

## Programme for the Conference

DAY 1: 26 FEBRUARY 2018

### Day 1, SESSION 1 - High Level Opening Session 9:00 – 10:00

Hall: Astor

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
1	MC		10 min- Opening Ceremony
2	H.E Dr. Thani Bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi	Minister of Climate Change and Environment	5 min - Opening Speech
3	H.E. Amb. Abdel Moneim Mabrouk	Head of Mission and Permanent Representative League of the Arab States	10 Min - <i>The perspective of Arab countries on the importance of good land governance and land management to promote social and economic development</i>
4	Dr. Sarkis Fadous	President Arab Union of Surveyors	10 Min - <i>The role of land professionals in promoting good land governance and management in the Arab region</i>
5	Dr. Bander Al-Muslmani	Vice President, General Commission for Survey and the Secretary General of UN-GGIM Arab States Regional Entity)	10 Min - <i>Application of geospatial information management and new technologies in support of good land governance and land management</i>
6	Dr. Rafael Tuts	Director of Programme Division UN-Habitat	10 Min - <i>How land governance can contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals and the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in the Arab States</i>
7	Ms. Anna Wellenstein	Director, Global Practice, Urban, Rural and Land, World Bank Group	10 Min - <i>Land governance reform: a global perspective</i>
8	H.E. Salem Al Moosa,	Chair, Falcon City	5 min – Sponsor's speech

## Day 1, SESSION 2 - High Level Panel on access to land for real estate, sustainable business and investment; 10:30 – 12:00

### Hall: Astor

**Background:** International experiences show that promoting investment requires many enabling conditions, such as macroeconomic stability, infrastructure, and human resources among others. Land policy administration and management is one such condition. Land policy, administration, and management covers both private and state land. In many countries, effectively leveraging private land for investment purpose requires well-functioning land registration system, land-use planning that is responsive to urban expansion and the needs of the poorer segment of the society, and an equitable land and property tax which can raise revenues for local government also corrects market distortion and ensures property is used for high and best use. To effectively management state land (both allocated and unallocated land included) requires good inventory/state land database, transparent and effective allocation mechanisms which balances protection of state land for environment considerations with use of state properties for social and public infrastructure and some land could be used to promote investment. The system should also ensure recovery of unused or under-utilized land, and release for investment.

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
	<i>Ms. Anna Wellenstein</i>	<i>Chair; World Bank Group</i>	<i>5 min introduction of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and concluding remarks</i>
1	H.E. Mr. Aboud Saeed Gabir	Minister Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Physical Development - Sudan	<b>10 min</b> <i>Land management and agricultural investment: challenges and lessons from the Sudan perspective</i>
2	Eng. Mohamed Al-Mudayheim	Deputy Minister Ministry of Housing, the White Land Fees Program, Saudi Arabia	<b>10 min</b> <i>New technologies to support land registration systems, property and property valuation policies and taxes</i>
3	H.E . Sultan Butti Bin Mujran	General Director Dubai Land Department	<b>10 min</b> <i>Dubai rich experience in access to land for real estate, sustainable business and investment</i>
4	Ms. Nadine Bitar	Director Placemaking	<b>10 min</b> <i>The private sector perspective</i>
5	Ms. Seema Al langawi	Managing Director, Land Capital Land Administration Consultant	<b>10 min</b> <i>The land professionals' perspective</i>
6	Mr. Wael Zakout	Global Lead Land Policy and Geospatial, World Bank	<b>10 min</b> <i>Access to land for real estate, sustainable business and investment in Arab States</i>

**Lunch Break 12-13:30**

## Day 1, SESSION 3: THREE PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSIONS - 13:30 – 15:00,

### SESSION 3.A Technical Session: Women's land and property rights.

**Hall: Astor 1**

**Background:** Despite limited consolidated data, women in the Arab region are widely acknowledged to be lagging behind their access to land and property rights. This not only poses concerns regarding the full realization of their human rights and well-being, but also has a negative impact on the social economic development, food security, climate change and peace and stability in the whole region. Particular attention needs to be drawn to women affected by conflict, displacement and migration, whose - and whose children – survival, protection from physical violence and capacity to recover from the conflict are closely dependent on access to land and housing. The papers and presentations submitted on this topic can present challenges and successes on addressing women access to land and housing in the region, both in stable and conflict affected contexts. Considerations can be given to approaches that work with formal institutions and legal frameworks, but also to processes that are led by religious and customary / community structures.

