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### Concept Note

## Training on “Land governance, women empowerment and socio-economic development in the Arab Region”

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October/2021

Online / in person

### **Introduction**

A training event on “land governance, women empowerment and socio-economic development in the Arab Region” is part of an Agreement of Cooperation (AOC3: Land, women empowerment and socio-economic development) signed between UN-Habitat/ Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), and the Palestine-based Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) as part of a broader Programme on land governance in the Arab region, funded by the German BMZ.

The area of work implemented by UAWC focuses on women and land rights, and assesses the impact of land tenure security on the socio-economic development, especially for women, in the Arab region. The area of work comprises three interlinked activities, namely an empirical study, a regional Expert Group Meeting, on women's land tenure security and socio-economic development, and two trainings for women and other land actors (government, civil society organizations, etc.) to build knowledge about the importance of land tenure for women and about how to achieve it.

Women in the Arab region suffer widespread gender-based discrimination in land and property laws, exacerbated by customs and practices which cause severe inequalities in their ability to access, control, own and use land and limit their participation in decision-making at all levels of land governance.

Women’s land rights are a key determinant of women’s empowerment in the Arab Region and have profound implications on their ability to enjoy civil and political rights, social and economic rights, as well as to escape poverty and social exclusion. Therefore, this training aims at highlighting the importance of gender-equitable land governance - men and women’s equal rights to land are recognized - in the realization of women land rights in the Arab Region, among



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land and human rights actors (government, CSOs, academia, grassroots organizations,) and showcasing its positive economic and social effects on individuals and communities.

This training event builds on the regional expert group meeting on “the evidence-based linkages between access to land and socio-economic development for women in the Arab region” held in February 2021. It draws on the following key recommendations and conclusions:

1. The recognition, respect and insurance of tenure rights for all community members, particularly women, are important to ensure the realization of their economic and social benefits on women.
2. Building the capacities of civil society organizations in understanding land governance and mastering research skills to gather and analyze needed relevant data is essential for the implementation of evidence-based interventions promoting gender-equitable land governance.
3. Policy-making is a process eventually authenticated by the government, but involves a diverse set of stakeholders (civil society, private sector, research and experts, etc.). The cooperation and participation of all these stakeholders is crucial to identify key challenges and build solutions to address them. The collective approach helps to build a multi-stakeholder dialogue, which supports for the resulting policy outcomes.
4. Awareness raising, gender sensitization, advocacy work and legal literacy are crucial in promoting gender-equitable land tenure governance.

**Focus of the training**

The training will focus on the topic of gender-equitable land governance; governance that recognizes equal rights to land, and addresses the different needs and priorities of women and men.

The aim is to discuss definitions and to provide an introduction into the topic, before addressing how to integrate the approach into policies and institutional frameworks. The training will also address legal and technical challenges in reaching gender-equitable land governance, and finally communication methods and ways to promote it within different contexts of the Arab Region.

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### Objectives of the training

1. To highlight the importance of gender-equitable land governance to increase land tenure security for women in the Arab Region;
2. To increase the understanding of the importance of women's land rights and tenure security and their linkage with socio-economic development more broadly, as a key issue to be addressed by national policies and land reform;
3. To improve knowledge and skills about specific modalities and tools to increase and secure women's access to, use of and control over land and natural resources;
4. To familiarize women and other land actors with approaches and tools promoted by GLTN, aiming to enhance land tenure security for all, and especially for the most vulnerable, such as women (e.g. the fit-for-purpose land administration approach, the continuum of land rights as well as the Islamic land principles).
5. To provide inputs for a related study produced by UAWC on the impact of tenure security and responsible gender-equitable land governance on social and economic development of women in the Arab Region, through case studies presented by the participants.

### Participation

UAWC and UN-Habitat/GLTN aim to bring together 25-30 land and human rights actors from the region to fulfill the aforementioned objectives. A call for participation will be opened and disseminated online.

The target participants include:

- Government representatives and administrators (land administration authorities, ministries of women, agriculture, legislators, ...)
- Civil society organizations, national and international NGOs (women rights agencies, monitoring agencies, human rights and grass root organization ...)
- Individuals (land researchers, academics, activists, journalists, female land owners and users) working in the land sector.

Some key stakeholders will be directly invited by UAWC to participate as speakers. Participants will be asked to prepare a 10-15 minutes' presentation on a case study demonstrating the impact of tenure security on women's socioeconomic empowerment in their country. This will feed into a related study component conducted under the AoC.

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### Language

Arabic will be the working language in the training. Presentations and other shared materials may vary between Arabic and English. Simultaneous translation will be available in the venue and for online participants.

### Date and venue

- The two-day training event will be held on the **25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2021**, Van Royal Hotel, Erbil, Iraq.
- All accommodations (hotel, meals, transportation, travel tickets) will be covered for the selected participants that will contribute to the event.
- A separate detailed logistic note will be sent 1 week before the event.
- The virtual attendance will be available to the participants who can't join the event in person. The zoom link will be share prior to the event with the participants.

