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Masterclass on

Analyzing and Improving Land Conflict Resolution Mechanisms

Sharing experiences from the GIZ Global Program Responsible Land Policy

Instructor

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Venue

29/Mar/2019: 9:00am-10:30am · Location: MC C1-200



Masterclass summary (*objective, content, methodology*):

This masterclass serves as a platform for interaction of experts, who have dealt with land conflicts, the prevention of conflicts as well as the strengthening of formal and informal mechanisms to solve conflicts about land. It seeks to offer guidance for future land governance projects, create synergies between donors and implementing agencies and jointly develop new practical concepts for researchers, policymakers and practitioners how to analyze and improve existing formal and informal, including traditional, land dispute resolution bodies and mechanisms.

The masterclass combines theory, case studies from Africa, Asia and Latin America and a joint exercise.

The masterclass is based on the GIZ guide “Understanding, preventing and solving land conflicts”¹ and recent experience of the Global Program Responsible Land Policy (GPRLP), implemented by the German Development Cooperation (GIZ GmbH) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), currently implementing projects in Benin, Ethiopia, Lao PDR, Madagascar, Peru and Uganda.²

¹ In addition to this “practical guide and toolbox”, GIZ has recently published training material and a trainer’s manual. All material is available in English and French.

² In its efforts to support partner countries in the improvement of their land governance systems, GPRLP focuses on three pillars: i) secure access to land for households in rural areas and improved institutional frameworks and policies for better land governance; ii) reducing the number of land conflicts by strengthening appropriate processes and institutions that allow for the prevention, early detection and resolution of land conflicts, and iii) sustainable and responsible investments in agriculture by promoting international guidelines and sensitizing agricultural investors to best practices that respect tenure rights and human rights.

Targeted audience:

Researchers, policy makers, and practitioners

Actions required:

Familiarity with land disputes

Masterclass program:**30' Theoretical input**

- Land conflicts and their causes - Understanding the causes of land conflicts to be able to identify appropriate land dispute resolution bodies and approaches
- Overview of consensual and non-consensual, state and non-state (informal, customary) conflict resolution bodies and approaches
- Tools and measures to assess and improve land dispute resolution bodies and approaches

30' Case studies

- Measures to assess, improve and create land conflict resolution mechanisms conducted by GIZ- GPRLP in Benin, Lao PDR, Madagascar, Peru and Uganda
- Best practices and lessons learned for strengthening land conflict resolution

30' Discussion and joint exercise

- Identifying approaches to strengthen land conflict resolution capacities that can be pursued by governments, CSOs, donors and implementing agencies