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	<i>Annalisa Mauro</i>	<i>Chair; International Land Coalition</i>	<i>10 min introduction of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (30 min) and conclusions</i>
1	Mr. Rafic Khouri	Senior Advisor Arab Union of Surveyors	<b>10 min</b> <i>Women's access to land in the Arab countries</i>
2	Ms. Ombretta Tempra	Human Settlements Officer UN-Habitat / GLTN	<b>10 min</b> <i>Practical recommendations to increase women access to land and housing in the Arab states</i>
3	Ms. Shahaan Murray	ICLA Specialist & ICLA PM Norwegian Refugee Council	<b>10 min</b> <i>Barriers to Accessing Housing Land and Property Rights for Women in Iraq</i>
4	Mr. Rashid Abdel Aziz Musaad	Project Director, Butana Integrated Rural Development Project	<b>10 min</b> <i>Women Land and Property Rights in Butana Region, Sudan</i>
5	Mr. Jean Marie Bora	Land Practitioner Investigator Cabinet Praticien Foncier	<b>10 min</b> <i>Women Land Rights in the Maghreb between the complexity of the land system and discrimination: the case of Morocco</i>

## SESSION 3.B Technical Session: Protection of land and property rights of displaced people and refugees /1

### Hall: Astor 2

**Background:** The Arab region is currently the region experiencing the highest rate of forced displacement. Housing, land and property (HLP) rights challenges are common and at the centre of the international and national agenda in the Arab region, both for IDPs and refugees. Restoring HLP rights of returning refugees, solving HLP disputes while starting the reconstruction process, protecting the HLP rights for displaced people and refugees, creating a HLP rights registration system are issues with which Arab states and the international community are grappling with. There can be no social reconciliation and sustainable peace without ensuring that people and communities can regain access to the land and houses from which they were forcibly evicted and where they can rebuild their lives. What mechanisms and institutions should be put in place to prevent and address such issues? What roles can IDPs and refugees play in post-conflict reconstruction by rebuilding their own damaged or destroyed homes? What is the scope of establishing an efficient legal and institutional mechanism to mediate and resolve disputes and to ensure HLP right in the reconstruction process? How can countries emerging from war and destruction reconcile the rights of the displaced people and affected communities with pragmatic and effective reconstruction approaches for going forward? Those questions, among others can be answered in the papers and presentation submitted on this topic.

Order	Name	Organisation & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
	<i>Dr. Erfan Ali</i>	<i>Chair Iraq Country Representative, UN-Habitat</i>	<i>15 min introduction of the topic, share UN-Habitat Iraq experience on HLP rights for IDPs, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusions</i>
1	Ms. Laura Cunial	Information Counseling Legal Assistance (ICLA) Specialist Norwegian Refugee Council – Syria Office	<b>10 min</b> <i>Displacement and Housing, Land and Property in the Syrian Arab Republic</i>
2	Mr. Jamal El Omleh	Director the Land Research Center Palestine - West Bank	<b>10 min</b> <i>Land laws and regulations need to be understood and reconsidered</i>
3	Prof. Jon Unruh	Associate Professor McGill University	<b>10 min</b> <i>Upgrading Housing, Land and Property Restitution: A Digital Approach</i>
4	Mr. Abdel Rahman Mustafa Ahmed	National Programme Coordinator UN-Habitat, Sudan	<b>10 min</b> <i>Land Perspective for Durable Solutions - Darfur Case</i>
5	Mr. Tom O'Sullivan	Housing Land and Property Expert UNHCR Lebanon	<b>10 min</b> <i>The Housing, Land and Property situation of Syrian refugees in Lebanon – experiences from the field</i>

**SESSION 3.C Technical Session: New technologies to support land and real estate registration systems, property valuation and taxation policies/1,**

**Hall: Carnegie**

**Background:** Land and property values in many Arab cities are growing. With some paper based and outdated land and real estate registration systems in some Arab countries, there is a need to ensure that land data are secured, updated, easily accessible and frequently analysed. What are the new technologies to support land and real estate registration systems while using smart devices, adequate land registration system, online solution, etc.? Further, land and property rights can be an important entry point to manage urban and rural development, encourage and sustain investment in infrastructure and services, and generate income for local and national administration. Land and property taxation can be a very effective mean to create better cities, make investments in infrastructure and services possible and redistribute wealth for the benefit to all. The innovative approaches to land and property taxation policies, reforms and instruments are needed in the Arab region. Papers and presentations can present experiences and lessons learnt from implementing some of such approaches in the region and can at the same time question the role of new technologies for achieving the development goals related to land.