### Methodology

1. The training will be carried out by different land and gender experts from GLTN and UAWC's networks, through sessions designed to cover the following topics:
  - introduction to gender equality in land tenure governance;
  - gender-equity and policy-making process;
  - women participation in land institutions;
  - legal and technical issues with regard to gender-equitable land governance;
  - how to monitor and measure progress in securing women's access to land rights;
  - communication strategies and methods to support tenure security, and responsible gender-equitable land tenure governance.
2. A session will be dedicated for participants' presentations to share case studies demonstrating the impact of tenure security on women's socio-economic empowerment in their country. The information provided and the discussions will feed into a related study component on tenure security and socioeconomic empowerment, currently being conducted by UAWC.
3. The sessions will be balanced between presentations providing theoretical inputs to the aforementioned topics, group work and interactive open discussions between the trainees and the experts.



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### Expected Outcomes

During this training, participants are expected to:

1. Gain introductory knowledge on women land issues, importance of women land rights in the Arab region.
2. Learn about gender responsive land governance approaches promoted by UN-Habitat/GLTN.
3. Learn about 2030 SDG indicators 5.a.1, 5.a.2 and VGGTs as global norm of reference for land governance and monitoring.
4. Be introduced to and network with a group national and international institutions and experts working in land and human rights sector.

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### Registration Link

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_3EiAkjFhR5Cq38fU2Iltvw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3EiAkjFhR5Cq38fU2Iltvw)

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**Training program**

<b>Training on land governance, women empowerment and socioeconomic development in the Arab Region</b> <b><u>25-26/October/2021</u></b> <b><u>Erbil, Iraq</u></b> <b><u>Van Royal Hotel</u></b>		
<b><u>Reception</u></b> <b><u>Sunday, 24th of October 2021</u></b>		
Time (Iraq, Local Time)	Description	Facilitators/Presenters
8.00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- arrival of participants and check in</li> <li>- welcome reception</li> </ul>	UAWC/Participants
<b><u>Day 1</u></b> <b><u>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2021</u></b> <b><u>9.00 AM – 4.00 PM</u></b>		
<b><u>Opening Session</u></b>		
Time	Description	Facilitators/Presenters
9:00-10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- welcome of participants and opening remarks (15 min)</li> <li>- roundtable introduction and training expectations (30 min)</li> <li>- Introduction to the Arab Land Initiative and GLTN (15 min).</li> <li>- preview of day 1 agenda (5 min).</li> <li>- Pre-training assessment (10 min).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UAWC &amp; GLTN</li> <li>- All Participants</li> <li>- UN-Habitat/GLTN</li> <li>- UAWC</li> <li>- All Participants</li> </ul>
<b><u>Training session 1: Introduction into gender-responsive land governance</u></b>		
Time	Topic	Facilitators/Presenters
10:15-11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to women rights, gaps and potential in the Arab Region (45 min)</li> <li>- Q/A (15 min)</li> </ul>	Rafic Khoury – Union of Arab Surveyors
<b><u>Coffee Break (15 min)</u></b>		

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11:30-11:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key messages and campaign on increasing women's access to land in the Arab region and GEC. (20 min)</li> <li>- Q/A session (5min)</li> </ul>	Ombretta Tempra - GLTN
<b>Training session 2: How to advance women's land and property rights</b>		
11:55-1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gender Evaluation Criteria for Large Scale Land Interventions</li> </ul>	GLTN
<b>Lunch Break (1 hour)</b>		
2:00 -3:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women's access to land and property: mapping challenges and opportunities</li> </ul>	GLTN
3:00-4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Creating an enabling environment for secure access to land by women</li> </ul>	GLTN
<b>End of Day 1</b>		

<b>Day 2</b>		
<b>Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2021</b>		
<b>Opening Session</b>		
Time	Description	Facilitators/Presenters
9:00 - 9:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recap of Day 1 (10 min)</li> </ul>	UAWC
<b>Training Session 1 : gender-responsive land governance in policy-making</b>		
9:10 – 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evidence-informed and human rights-based land policy making (45min)</li> <li>- Q/A session (15min)</li> </ul>	Joseph Schechla HLRN – HIC
<b>Training session 2: Measuring and monitoring women's access to land</b>		
10:10 – 11:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring and measuring progress</li> </ul>	Everlyne Nairesiae - GLTN
<b>Coffee Break (15 min)</b>		
11:25 – 12:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Awareness creation in shaping values and attitudes of gender dimension within land governance (45 min)</li> <li>- Q/A session (15 min)</li> </ul>	Lamees Sabatein + Viktoriia Adamenko Rasheed-TI Jordan
<b>Training session 3: case studies discussion</b>		
<b>(how does tenure security affect women's socioeconomic development)</b>		
12:25 – 1:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participants presentations (45 min)</li> </ul>	- Participants
<b>Lunch break (1 hour)</b>		
2:10 – 3:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of Women's access to and ownership of land in OPT (45 min)</li> <li>- Q/A (5 min)</li> </ul>	AWRAD
3:00 – 4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion of the way forward</li> <li>- Final training remarks</li> </ul>	- All participants



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	- Post-training assessment	- UAWC and All Participants - All Participants
<b>End of Training</b>		