

Strategy Session: **Positioning youth in the post-2015 land and development agenda**

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Integrating Land Governance into the Post-2015 Agenda
Harnessing Synergies for Implementation and Monitoring Impact

Background

Youth have for a long time been an invisible voice in the land sector in spite of the centrality of access to land for youth livelihoods, civic life and cultural expression. As the largest global demographic group today, the contribution of young people and the integration of youth responsive approaches will to a large extent influence the progress made toward achievements of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals and the Habitat III agenda.

Addressing land related challenges for youth has not, thus far, seen much coordinated effort. Country level programmes often deal with land for youth in different sectors with limited overlap, including i) Agricultural land for livelihoods ii) Rural urban migration iii) Youth participation in urban governance and, iv) Youth and public space. Alongside this the land professional bodies are recruiting youth who are increasingly contributing to providing technical solutions to land challenges from post-disaster to community mapping tools.

In the context of the Global Land Tool Network's shared agenda of providing land tools to improve tenure security for all, youth has been recognized as a crosscutting theme. Many GLTN partners are also advancing programme and policy work around youth and land issues. In spite of the vast variety of challenges these interventions are addressing, there are fundamental themes to address. These provide an opportunity for a joint strategy for advancing the issue and ensuring youth voices and needs are heard and acted on in the post 2015 development agenda.

This strategy session will bring together youth, industry and organizations working in the field of youth and land to share experiences and develop strategic recommendations for positioning youth in the Post-2015 land and development agenda. The session will draw on the experiences of GLTN and UN-Habitat from the *Youth-led Action Research on Land* project. It builds on the Youth and Land side event to the United Nations General Assembly, held on 16th September 2013 in New York, which presented the experiences of young people in this project.

Objective

- (1) Present existing projects that have developed youth-responsive land tools, across the themes of technical, governance, livelihoods and data;
- (2) Develop strategic recommendations positioning youth voices and issues within the post-2015 land and development agenda

Structure

The session will have four short (5 minute) presentations outlining existing programmes across four themed components of youth-responsiveness:

- i) Technical Solutions,
- ii) Good Land Governance,
- iii) Livelihoods, and
- iv) Responsive Data

A facilitated discussion with all session participants will then draw from the experiences shared to identify common entry points for a Strategy on Positioning Youth and Land. Key elements of this strategy should encompass:

- Positioning youth at **strategic events** on land (and vice versa)
- Positioning youth responsive solutions to shared land challenges within the **Sustainable Development Goals**
- Identifying future **research** opportunities
- Identifying **partnerships** on how to work together to achieve this strategy.

Four discussants will wrap up the session by presenting the key strategy elements discussed and addressing the session objectives. From this session a Reference Group will be formed to ensure the strategic recommendations are clearly drafted, distributed and acted upon after this event.

Tuesday 25th March

12-1.30pm

Refreshments provided

Schedule of Presentations:

Moderator: Kate Fairlie, UN-Habitat

Opening
<i>Opening Address</i> Toril Iren Pedersen, GLTN
Presentations
<i>Young professionals using technical solutions to address land challenges</i> Eva-Maria Unger, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
<i>Good practice participatory models for youth-responsive land governance</i> Primoz Kovacic, co-Founder, Spatial Collective, Kenya
<i>Securing access to land and natural resources for the youth: lessons from IFAD supported projects</i> Steven Jonckheere, IFAD
<i>Ensuring the collection of youth-responsive, disaggregated data on land</i> Jamal Browne, University of the West Indies
Discussants
<i>Kysseline Cherestal, ActionAid USA</i> <i>Jack Makau, Slum Dwellers International, Kenya</i> <i>Susana Rojas-Williams, Habitat for Humanity</i> <i>Sosina Besu, Norwegian University of Life Sciences</i>