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
	<i>Mr. Tarek Osseiran</i>	<i>Country Programme Manager UN-Habitat, Lebanon</i>	<i>5 min introduction of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusions</i>
1	Firas Jarun and Jochem Lesparre	Surveying engineer the Department of Lands & Survey, Jordan  (MSc), Kadaster, the Netherlands;	<b>10 min</b> <i>A Strategy to Reduce Discrepancies between Graphical Cadastral Information and Physical Reality – a Systematic Approach in an EU Twinning Project for the Department of Lands &amp; Survey of Jordan</i>
2	Dr. Philip Auerswald,	Associate Professor George Mason University	<b>10 min</b> - <i>How Worldwide Cadastral Updates Can Launch a (Global, Distributed) Marshall Plan for Digital Skills</i>
3	Dr. Mo'men Al Jarrah	MARSRobotic company & Arab Surveyors Co.	<b>10 min</b> <i>Aqaba Railway Surveying using drones (UAVs)</i>
4	Christiaan Lemmen	Kadaster International	<b>10 min</b> <i>Simplification of Work Procedures in DLS – Based on Digital Archives</i>
5	Bashar Lazaar	Consensys Research	<b>10 min</b> <i>Exploring Possibilities for Land on a Blockchain Platform: Landstream and Democratizing real estate investment with blockchain</i>
6	Mr. Matthew Pennells	Digital Transformation Business Development Manager, ESRI	<b>10 min</b> <i>Exploring Blockchain based Land Administration. Transparent, trusted and future proof.</i>

## Day 1, SESSION 4: THREE PARALLEL SESSIONS - 15:30 – 17:00

### SESSION 4.A Technical Session: Education, research and capacity development on land policy, management, and administration/1

**Hall: Carnegie**

**Background:** There is a shortfall in both the quality and quantity of capacity needed to develop and implement inclusive and gender-responsive land policies and practices in the Arab states. College and university education programmes on land related disciplines - such as planning, surveying, social disciplines, law, etc.... are still taught in a very narrow and conventional manner, instead of enabling students and professionals to have a broader and holistic view of land management and its linkages to other sectors of the society and the economy. For example, there are hardly any law faculties focusing on land legislation reform in the Arab world. This is combined with the near-absence of land-related training and capacity building materials in Arabic language. While there is research covering HLP rights for IDPs, there is a gap in terms of information, data and analysis on land policy, land legislation, land management, and land administration in the region. Gender disaggregated data is not collected. To achieve sustained, transformational change, there is the need of rethinking and innovating in the area of education, research and capacity development to scale up good practices from the region, develop new tools and approaches, strengthen land-related institutions and organizations, and to enhance the skills of key Arab actors in the land sector. The papers and presentations submitted can reflect, analyse and make proposals on this topic.

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
	<i>Willi Zimmermann</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>10 min introduction of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusions</i>
1	Mr. Mohamed Timoulali	GTOPIC sarl	<b>10 min</b> <i>Capacity Development on Land Governance in North Africa</i>
2	Mr. Moha EL-Ayachi	Associate Professor Institute of agronomy and Veterinary Medicine, Department of Geodetic Sciences, Morocco	<b>10 min</b> <i>Challenges and opportunities of The Northern Africa Land tenure systems.</i>
3	Fredrik Zetterquist	Chair UNECE WPLA	<b>10 min</b> <i>Capacity Development and Regional Cooperation to Improve Land Administration and Management – Proven Experience from the UNECE Region</i>
4	Dr. Barron Joseph Ms. Sabine Sakr	Lead Scientist Associate Program Officer UNCCD	<b>10 min</b> <i>Promoting Innovation in Land Governance through Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN)</i>
5	Dr. Salah Mahmoud Osman	Associate professor, Faculty of Architecture University of Khartoum	<b>10 min</b> <i>Towards a Dynamic Socio-Spatial Analytical Model for Land Issues In Post Conflict Areas – the Experience of Sudan National Urban Policy</i>

## SESSION 4.B Technical Session: Access to land for sustainable business and investment

### Hall: Astor 1

**Background:** As the national economies grow in the Arab States is facing challenges, the pressure over the land resources increases, because land is necessary for agricultural production, establishment of businesses and economic activities, provision of services and infrastructure and exploitation of natural resources including minerals and oil. Related functions - such as housing, public life, entertainment, transportation, protection of the environment and its natural resources - also require land. Countries and local administrations are therefore called to better manage access to land to foster economic development and promote sustainable business and investment. The sustainability of access to land for business and investment is characterized by the balancing of the economic development needs with the social, environmental and cultural needs of a society. This includes the protection of housing, land and property rights of communities living and using the land, the safeguard of the way of living and the culture of different groups and environmental considerations. Papers and presentations submitted should help the understanding that different dynamics of accessing land for sustainable business and investment, explore challenges and solutions, and demonstrate how good land management is crucial for the promotion of sustainable business and investment in the Arab states. Regional trends and considerations and specific case studies can be presented, as well as specific technical tools and approaches (e.g. land based financing, land readjustment, negotiated territorial agreements, responsible agricultural investment models, etc.).

