



**HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON:**

**FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**AT THE GLOBAL LAND TOOL NETWORK (GLTN)'S 6TH PARTNERS MEETING**

**Monday 2 November, 2015 at 2-6pm, UN-Complex Gigiri, Nairobi, Conference Room 1**

The Outcome Document of the UN Summit adopted in September of this year recognizes the role of land and soil resources for sustainable development and calls for a follow-up and review of the agenda that is “participatory”, “inclusive” and that “respects the integrated and indivisible character of the set of goals”. Such an approach would support an effective review of cross-cutting issues such as land and soil resources as they are intrinsically linked to achieving food and energy security, sustainable agriculture and the supply of raw materials for other purposes. Open questions related to the follow-up and review of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) include, how should the follow-up and review of the new agenda be organized at national level through such an integrative approach that is participatory and inclusive? And who should be involved, how, and at what stage of the process?

Coinciding with the beginning of the implementation of the SDGs, this high-level event will aim to look forward into the future by addressing the necessary requirements for an effective follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for land and natural resources. In particular, the event will address the potential role the Global Land Tool Network and its partners can play in this regard. The GLTN -as an alliance of global, regional and national partners working on issues of poverty alleviation through land reform, improved land management and security of tenure- could play a role assisting national governments to conduct follow-up and review of soil and land-related SDGs. The event will explore this potential role. In an effort to increase the participatory nature of this otherwise by invitation only event, we invite the public to submit questions via twitter (@IASS\_potsdam #2030agenda) to be posed during the interactive panel discussion.

The GLTN and its partners, including the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, have actively engaged in efforts to ensure land and soil resources are recognized as underpinning several of the SDGs, but the implementation, follow-up and review phase beginning in 2015 will require a different approach to engage with stakeholders at the global, regional and national level. At this event, representatives from governments, the UN system, civil society and academia will discuss and find common strategies for engagement in the run-up to the next High-Level Political Forum in 2016, the 71<sup>st</sup> UN General Assembly and beyond.

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**Programme:**

November 2, 2015 – Room (Conference Room 1)	
<b>1:00 – 2:00pm</b>	Joint lunch (location tbc)
<b>2:00 – 2:05pm</b>	<p><b>Joan Clos</b> - Executive Director of UN-Habitat</p> <p><i>“Welcoming words and the importance of managing land in cities and human settlements for a successful post-2015 development agenda”</i></p>
<b>2:05 – 2:15pm</b>	<p><b>Alexander Müller</b> - Member of the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE), Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)</p> <p><i>“Setting the stage: how to ensure an integrated and inclusive follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda”</i></p>
<b>2:15 – 2:40pm</b>	<p><b>Keynote and Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Ambassador Macharia Kamau</b> - Kenya’s Ambassador and Permanent Representative at Kenya Mission to the United Nations (Kenya as co-facilitator of Post-2015 process)</p> <p><i>“Why is it important for countries to take the implementation of the SDGs seriously? And what are the necessary first steps?”</i></p>
<b>2:40 – 3:30pm</b>	<p><b>Interventions by distinguished commentators and discussion (5 min each):</b></p> <p><b>Aida Opoku-Mensah</b> - Special Advisor to the Executive Secretary on post 2015 Development Agenda UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) <i>“How to get started at the regional level and the role of UNECA for the review of the 2030 Agenda”</i></p> <p><b>Edoardo Zandri</b> - Chief, Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit, Division of Environment Policy Implementation (DEPI) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</p> <p><b>Frits van der Wal</b> - Senior Policy Advisor Food Security &amp; Focal Point Land Governance - Ministry of Foreign Affairs the Netherlands <i>“What are necessary policy changes to follow-up and review the implementation of land &amp; soil related aspects of the 2030 agenda”</i></p> <p><b>Oumar Sylla</b> - Unit Leader of Land and the Global Land Tool Network, Urban Legislation, Land and Governance Branch, UN-Habitat <i>“Land governance and strategic planning towards a transformational post-2015 Development Agenda”</i></p>
<b>3:30 - 4:00pm</b>	Coffee Break
<b>4:00 – 5:50pm</b>	<p><b>Interactive panel discussion “What role will the UN system, governments, civil society, others play in the review of the 2030 Agenda”</b></p> <p><b>Louisa Jansen</b> - Land Tenure Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</p> <p><b>David O'Connor</b> - Chief, Policy and Analysis Branch – United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)</p> <p><b>Gertrude Kenyangi</b> - Women’s Major Group/Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN) Uganda</p> <p><b>Raf Tuts</b> - Coordinator of the Urban Planning and Design Branch of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat</p> <p><b>Clarissa Augustinus</b> - Adviser to the Leader of the Land and GLTN unit, UN-Habitat</p>
<b>5:50 – 6:00pm</b>	Closing remarks by <b>Alexander Müller</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	Reception

