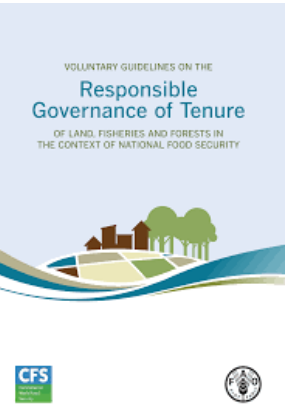


الاراضي العريية مارة Arab Land Initiative

Enhancing Capacities for Land Reforms through Regional Land Initiatives

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Why the Arab Land Initiative?

- 1. Region disconnected from global land governance / administration agenda**
- 2. Lack of interest in the Voluntary Guidelines**
- 3. '3 decades of delay' delay compared to Sub-Saharan Africa**
- 4. Experience of the Working Party on Land Administration**
- 5. Experience of LPI / ALPC**

Empowered land governance champions can:

- influence power dynamics
- facilitate national discussions
- support coalition development on key topics
- engage with policy makers and international partners

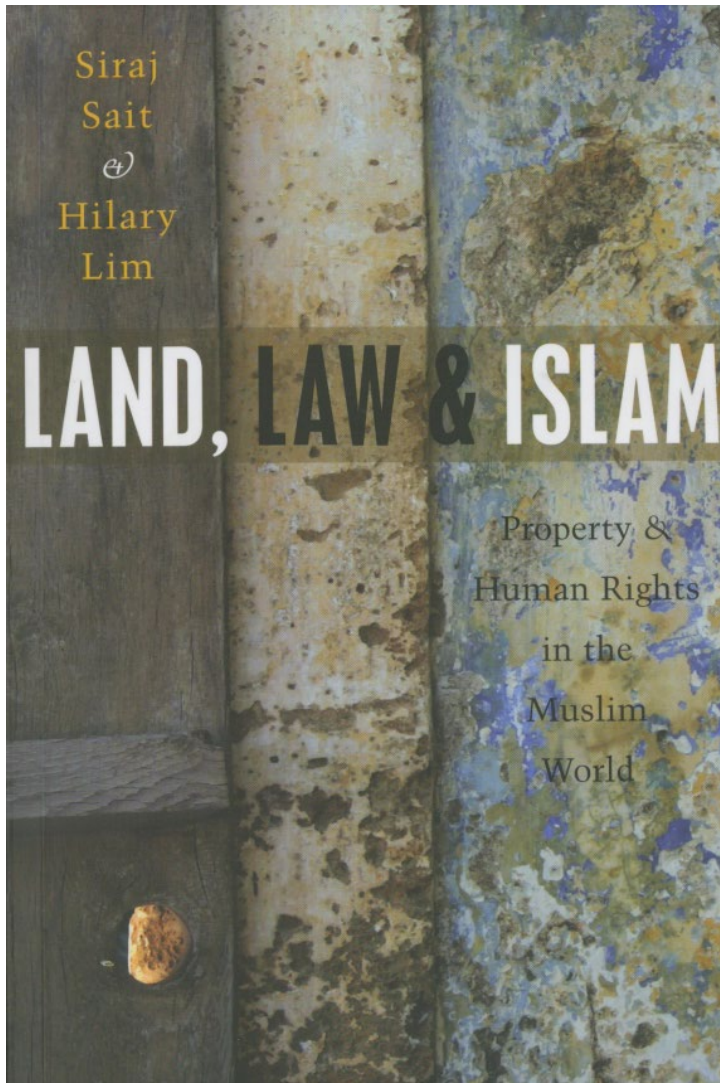
Climate action

Poverty alleviation & food security

Women's land rights and empowerment

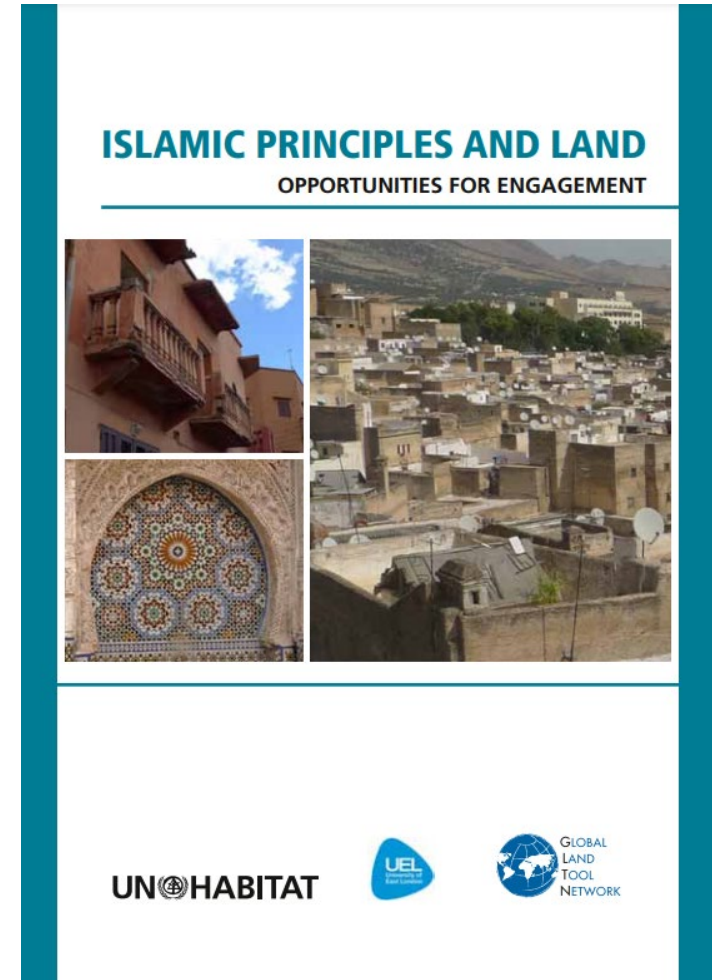
Land administration reforms

Land for peacebuilding



Land, Law & Islam, 2006

Islamic Principles and Land: Opportunities for Engagement, 2011



GLTN's role: the tools

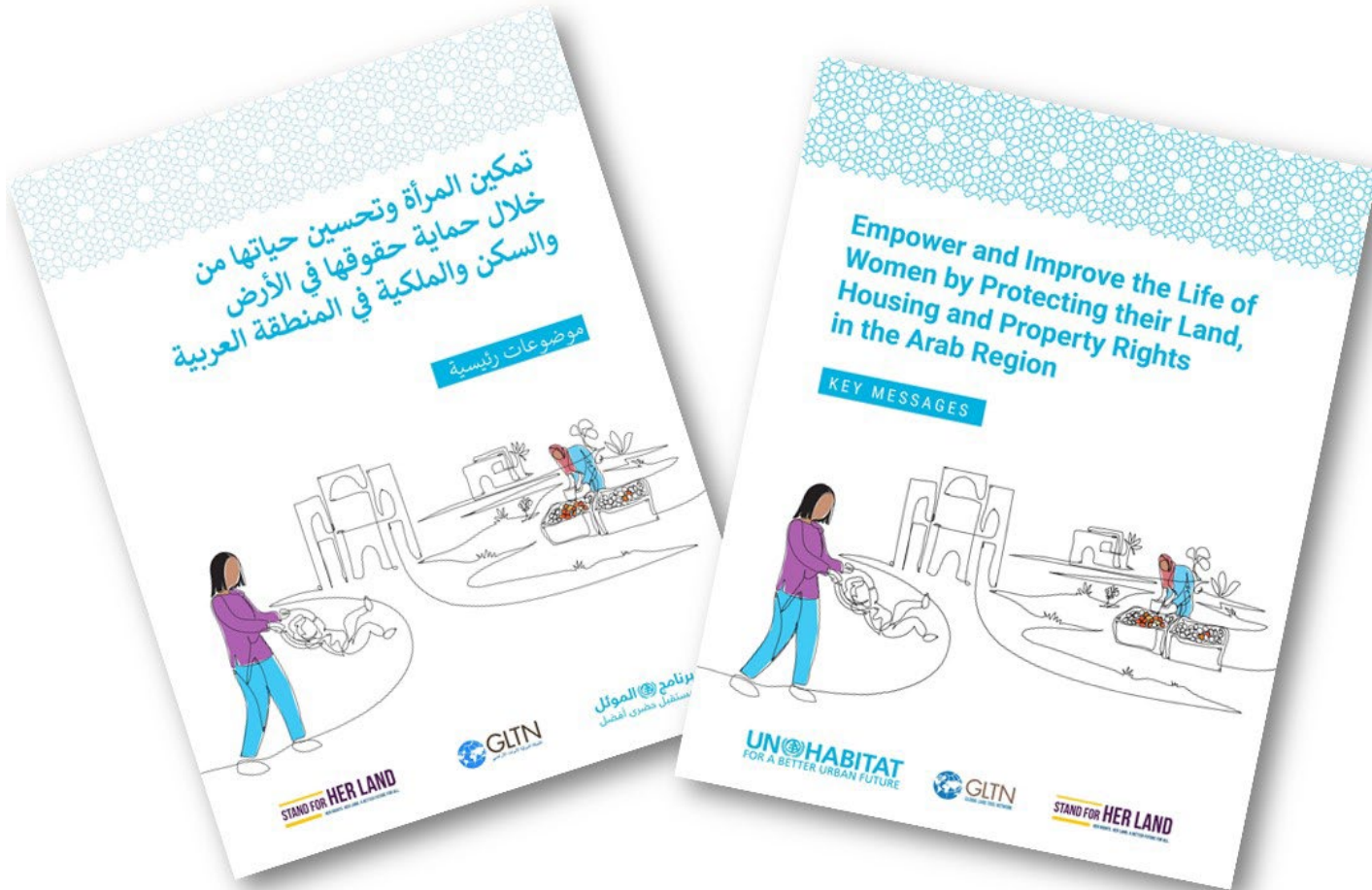
Women and Land in the Muslim World, 2018