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
	<i>Wael Zakout</i>	<i>Chair; World Bank Group</i>	<i>5 min introduction of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusions</i>
1	Mr. Medhat Mohamed Kamal	Chairman General Authority of Survey – Egypt	<b>10 min</b> <i>The role of land survey in national projects in Egypt</i>
2	Mr. Ali Daoudi  Mr. Jean-Philippe Colin	Département d'économie rurale, Ecole Nationale Supérieure Agronomique, Algiers, Algeria  UMR GRED, Institut de recherche pour le développement, Montpellier, France & Département d'économie rurale, ENSA Algiers	<b>10 min</b> <i>Land policy and land markets on the agricultural frontier in arid Algeria</i>
3	Ms. Sarah Hayes	Land Governance Officer Land Tenure and Development' Technical Committee / Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs	<b>10 min</b> <i>guide to due diligence of agribusiness projects that affect land and property rights</i>
4	Dr. Mohyeldeen Eltohami Taha	Peacebuilding and Safeguard Expert Sudan Peace building and Development Project and Partners in Development Service (PDS)	<b>10 min</b> <i>Land and Development in Sudan</i>
5	Ms. Kholoud Saad Salama	Consultant / Project Manager Land Administration	<b>10 min - Common challenges in Land Administration implementations within Arab Countries</b>
6	Mr. Daniel Danano	FAO	<b>10 min - Pressure on land in the NENA: What policy, socioeconomic and technical actions are required?</b>
7	Dr. Nihal El-Megharbel	Legislation and Governance Program Manager UN-Habitat Egypt	<b>10 min - No attractive land for businesses: Cities without industry and industry without cities?, Scarce land yet scattered investments</b>

**SESSION 4.C Technical Session: New technologies to support land and real estate registration systems, property valuation and taxation policies / 2**

**Hall: Astor 2**

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
	<i>Mr. Khalifa Al Zeriam</i>	<i>Chair; Emirates Real Estate Solution</i>	<i>5 min introduction of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusions</i>
1	Eng. Abdulhameed Alhammad	Deputy Executive Director the Idle Lands Program, Saudi Arabia	<b>10 min</b> <i>The experience of charging the with land taxes: between a digitalized system and the use of geo-engineering)</i>
2	Mr. Peter Stolk and Mr. Sufian Harb	Kadaster International DLS	<b>10 min</b> <i>Digital Archiving</i>
3	Dr. Kamie Kitmitto	CEO of Intelligent Mapping Ltd The University of Manchester, Intelligent Mapping Ltd.	<b>10 min</b> - <i>Novel approach to the creation of National Mapping for developing countries to facilitate addressable identification of lands and properties.</i>
4	Mr. Neil Ackroyd	Deputy Chief Executive, Ordnance Survey	<b>10 min</b> <i>Sustainable Digital Land Administration within Arab Countries</i>
5	Carsten Bjornsson	Senior Program Manager ESRI	<b>10 min</b> <i>The importance of a proper address system for secure land tenure - GIS based Land Administration</i>
6	Mr. Khalid Al Hammadi	Former Director of GIS the Information and eGovernment Authority in Bahrain - Arab Union of Surveyors	<b>10 min</b> <i>The Role of SDI in Spatially Enabled Cadastre (SEC)</i>

SESSION 5, Day 2 - High Level Panel on Land and Conflict; 09:00 – 10:30

## Hall: Astor

**Background:** Land issues can be drivers of conflict and obstacle to peace, stabilisation and recovery in counties affected by war. Increasingly acknowledged as crucial in peace-making and peace-building, if not addressed, land-related issues can contribute to protract crises and hamper social reconciliation. In the coming decades, global challenges such as population growth, urbanization, rural-urban migration, increasing food insecurity and climate change will generate more competition over land, which will increase the number of land-related conflicts at global, regional, national, and community level. Because of these trends, increasingly large numbers of people are likely to be forcefully displaced, as recent trends already indicate. Rural-urban migration upsurge by people in search of food security, livelihoods, access to services and work, will, in the absence of planned urbanization, increase proliferation of slums and informal settlements in urban and peri-urban areas, leading to conflicts with communities and individuals already living in the area. Women, youth children and other vulnerable groups, such as indigenous people, will be affected the most. These challenges are acknowledged in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which, for the first time, propose a transformative development agenda that has reference to land in Goals 1,2,5,10,11, 15 and 16. The High-Level Panel on Land and Conflict aims at highlighting challenges and solutions to address the land and conflict nexus in the Arab countries.

