9. A knowledge platform (website) linked to other knowledge platforms
10. Ongoing partnership with other important initiatives and partners (NELGA, ILC, Lebanese University, World Bank....)

### Globally:

- Good toolbox of land tools and practices
- Materials / curriculum
- + UN-Habitat great infrastructure of country teams and land projects in the region
- Some funds

## **What do we want – next 3 / 4 years:**

- 1. Keep nurturing** and building on the partnerships developed
- 2. Further institutionalizing** the land governance work in regional / national institutions
- 3. Give space** and hand over some of the functions to regional / national institutions
- 4. Focus further on decision makers**
- 5. Get national land sector coordination** and dialogues going in selected countries
- 6. Continue playing the role of coordinator and convener**, in collaboration with partners and other initiatives for specific parts of the content (e.g. climate change, rangelands, universities, etc.)
- 7. Fundraising**