GLTN's role: the tools

Messages

Regional & National Campaign

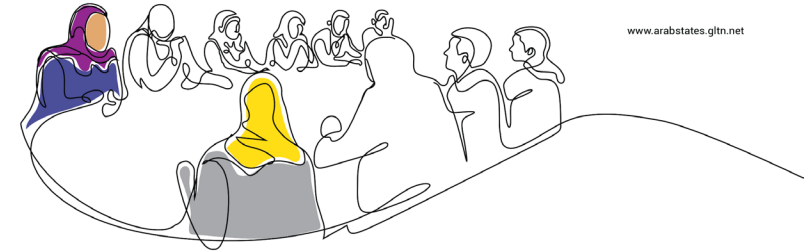


حقوق المرأة في السكن والأرض والملكية في المنطقة العربية

لماذا تحتاج النساء حقوق السكن والأرض والملكية؟

في السياقات المتأثرة بالنزوح والأزمات
عندما تتمتع المرأة بالحق في السكن والأرض
والملكية ...

...تزداد مشاركتها في صناعة القرار
وانخراطها في عمليات السلام



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On #InternationalWomensDay ♀ stand up for women's housing, land & property rights. Upholding women's #HLPrights significantly contributes to women's protection & to rebuild their lives & societies out of crisis #WomenAndLand #Arab_Land_Initiative

Women and Land in the Arab region

Why women need HLP rights?

In displacement and crises-affected contexts, when women have housing, land and property rights...

...they are better protected from violence, extreme weather conditions and other health hazards.

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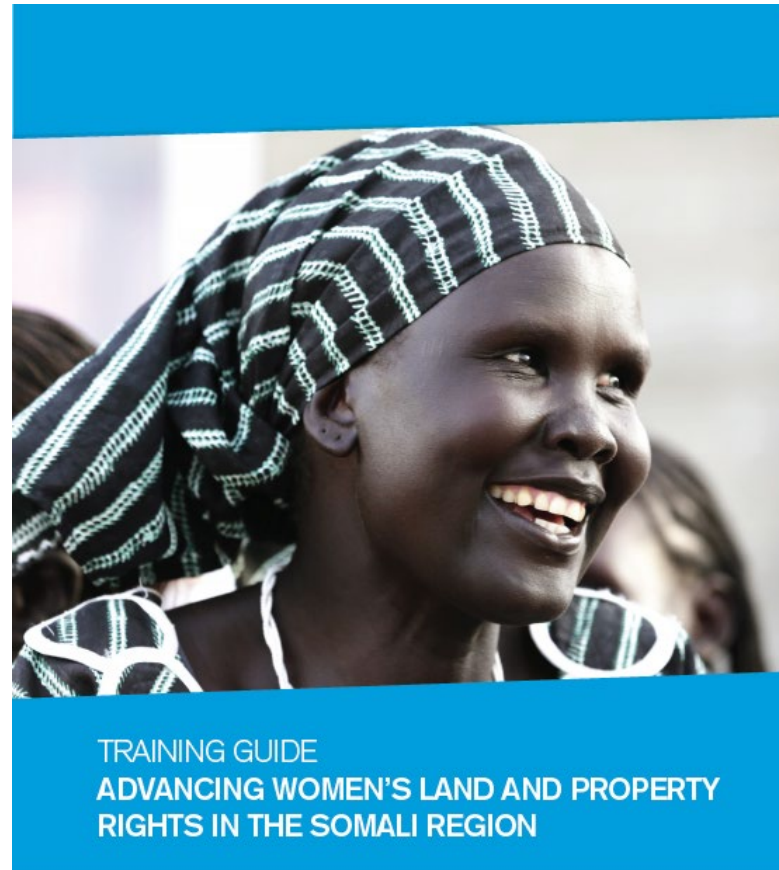
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Debates: holding the space for multistakeholder dialogues



Partners' led knowledge development



SECURING LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR ALL



A WORLD IN WHICH EVERYONE ENJOYS SECURE LAND RIGHTS

On the Initiative:

- ✓ Established in 2016
- ✓ Seed support SIDA, SDC, UN-Habitat / GLTN + in kind contributions from partners
- ✓ BMZ dedicated support since 2018. Netherlands support 2024
- ✓ **Goal: Empower regional and national land sector stakeholders**

Focus:

- 1. Alignment, coordination and collaboration**
- 2. Knowledge**
- 3. Capacities**
- 4. Support country interventions**

Build on global frameworks and knowledge, match possible entry points to the regions' needs, interests and capacities, empower local and national actors to take the lead

