

UK Land Policy Forum – Third Meeting: Concept Note and Proposed Agenda -

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Time: 13:00-16:30

Place: ODI Conference room, London

Summary

The 4th UK Land Forum meeting will discuss the use of new technologies to map and document land rights and their impact on land registration and administration. It will also provide updates on recent activities of Forum members, including DFID.

Background

The first Forum meeting — held on 4 November, 2015 at ODI — concluded that the purpose of the Forum is to **provide a focus for debate, information and lesson sharing amongst UK stakeholders to inform DFID and wider UK policy and programming for strengthening of land governance and land rights protection.**

Theme for fourth Forum meeting: New technologies to map and document rights – learning from DFID & other programmes

Recent innovations in technology are revolutionising efforts to document land rights and to open up access to land data around the world. Technology, such as GPS and drones, now allow practitioners to document land rights effectively at much lower cost, in even the most remote locations. While these innovations have the potential to help secure land rights for the estimated 70% of land in low and middle income countries that is currently undocumented, they are not without challenges. The use of such technologies require complex software and computer infrastructures, and their adaptation and use in resource-constrained environments requires financial and technical capacities to be in place. Different needs require different scales of technology, and technology use may need land policy to be adjusted to ensure that it fulfils national requirements and follows due process.

Key questions to discuss in this Forum:

1. What role can new technology play in driving down costs and accelerating the process of mapping and documenting rights and getting formal recognition?
2. How are the outputs being used by national governments in their formal land registration and administration system?
3. What are limits to, and challenges, of using these new technologies?
4. What other areas could technology contribute to in land governance and administration?

Aim

The fourth meeting aims to facilitate discussion around land and technology based on recent research and activities.

In addition, the meeting aims to:

1. Share what is new and interesting on the agendas of Forum participants; and
2. Identify themes for discussion for the next standing Forum meetings.

Agenda

Time	Theme	Presenter/Chair
13.00	LUNCH	
13.30	Welcome and overview of the day	Anna Locke, ODI
13.35	Round the table update from Forum participants	All
13.40	Aims and proposed outputs of session	Anna Locke, ODI
13:45	Relevance of the theme for DFID	Chris Penrose-Buckley, DFID
	Discussion of innovations, opportunities and challenges in mapping and documenting land rights	Moderator: James Kavanagh, RICS
13:55	<p>Insights from a recent review of technology</p> <p>Insights from recent land registration programmes: Tanzania & Rwanda</p> <p>Insights from recent land registration programmes: Ethiopia LIFT</p> <p>The Cadasta experience – making technology more accessible</p> <p>A UK supplier’s perspective: opportunities and challenges, and horizon scanning</p> <p>Social challenges of technological innovations in mapping and documenting land rights</p>	<p>Robin McLaren, Know Edge Ltd</p> <p>Clive English – team leader of MAST, DAI</p> <p>John Leckie – land registration advisor, LIFT programme</p> <p>Frank Pichel, Cadasta</p> <p>Elena Lobo, Senior Space Innovation Facilitator, Satellite Applications Catapult</p> <p>Marena Brinkhurst, Namati (via VC)</p>
15.00	Questions and Comments	
15:20	COFFEE BREAK	
15:35	<p>Group breakout sessions (guiding questions):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has new technology driven down costs and accelerated the process of mapping and documenting rights and getting formal recognition? (including limits and challenges) What other areas could technology contribute to in land governance and administration? (including limits and challenges). 	<p>Facilitators for each group</p> <p>Rapporteur from each group to report back to plenary</p>
16:35	Feedback to plenary	Rapporteur from each group
16:55	Next steps and future meetings	Anna Locke
17:00	CLOSE	Chris Penrose-Buckley