



STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE CONVENING

NON-STATE ACTORS

Date: 28th May, 2025

Format: Virtual

Concept Note

Introduction

The African Land Policy Centre (ALPC) plans to convene online stakeholder dialogue forums to provide stakeholders an opportunity to share the progress they have made in the implementation of “Calls-To-Action” from the previous Conferences on Land Policy in Africa. The convening for the stakeholder category of “**Non-State Actors**” will be held on 28th May, 2025. Participants to the forum will be drawn from: ALPC and its partners, civil society organisations, professional associations, private sector, cultural and creative industries.

Background

The African Land Policy Centre (ALPC), a joint initiative of the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), and the African Development Bank (AfDB) convened Conferences on Land Policy in Africa (CLPAs) in 2014, 2017, 2019, 2021 and 2023. The goal of the conferences is to deepen capacity for land policy in Africa through improved access to knowledge and information on land policy making and implementation. The conference enhances capacity on the issues and status of land policy development and implementation in Africa by focusing attention on particular priority areas, sharing evidence, and promoting learning among governments, academia and researchers, civil society, traditional authorities, private sector, and technical and development partners. The themes to the biennial conferences are always aligned to the African Union (AU) theme of the year.

The inaugural CLPA was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the theme: ***“The next decade of land policy in Africa: ensuring agricultural development and inclusive growth”*** in November 2014. The second CLPA was also convened in Addis Ababa in 2017 under the theme ***“Harnessing Africa's demographic dividend through investment in youth”***. The third CLPA was held in 2019 in Abidjan under the theme: ***“Winning the fight against Corruption in the Land Sector: Sustainable Pathways for Africa's Transformation”***. The fourth one was held in Kigali, Rwanda, in November 2021 through a hybrid format under the theme: ***“Land governance for safeguarding art, culture and heritage towards the Africa we want”***. The last CLPA was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in November 2023 under the theme: ***“Promoting sustainable land governance in Africa for accelerated implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area”***.

The next CLPA will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in November 2025, under the theme ***“Land governance, justice and reparations for Africans and descendants of people of the African Diaspora”*** in

keeping with the AU theme for year 2025. The CLPAs have consistently produced Calls-To-Action (CTAs) directed at the participating stakeholders of: governments and policy makers; academic and research institutions; non-state actors; traditional authorities; and technical and development partners, which have been based on research work shared during the Conference.

Tracking stakeholder actions

There is need to understand the progress made by the respective stakeholder groups in responding to the Calls-To-Action targeted at them after every CLPA. To be able to do so, the ALPC and partners undertook a study in 2023 to help determine the status of implementation of the CTAs issued in 2014, 2017, 2019 and 2021, and to establish a baseline for follow-up interventions. Following plenary discussions on the findings to the study during the 2023 CLPA, the ALPC was charged with the responsibility of coordinating and periodically reporting on the implementation of CTAs. In keeping with this, ALPC commissioned a further study earlier this year to examine stakeholder actions on the commitments contained in the CTA from the 2023 CLPA. Consequently, the ALPC wishes to organise a convening for stakeholders in the category of “**Non-State Actors**” to enable it take note of the progress made in implementing CTAs from previous CLPAs through the proposed interactive dialogue session.

Objectives of convening

The objectives of the convening will be:

- Reviewing progress made by stakeholders in the implementation of Calls-To-Actions (CTAs) made in previous Conferences on Land Policy in Africa and taking note accordingly
- Identify gaps, challenges, and receive feedback
- Identify suitable mechanism for tracking the implementation of CTAs, and maintaining stakeholder collaboration
- Sensitise stakeholders on the theme to the 2025 Conference on Land Policy in Africa

Methodology

The convening will be informed by presentations on the findings from the 2023 and 2025 ALPC studies and available best practices. It will also be informed by a presentation on the context, theme and sub-themes of the November 2025 CLPA, plenary discussions and resolutions.

Expected outcomes

The outcomes expected from the convening are:

- Continued implementation of the AU Declaration and a robust mechanism of tracking related stakeholder actions
- Active participation and involvement in the 2025 Conference by Non-State Actors and the submission of quality abstracts

Participants, format, report

The convening will be virtual, and will be attended by participants drawn from: ALPC and Partners, civil society organisations, professional associations, private sector, cultural and creative industries. Being a multi-lingual audience, interpretation will be provided. Calls-To-Action (CTAs) targeted at “**Non-State Actors**” from all the CLPAs will be found in the draft report which is attached.

Date and time

The convening will be held on 28th May, 2025 between 14.00hrs and 17.00hrs, East African Time (EAT).



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Agenda

Time	Activity	Responsible
14.00-14.30	Opening Session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introductions on the chat ○ Welcome Remarks ○ Objectives and expected outcomes 	All ALPC ALPC
14.30-16.00	Session I: Implementation of AU Declaration/Calls-To-Action	
	Presentation I: 2023 and 2025 ALPC Studies	ALPC/Consultant
	Plenary Session I	Chair
16.00-16.45	Session II: 2025 Conference on Land Policy in Africa (CLPA)	
	Presentation II: Theme and Sub-Themes	ALPC/Consultant
	Plenary Session II	Chair
16.45-17.00	Closing Session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key Messages ○ Closing remarks 	ALPC ALPC