Thematic focus

**WOMEN'S LAND
RIGHTS**

**LAND
ADMINISTRATION**

**LAND FOR HOUSING
AND SUSTANABLE
URBANISATION**

LAND FOR PEACE

**LAND FOR FOOD
SECURITY &
CLIMATE ACTION**

**MONITORING LAND
GOVERNANCE**

The Arab Land Initiative's Network

2500+
land governance
champions

50+
organisations

**Collaboration
with existing
networks**

Catalyse the expansion
of land governance
portfolio in
15 countries

**Website &
social media**

60

**Reports and
research papers**

6

**Expert Group
Meetings**

**Website
Repository of
knowledge**

6

**Twinning
agreements**

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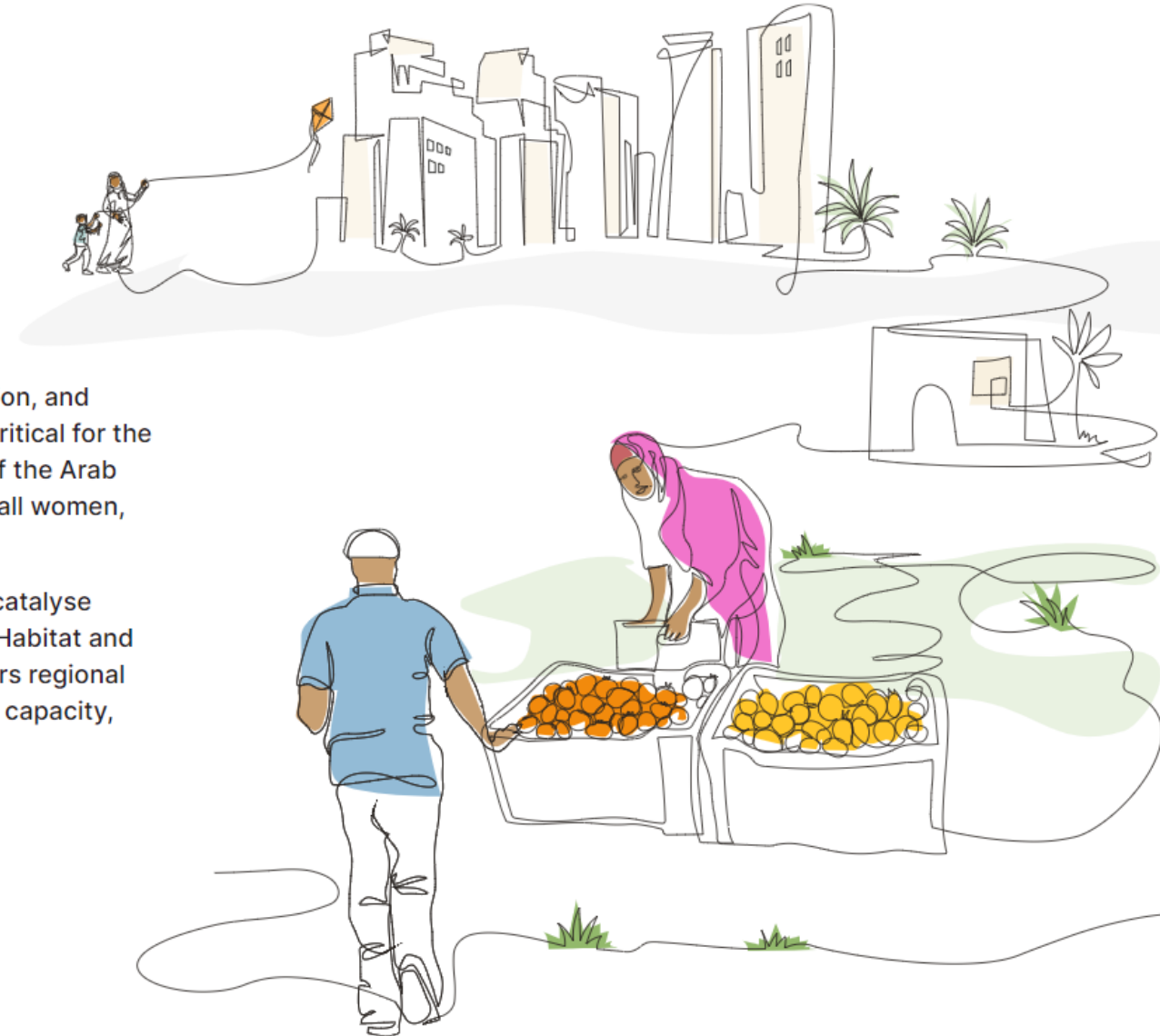
**Knowledge
sharing events**