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
	<i>Oumar Sylla</i>	<i>Chair; UN-Habitat / GLTN</i>	<i>5 min introduction of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusion</i>
1	Hon. Abdul Kareem Faris	Deputy Minister Ministry of Justice, Iraq	<b>10 min</b> - <i>The relevance and impact of land-related conflicts in Iraq: challenges and opportunities for stabilization and reconstruction</i>
2	Hon. Musa Shkarna	Head of Commission, Land and Water Settlement Commission, Palestine	<b>10 min</b> - <i>The relevance and impact of land-related conflicts in Palestine: challenges and opportunities</i>
3	Mr. Javier Molina	Senior Land Tenure Expert Food and Agriculture Organization	<b>10 min</b> – <i>The relevance of the Voluntary Guidelines on Good Land Governance of Tenure for countries affected by conflict</i>
4	Dr. Abdel Salam Sidahmed	Regional Representative, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	<b>10 min</b> - <i>Addressing Housing, Land and Property rights in the Arab region for conflict prevention, mitigation and resolution: <a href="#">handbook on Pinheiro principles</a></i>
5	Ms. Laura Cunial	Information Counseling Legal Assistance Specialist, Norwegian Refugee Council	<b>10 min</b> - <i>Addressing land rights for refugees and IDPs, key lessons from the field</i>
6	Ms. Karolina Lindholm Billing	Deputy Representative, UN High Commission for Refugees Lebanon	<b>10 min</b> – <i>Improving the lives of refugees in the Arab region: how land issues come into play and should be better addressed</i>

## **SESSION 6, Day 2 - High Level Panel on Women and Land 11:00 – 12:30**

### **Hall: Astor**

**Background:** The social and economic development of every society goes hand in hand with the social and economic development of women and the realization of their human rights. Access to, use of and control over land – and housing - are necessary cornerstones of this positive change; they contribute to peace and stability in conflict-affected contexts and to the overall improvement of women’s conditions. The challenges in accessing land faced by women in Arab countries do not substantially differ from those faced by women in other parts of the world: prescribed gender roles, unequal power dynamics, discriminatory family practices, unequal access to institutions and land administration processes, traditional norms and local tenure relationships frequently deny women the chance to adequately access land. The High-Level Panel on Women and Land aims at highlighting challenges and solutions to address women access to land in the Arab countries.

<b>Order</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization &amp; Function</b>	<b>Duration of the intervention and Topic</b>
	<i>Ms. Zena Ali Ahmad</i>	<i>Chair; Director, Regional Office for Arab States, UN-Habitat</i>	<i>20 min introduction of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusion</i>
1	H.E. Mr. Mabrouk Kourchid	Minister Ministry of State domain and land affairs – Tunisia	<b>10 min</b> <i>The experience of Tunisia in advancing the conditions of women and protecting women’s land and property rights</i>
2	Mr. Michael Taylor	Director International Land Coalition	<b>10 min</b> <i>Land rights for women, farmers and pastoralists in the Arab states: the perspective of civil society</i>
3	Mr. Frode Muring	United Nations Resident Coordinator, UAE, Oman & Qatar	<b>10 min</b> <i>Gender perspectives from the Gulf region</i>
4	Ms. Jebri Radhia,	President Union Nationale des Femmes Tunisiennes (UNFT)	<b>10 min</b> <i>Advocate for the eradication of poverty, UNFT’s experience in supporting the creation of income for women and families in precarious situations</i>
5	Majida Ali Rashed	Assistant General Director Dubai Land Department	<b>10 min</b> <i>Bringing land administration closer to the needs of women: the experience of Dubai</i>
6	Ms. Raghda Jaber	Senior Land Use Policy Advisor Supreme Council for Planning, Oman	<b>10 min</b> <i>Land Conveyance Policy in Oman: conveying land to Women as well as men</i>

**Lunch Break 12:30 -13:30**

**SESSION 7.A Technical Session: Land management and housing policy;**

**Hall: Astor 1**

**Background:**

Studies have demonstrated that the majorities of the price that people pay for paying a house goes to pay for the land on which the house is built, especially in urban areas. Availability and affordability of suitably located urban serviced land is therefore the most crucial element to achieve adequate housing for all. While there have been extensive global discussions on how to promote city inclusivity and housing affordability, a lot remains to be done to link land policies and land management to housing initiatives. At the same time, legislative basis for urban planning, housing policy and land management are absent in some Arab States, the development of master plans are prepared but their implementation is emasculated by the lack of this legislative basis. The papers and presentations submitted can investigate the interlinkages between housing policies and interventions and land management and the relationship between land supply and the supply of housing to ensure adequate and affordable housing for all.

