

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
DEADLINE: 30 SEPTEMBER 2021



Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration System in the Arab region

Expert Group Meeting

In-person/online

October 18-19, 2021 Tunis - Tunisia

Background

The “Arab Region Programme on Good Land Governance in support of Inclusive Development, Peace and Stability” aims at achieving inclusive social and economic development – particularly for women, youth and displaced people – and fostering peace and stability by improving the capacity of regional and national stakeholders to manage land in the Arab States. The programme is being funded by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development-Germany (BMZ), a cabinet-level ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Programme aims at improving the capacity of regional and national stakeholders in the Arab region to manage and administer urban, peri-urban and rural land to achieve inclusive social and economic development – particularly for women, youth and displaced - and to foster peace and stability. The programme has four priorities: (1) Promote collaboration and coordination; (2) Develop and share knowledge; (3) Develop capacities of individuals and organisations; and (4) Support the implementation of existing land-related programmes and interventions in selected countries through the use of fit-for-purpose land tools and approaches.

UN-Habitat is the coordinating agency within the United Nations System for human settlement activities and in collaboration with governments is responsible for promoting and consolidating collaboration with all partners, including local authorities, private and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, Goal 11 of “*Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*”.

The Regional Center for Remote Sensing of North African States is a Centre for research and studies that aims to encourage the institutions in the northern African States for using remote sensing techniques and upstream systems in the areas of sustainable development and scientific research, also it encourages the technologies transfer and the Capacity building for the member states.

The UN-Habitat and CRTEAN have signed an Agreement of Cooperation in 2021 that will aim at discussing and showcasing the Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration principles and approaches used in the region and elsewhere, to allow the different stakeholders in the Arab countries to understand the overall Fit-For-Purpose land administration systems and assess the ones that can effectively be adapted to the region/countries. The agreed project will include an EGM and two training sessions.

Meeting Details

The event will be for two days and will take place on 18 and 19 October 2021 in Tunis, Tunisia. Due to the COVID protocols and travel restrictions, we will also enable virtual attendance via zoom platform (the zoom Link will be shared at a further stage).

If the COVID situation in Tunisia won't allow the organizer to conduct the event in person, then the overall expert group meeting will be conducted online. Information on this regard will be communicated prior to the event. The simultaneous translation in the 3 languages (Arabic, English, and French) will be provided in the venue as well as for the online participants. A logistic note will be developed and shared with the participants in the coming weeks.

The EGM will be bringing together experts to discuss the land administration system in the Arab Region. The meeting will be guided by a moderator to tackle all the agenda outlines and to achieve the expected outcomes. The EGM includes presentations and will be enriched with case studies and best practices examples.

In preparation for the discussions, the selected presenters will be provided with some guidance to shape their presentations as a brief PowerPoint presentation format with the essential and adequate information on the EGM topic. The guidance will maximize the exchange of knowledge, information, and references that will feed into the preparation of the Expert group meeting report. A Facilitated group discussion will be conducted to help analyze the land management and administration systems in the different Arab countries and to identify priorities and adequate land management and administration tools for different contexts and country needs.

Initial Focus Areas and outcomes

The meeting will focus on the following topics:

1. The current situation of land governance and land administration system in the Arab region,
2. Understanding, building and implementing the Fit-For-Purpose land administration approach and framework.
3. The impact of the Fit-For-Purpose land administration systems on the security of Tenure for everyone and particularly on Women and vulnerable groups

The expected outcomes are:

1. Participants will come out with a road map for improving the land management system in the region, land tools using a pro-poor-systems and Fit-For- Purpose approach.
2. Identification of the main stakeholders and the experts in the field of land management,
3. Participants will have a better understanding of land administration frameworks; spatial, legal, and institutional.
4. Exchange of experiences among the participants on land administration and management systems in the region and discussing the priorities and adequate land management and administration tools for different contexts and country needs.

The targeted group for the meeting will include policymakers, legislation experts, land surveyors, private sector, land evaluation experts, Academia, Civil society organizations, UN agencies among other stakeholders that will be identified prior to the meeting.

Objectives

The EGM's will be an open discussion and knowledge sharing about land administration, approach, guidelines, and tools to improve land administration within three frameworks; spatial, legal, and institutional. Also, it will be an opportunity to introduce and inform the land experts and other stakeholders from the Arab region and elsewhere about the FFP land administration approach and tools. The meeting will be also an opportunity to discuss the available data and the current status of the land management and administration system in the region with emphasizing its impact on the vulnerable groups and the development of the region.

Materials

Before the event:

- All the necessary information and guidelines for the event will be shared with the participants in advance.
- Participants will be kindly requested to submit their presentations prior to the training (the guidelines will be provided in advance).

After the event:

- All materials shared with/by participants during the training will be uploaded on Google Drive that will serve as a knowledge hub for the covered issues.
- Participants will be kindly requested to submit summarized document on outcomes of the discussions briefly summing up the training discussions and highlighting key issues and potential solutions.

Working languages

English will be the working language of the meeting. However, English-Arabic and Arabic-English simultaneous translation will be provided as well as French.

Application, procedure and selection of participants

Participation in the meeting is free of charge.

Participants from Arab countries will be supported for Travel and accommodation, breakfast and meals in Tunisia for three days.

Interested candidates are kindly requested to send short organization profile (in case of applying on the behalf of organization) or personal statement (in case of individual application) to: Ms. Lamia Khemiri crtean.khemiri@yahoo.com.

The application deadline is 23:59 (EET) September 30, 2021.

In order to ensure an ideal working environment, CRTEAN will select a limited number of participants (only one (01) representative from the country) based on the provided information. It will try as far as possible to respect the organization`s/person`s priorities, but also to ensure a balance between genders, geographical regions, different types of experiences.

Candidates will be informed whether their application has been successful by October 1st, 2021.

Further information

For any inquires or further information, please contact Dr Hadi Gashut – General Director of CRTEAN at crtean.gashut@yahoo.com or Dr Jamel Gledan – Project consultant at jamalgedan@hotmail.com