Arab Land Initiative

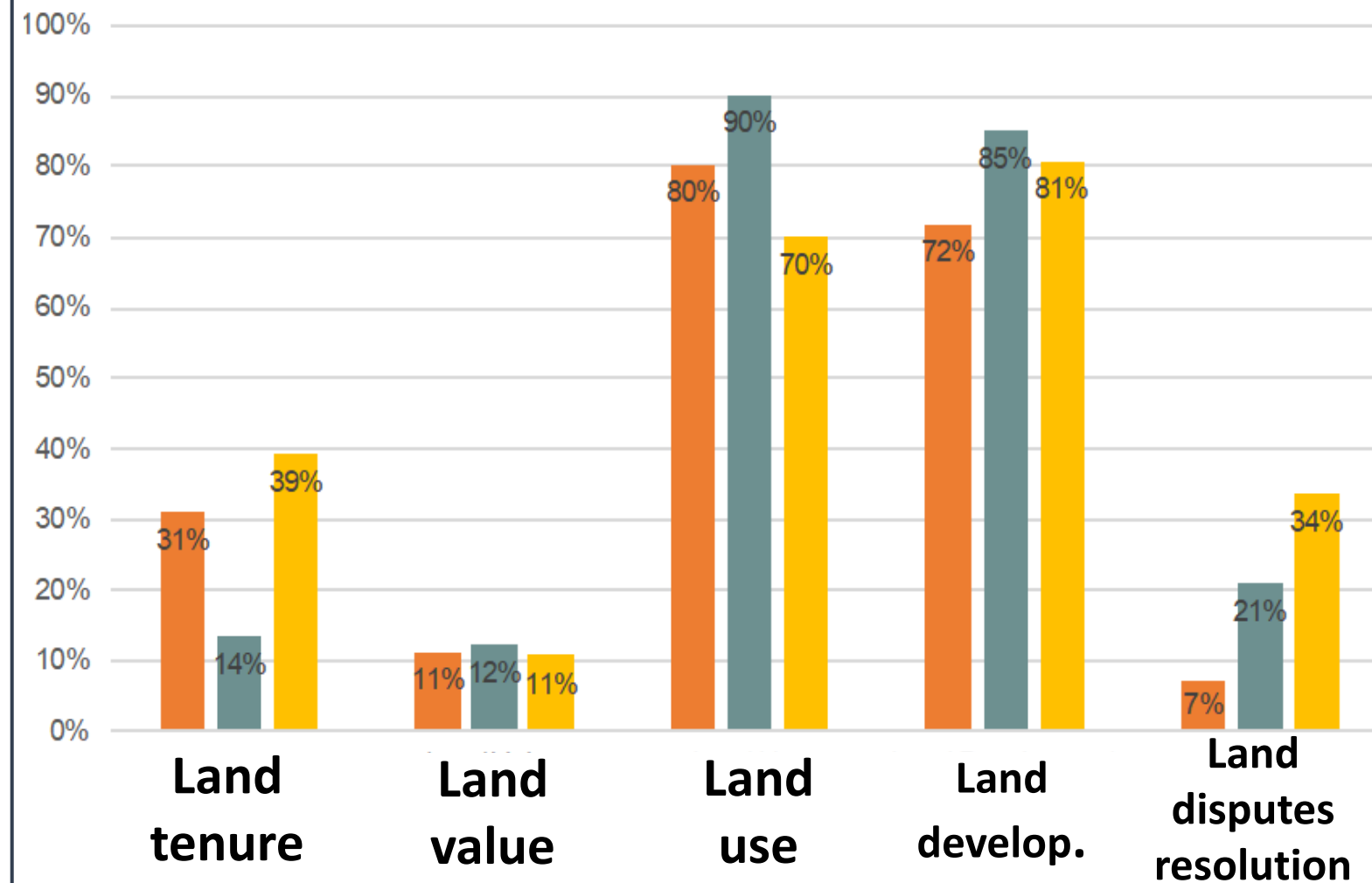
Good land governance, functioning land administration, and protection of housing, land and property rights are critical for the social, economic, and environmental sustainability of the Arab region and for the realisation of the human rights of all women, men, and children.

The Arab Land Initiative was established in 2016 to catalyse such positive changes. Under the leadership of UN-Habitat and the Global Land Tool Network, the Initiative empowers regional land champions through coordination, collaboration, capacity, knowledge, and information sharing.