Order	Name	Organization	Duration of the intervention and Topic
	<i>H.H. Shaikh Nayef Bin Khalid Al Khalifa</i>	<i>Chair; CEO of Urban Planning and Development Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain</i>	<i>10 min introduction of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusion</i>
1	Mr. Christopher Feather	Executive Director Kalamu Consulting	<b>10 min</b> - <i>Expanding Access to Residential Land for Arab Youth: Densification Opportunities for Affordable Housing</i>
2	Ms. Griet Steel	LANDac Netherlands Academy for Land Governance, Utrecht University	<b>10 min</b> - <i>Land, housing and urbanization in the fringes of Khartoum, Sudan</i>
3	Dr. Mohamed El-Wateq Abdel-Hamid Mohamed Ibrahim	MBM - Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	<b>10 min</b> - <i>The new legal concepts of real estate ownership and registration provisions in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi</i>
4	Dr. Bassem Fahmy MRTPI	Principal Adviser - Programme Manager UN-Habitat - Egypt Office	<b>10 min</b> - <i>Urban planning and productive development linking planning and economy in Al-Alamein new city, Egypt</i>

**SESSION 7.B Technical Session: Protection of land and property rights of displaced people and refugees/2**

**Hall: Astor 2**

<b>Order</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization &amp; Function</b>	<b>Duration of the intervention and Topic</b>
	<i>H.E. Dr. Gamal Mahmoud Hamid</i>	<i>Chair; Minister of Urban Planning – Khartoum State – Sudan</i>	<i>10 min introduction of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusion</i>
1	Mr. Ismael Frioud	Program Manager Iraq	<b>10 min</b> <i>Land and Property Rights of IDPs in Iraq</i>
2	Mr. Jihad Arafat	ICLA Project Coordinator Norwegian Refugee Council, Gaza	<b>10 min</b> <i>Rebuilt from the Rubble: Gaza three years after</i>
3	Ms. Tala Kammourieh	Housing Policy Analyst UN-Habitat, Lebanon	<b>10 min</b> <i>Housing, Land and Property Issues affecting Syrian refugees</i>
4	Ms. Shahd Almukhtar	Technical University of Munich	<b>10 min</b> <i>How to protect HLP rights of Syrian IDPs and refugees, with a focus on women rights</i>
5	Mr. Joseph Schechla	Coordinator Housing and Land Rights Network, Habitat International Coalition	<b>10 min</b> <i>Challenges and Priorities for Arab Land Restitution within International Law Norms</i>

**SESSION 7.C Technical Session: Education, research and capacity development on land policy, management, and administration /2**

**Hall: Carnegie**

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
	<i>Siraj Sait</i>	<i>Chair; University of East London</i>	<i>10 min introduction/recap of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusions</i>
1	Mr. Samir Elrouby	General Manager, Planning Department – Egyptian Survey Authority	<b>10 min</b> <i>Egyptian national cadaster information system (challenges &amp; lessons learned)</i>
2	Ms. Ghanimat Azhdari	Senior Expert on Natural Resources Management and Conservation and Participatory GIS Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment (CENESTA) - Iran	<b>10 min</b> <i>Land or Territory for indigenous peoples? Using participatory GIS and Satellite images</i>
5	Ms. Suzanne Valkman	Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency (Kadaster), the Netherlands	<b>10 min</b> <i>International Knowledge Exchange Jordan and the Netherlands</i>
4	Mr. Mazen Badwan	Consultant for Projects Affairs Department of Lands & Survey, Jordan	<b>10 min</b> <i>Real Estate Appraisal in Jordan</i>

**SESSION 8, Day 2: CLOSING SESSION – 15:30 – 16:30**

**Hall: Astor**

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
1	Mr. Wael Zakout	World Bank Group	10 min - Awards
2	Mr. Sultan Al Akraf	Dubai Land Department	15 min - Report on the outcomes of the meeting and next steps
3	Dr. Sarkis Fadous Amb. Mabrouk Mr. Wael Zakout Oumar Sylla	Arab Union of Surveyors League of Arab States World Bank Group GLTN/UN-Habitat	3 min each - Closing remarks

Session 9, Day 3: THEMATIC ROUND TABLES; 9:00 – 10:00

**Thematic Round Table 1: LAND INDICATORS IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND THEIR APPLICATION IN THE ARAB REGION;** Organizers: Dubai Land Department, Global Land Tool Network, World Bank Group

**Hall: Carnegie**

**Short description:** In 2015 UN member states adopted the 17 comprehensive and ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including key targets and indicators for monitoring progress. Target 1.4 underscores the importance of access to productive resources including land and provides an explicit indicator (1.4.2) for monitoring tenure security. Indicator 5.a.1 underscores gender dynamics of tenure rights to agricultural land. The round table provides an update on this process, the indicators and the developed methodology for monitoring them. Discussion on how the monitoring will take place in the Arab states will follow.