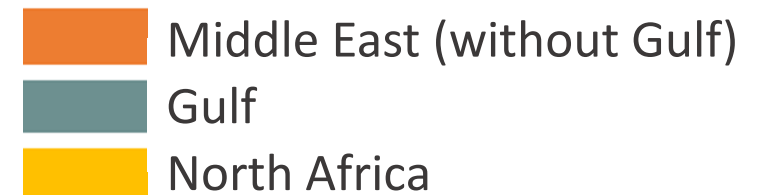
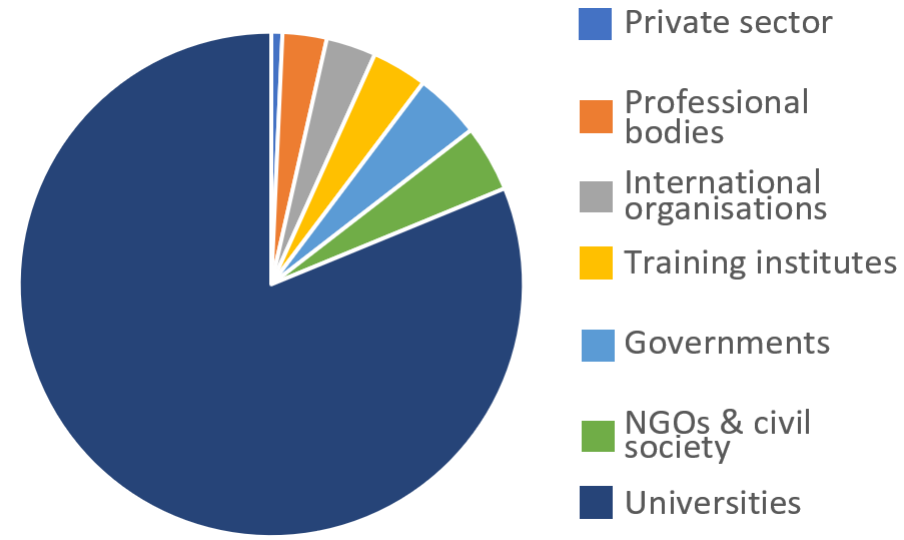


Analysis of land-related courses in the Arab Region (282 courses)

Content of land-related courses



Providers of land governance courses



1. Leaders & decision makers' attention
2. Empowerment and support to experts and practitioners
3. Regional leadership



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UNECE

Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA)



16 May

World Bank Land Conference

The UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM)

The work of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management is based on principles and objectives of key United Nations policy documents on housing and urban development, including, the [Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030](#)

The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM) works to promote:

- Affordable, adequate, climate-neutral housing, including for those with special needs and vulnerable population groups
- Compact, inclusive, circular, resilient, smart and sustainable cities
- Transparent and efficient land use, and property registration

The UNECE Housing and Land Management Unit is a secretariat to the [UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management](#) and its Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA), the Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM) and the Forum of Mayors.



UNECE: Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA)

- The Working Party on Land Administration aims to improve land administration and management in the UNECE region, enhancing security of tenure and promoting sustainable land use.
- It focuses on modernizing land administration systems, supporting policy formulation, and ensuring effective management and use of geospatial and real property data.
- The group fosters collaboration among member states through seminars, workshops, studies, and providing expert advice to promote best practices and policy development.



13th Session of WPLA

April 4-5, 2023

- The 13th Session of WPLA, held on April 4-5, 2023 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, served as an international forum for discussing land administration and management, where officials elected leadership and reviewed ongoing programs.
- The session reviewed the implementation of the WPLA's work since 2021, outlined the program for 2024-2025, and approved the draft Terms of Reference for 2025-2030.
- Discussions at the session also addressed major global trends affecting land administration, including ecosystem challenges and security, the impact of accelerated digitalization, and the future role of land administration in sustainable development and property rights security.



Recent webinars



- *25 April and 22 February 2024*
- [Cyber Security. Challenges of Cyber Security in Digital Land Administration:](#)
 - The webinars explored the impact of global megatrends and digitalization on land administration, discussing the shift to digital formats and its associated risks, such as data privacy and social stability. It highlighted strategies to mitigate these risks and strengthen security in the evolving digital landscape of land administration.
- *18 April 2024*
- [Ecosystem in Land Administration: How are land and cadastral authorities working with new ecosystems in land administration?](#)
 - webinar examined the increasingly complex interplay between ecosystems and security in land administration, highlighting the role of global trends and sector-specific drivers in shaping collaborative ecosystems and distributed functions through public-private partnerships and online services, with implications for national and global land administration policies.

Recent workshop

Workshop "Ensuring tenure security after natural and man-made disasters"

- 02 - 03 November 2023 Madrid Spain

The UNECE workshop in collaboration with the Spanish Land and Business Registrars Association, focused on securing land and housing tenure after natural and man-made disasters, discussing legal, geospatial, and economic strategies. The event also explored the integration of geospatial and legal information to enhance property ownership records and discussed the promotion of digital solutions for sustainable urban development and the regularization of informal settlements.

Past webinars

- [Cadastral mapping and strategies of land administration authorities in Europe](#) – 03 February 2022
- [Data interoperability: The benefits for the land administration sector](#) – 24 June 2022
- [Benefits and challenges of open data in land](#) - 27 April 2022
- [Socioeconomic benefits of geospatial information](#) - 19 May 2022
- [Geospatial information – advanced education and competence needs](#) - 22 March 2022

Ongoing Study on Ecosystem and Security in Land Administration

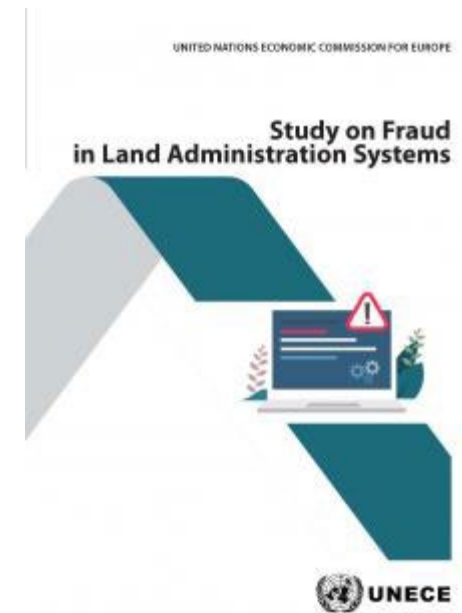
- The UNECE Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA) addresses global megatrends such as urbanization, climate change, and ICT advancements, focusing on optimizing land use and governance to maximize societal benefits.
- Enhanced by public-private partnerships and digital services, the WPLA promotes integrated approaches to land administration, including cadastre, land registration, and urban planning, to support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Future initiatives aim to strengthen land administration ecosystems through strategic, transparent, and cooperative frameworks that align with the 2030 Agenda, enhancing security, efficiency, and sustainability in managing land rights and responsibilities.

Study on Fraud in Land Administration Systems

October 2021



- This publication updates the 2011 "Study on the Challenges of Fraud to Land Administration Institutions" and analyzes current practices in combating fraud in land administration systems across the ECE region.
- It highlights best practices in detecting and preventing fraud, especially important due to the public electronic accessibility of land and owner information.
- The study identifies key areas such as system accessibility, experiences of fraud, and countermeasures, recommending stronger internal controls, checks, and sanctions to effectively prevent and deter fraud.



Public-Private Partnership in Land Administration

October 2021

- This publication updates the 2005 study on “Guiding Principles for Public-Private Partnership in Land Administration,” evaluating current practices and principles of public-private partnerships in the field.
- It helps land administration authorities by outlining best practices from ECE member states and assisting in the development of future strategies.



Scenario Study on Future Land Administration in the UNECE Region

November 2021

- Decision makers in land administration require a comprehensive understanding of emerging issues and developments predicted to impact the sector's future.
- WPLA has developed scenarios for future land administration and management solutions.
- This study explores future scenarios for the sector, considering the significance and expected impacts of global megatrends and specific drivers related to land administration.



Digital transformation and land administration

2022

- The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the digital transformation of land administration, increasing the adoption of online services and remote work, along with greater demand for tenure information.
- This publication jointly edited with FAO and FIG examines how land administration systems, particularly in the UNECE region, responded to pandemic challenges, emphasizing the need for digital solutions to ensure sustainability and responsiveness.

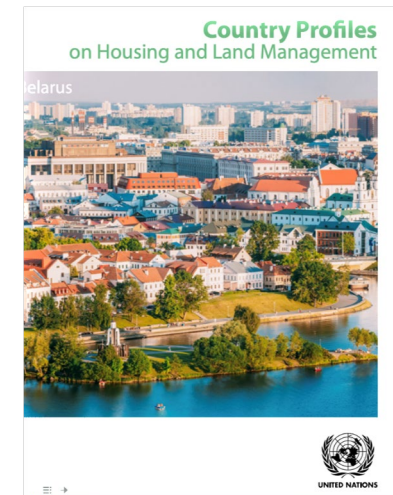
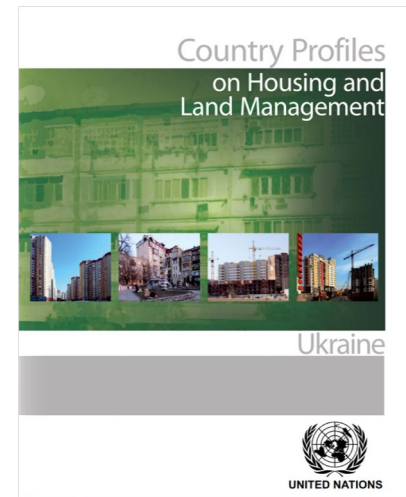
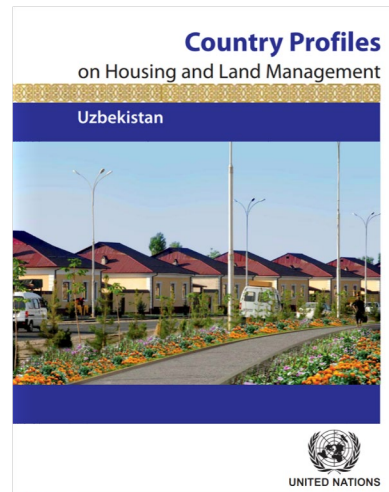
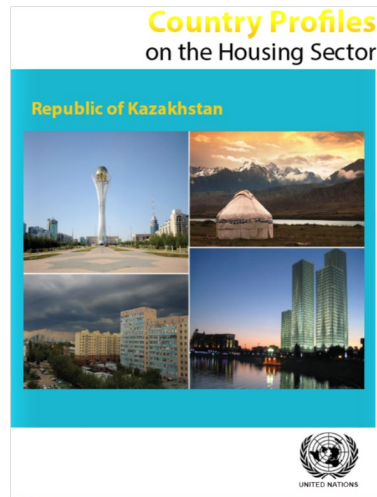