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
1	Mr. Sultan Al Akraf	Chair; Dubai Land Department	10 min
2	Oumar Sylla	UN-Habitat / GLTN	10min
3	Everlyne Nairesiae	GLII Coordinator / GLTN	10 min
4	Javier Molina	Senior Land Tenure Expert, FAO	10 min
5	Harold Liversage	Chair, Global Donor Working Group / IFAD	5 min
6	Michel Taylor	Director, International Land Coalition	5 min

**Thematic Round Table 2: GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE LAND AGENDA IN THE ARAB STATES – 9:00 – 10:00;** Organizers: UN-GGIM and World Bank

**Hall: Salon Prive A**

**Short description:** The roundtable will address efforts by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management to improve prevailing policy and implementation environment through global frameworks that can be referenced by Member States to strengthen national geospatial information management and system, and to accelerate securing land and property rights for all.

Order	Name	Organisation & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
1	Teo CheeHai	Chair; UN-GGIM	15 min
3	Wael Zakout	World Bank	15 min

**Session 10, Day 3: MASTERCLASSES/1; 10:30 – 12:30**

**MASTERCLASS 1: The role of rural local communities for responsible land governance;** Organizers: International Land Coalition

**Hall: Salon Prive A**

**Short description:** The proposed Masterclass looks at sustainable business and investment in the context of growing pressure on land and the role played in responsible land governance by rural local communities. Land is a limited resource and if not managed responsibly could lead to conflicts, therefore it is important, to proactively build peaceful societies starting by local land governance. Inclusiveness in land processes may foster the necessary consultation and participation dynamics which ensure the sustainability of land reform processes for both, political and technical aspects. The session show the benefits on the creation of inclusive policies on rangelands, such as the one promoted by the government of Jordan, and will present the experiences of Iran and Algeria where bottom-up processes to strengthen the role of local communities in decision-making on land governance have taken place for negotiated territorial agreements. Positive experiences will be provided on: decentralization in decision-making, equitable sharing of wealth generated from natural resources in areas where a community is present, state recognizing the role of local communities in safeguarding land and resources, state protecting the rights of local communities and opening permanent spaces of constructive interaction and consultation for the formulation and implementation of policies.

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1	Annalisa Mauro	Chair / Moderator International Land Coalition	10 min introduction/recap of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusions
2	Javier Molina	Senior Land Tenure Expert, FAO	10 min - International land governance - the VGGTs and the technical guidelines on Rangelands
3	Wael Alrashdan	Director of rangeland and Badia development, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Jordan	10 min - Innovative policy on the governance of the Rangelands: the role of empowered communities
4	Ghanimat Azhdari	Senior Expert on Natural Resources Management and Conservation and Participatory GIS, Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment (CENESTA) - Iran	10 min - Local community driven experiences: the fundamental steps for a negotiated territorial agreement in Iran
5	Soufiane Khoukhi	Président chez Association de volontariat Touiza de la wilaya d'Alger, Touiza Voluntary Association – Algeria	10 min - Wilayas and the Algeria Code (2011)

**MASTERCLASS 2: Land and Conflict in the Arab states: the role of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of the Tenure of Land (VGGT) and of conflict sensitive land tools in conflict prevention, peace building and reconstruction;** Organizers: GLTN, FAO, France, GIZ

**Hall: Carnegie**

**Short description:** The session intends to discuss the key land governance challenges in the Arab region and assess how the existing tools and frameworks available can be adapted, promoted and implemented in the region to prevent, mitigate violent conflicts and address the challenges of countries emerging from conflicts and embarking into stabilization and reconstruction. The session will start with introductory remarks by France on the importance of the land governance and conflict nexus in the Arab Region. A summary of the outcomes of the land governance-related discussions relevant for the Arab States carried out in 2016 and 2017 will frame the key land governance challenges and solutions tabled by experts. The VGGTs and the FAO’s work on land governance, tenure policies and land use/ management in the Arab region will be presented, with focus on aspects related to land and conflict. Perspectives related to poverty reduction, food security, improved access to land (particularly for women, returnees and the poor), and integrated rural/urban management in the countries will be touched upon. Land fragmentation, climate change, conflicts over land resources and the conditions of farmers and pastoralists will be touched upon. Tools and approaches being developed and implemented by the Global Land Tool Network and UN-Habitat in the Arab States will be presented, dwelling on their relevance for conflict prevention, mitigation and resolution. Implementation of existing tools and frameworks in the context of Arab Region will be explored to mitigate adverse effect of land conflict and to reinforce property rights and secure land rights mechanisms in the context of displacement. GIZ analysis and scoping studies in the region will underpin the reflexion to lead to concrete entry points for collaboration to address land conflict and related issues. Building on the high-level panels and technical sessions held in the conference on land and conflict and land rights for refugees and displaced people and on the discussions held in the masterclass, a set of recommendations and action points for the way forward in the Arab States will be drafted.

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1	Sarah Hayes	Chair / Moderator: France	10 min introduction/recap of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusions
2	Oumar Sylla	GLTN/UN-Habitat	15 min - Key outcomes of the land governance-related discussions relevant for the Arab States carried out in 2016 and 2017
3	Javier Molina Cruz, Daniel Dale, Kayan Jaff, Alfredo Impiglia	FAO	15 min - The VGGTs and the FAO’s work on land governance in the Arab region, with focus on aspects related to land and conflict
4	Christian Graeffen	GIZ	15 min – GIZ experiences
5	Ombretta Tempra	GLTN/UN-Habitat	15 min - GLTN conflict-sensitive tools and approaches for conflict prevention, mitigation and resolution being implemented in the Arab region

**Lunch Break 12:30-13:30**

**MASTERCLASS 3: Masterclass: Capacity Development Initiatives in Support to Good Land Governance and Fit-for-Purpose Land Administration;** Organizers: University of East London, School of Geomatic and Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire Hassan II / NELGA, and Global Land Tool Network

**Hall: Carnegie**

**Short description:** There is a shortfall in both the quality and quantity of capacity needed to develop and implement inclusive and gender-responsive land policies and practices in the Arab states. College and university education programmes on land related disciplines - such as planning, surveying, social disciplines, law, etc. are still taught in a very narrow and conventional manner, instead of enabling students and professionals to have a broader and holistic view of land management and its linkages to other sectors of the society and the economy. This is combined with the scarcity of land-related training and capacity building materials in Arabic language. To achieve sustained, transformational change, there is the need of rethinking and innovating in the area of education, research and capacity development to scale up good practices from the region, develop new tools and approaches, strengthen land-related institutions and organizations, and to enhance the skills of key Arab actors in the land sector. The masterclass presents two relevant ongoing processes aiming at the development of capacities to support to Good Land Governance and Fit-for-Purpose Land Administration in a holistic and all-round manner. The first initiative to be presented is carried by the Global Land Tool Network under the leadership of the University of East London. The second initiative to be presented is the NELGA North Africa. A discussion will follow, leading to a set of recommendations on how to strengthen capacities in the region to address the emerging challenges in land governance and land administration.

Order	Name	Organization & Function	Duration of the intervention and Topic
1	Siraj Sait	Chair / Moderator: University of East London	<i>5 min introduction/recap of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusions;</i> 20 min presentation - Presentation of the ongoing work on a Responsible Land Administration Curriculum and its relevance and application in the Arab states
2	Moha Elayachi	School of Geomatic and Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire Hassan II / NELGA North Africa	20 min - Status and establishment of the NELGA Node for North Africa and its relevance and application in for the North African countries and Arab states as a whole
3	Willi Zimmermann	Resource person	10 min

**MASTERCLASS 4: Women, social media and their access to land;** Organizers: LandPortal

**Hall: Salon Prive A**

**Short description:** The session ‘Women, social media and their access to land’, intends to look at the important use of social media by women as an empowering tool for voice when it comes to concerns with regards to their land rights. Since the rise of the Arab Spring, over six years ago, social networks have been important and instrumental across the MENA region. According to many, the explosion of social media across the region expressed a clear desire for social protest and political change. In Tunisia, for example, the outcomes of social media were a success, with the shift in government reflected in its abrupt adoption of a free media. More recently, a social media campaign launched by Saudi women centered on the contentious issue of women’s right to drive was launched, with women filming themselves driving around to emphasize how important driving is to help them in both their personal and professional lives. Saudi women have taken their rightful place on social networks, launching various famous hashtags #women2drive, #Idrivemyself, #stopenslavingsaudiwomen and #togethertoendmaleguardianship. The session proposes to use women’s use of social media as a tool for social advancement in the MENA region, as a launching point for discussing how these same technologies can enable women’s involvement in online discussions on land rights in general, with a focus on their own land rights. How can we encourage women, in the Middle East and beyond, to use the tools available to them, including Twitter and Facebook, to launch successful campaigns and relay important messages about their tenure rights? What would be the possible barriers and outcomes?

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1	Astrid Zweynert	Chair / Moderator: Thomson Reuters	5 min introduction/recap of the topic, introduction of the panel, facilitation of the interventions from the floor (20 min) and conclusions; 20 min presentation
2	Anastasia Stacey	Land Portal	20 min presentation

**Day 4 – 1 MARCH – ONE DAY CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT** (optional upon registration)

Organised by the Dubai Land Department in their premises. Topic: **“Best Practices in Real Estate Selling and Leasing”**; Dubai Land Department 9:00 – 15:0