Sustainable Development and Security of Property Rights in the UNECE Region - 2022

- The WPLA, in partnership with the Overseas Development Institute and Global Land Alliance, produced a report assessing perceived tenure security for land and housing in the UNECE region, using data from the Property Rights Index.
- The report examines issues like unequal housing, informal land use, housing market rigidity, and property rights restitution, offering insights for strengthening property security through government policy and advocacy.
- Its conclusions support UNECE's efforts to achieve urban and land-related Sustainable Development Goals and align with the New Urban Agenda and the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing.



Published Country Profile Albania, ongoing collaboration on Armenia, and planning for Montenegro and Uzbekistan following the requests from the member States



Country profiles support countries in reviewing their housing policies at the national level through the preparation of country profiles on housing, urban development and land management and thematic studies.

Sustainable land use and climate neutral cities

Provide policy advice and capacity building to countries & cities on **formalization of informal settlements**



Guidelines for the formalization of informal constructions

Brief practical guide explaining how to structure a programme for the formalization of informal constructions, in an affordable, reliable, and inclusive manner.



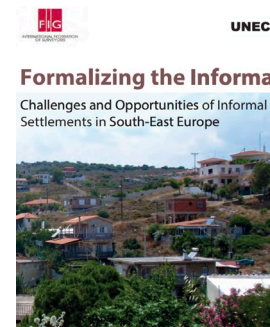
COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan for Informal Settlements in the ECE Region

Appropriate interventions can increase pandemic resilience and achievement of the SDGs.



Post COVID-19 Recovery for Informal Settlements in the UNECE region

Strengthening capacity of national and local governments to address the needs of the most vulnerable groups.



Formalizing the Informal: Challenges and Opportunities of Informal Settlements in South-East Europe

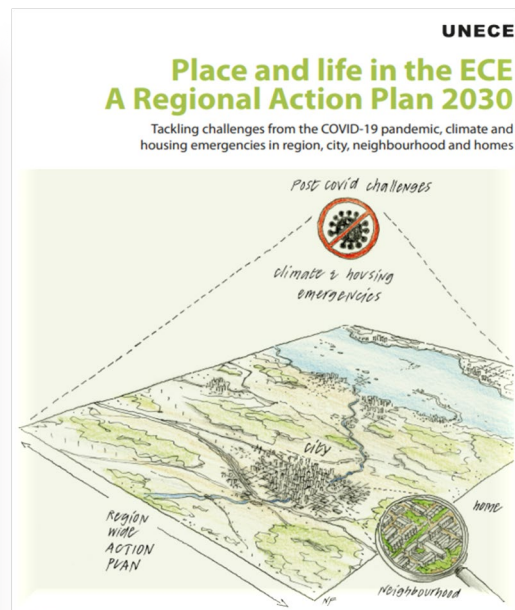
Causes of informal housing development in five countries of South-Eastern Europe – and assessment of governments' policies to address this challenge.



Policy advice to implement UNECE guidelines on affordable, accessible, adequate and healthy housing



Framework Documents and Action Plans



#Housing2030: online toolbox



The Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing

The Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing is a non-legally binding document that aims to support member States as they seek to ensure access to decent, adequate, affordable and healthy housing for all. The Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing was endorsed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on 16 April 2015

Chapter 1: Challenges to sustainable housing

Chapter 2: Goal, Scope and Principles

- (a) Environmental protection
- (b) Economic effectiveness
- (c) Social inclusion and participation
- (d) Cultural adequacy

Chapter 3: Key directions of work and measures to promote sustainable housing

- (a) Limit the negative impact of housing on the environment and enhance the energy efficiency of the housing sector
- (b) Promote access to housing in the context of sustainable economic development
- (c) Promote decent, adequate, healthy, barrier free and safe housing
- (d) Promote the continued application of sustainable housing principles

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

The Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing

Ensure access to decent, adequate,
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Building urban resilience to climate change, natural and man-made disasters

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#Housing 2023

- The report, #Housing2030, emphasizes the importance of effective governance, strategic land policy, and climate-neutral housing to achieve affordable and inclusive housing outcomes.
- It draws on the expertise of stakeholders from the UNECE region and beyond to define useful approaches, outline their advantages and disadvantages, and illustrate practical applications.
- Policymakers are encouraged to reflect on local needs and conditions, adapt policy instruments, and play a purposeful role in shaping more affordable and sustainable housing outcomes, aligning with Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement goals on climate change.



Thank you!

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