

## CONCEPT NOTE

### Sensitization Workshop for the Curricula Development Team

Date & Venue: Nairobi, Kenya, 3 -6 March 2020

#### BACKGROUND

Governance of land tenure is a fundamental component for achieving inclusive and sustainable development in Africa. The Africa Union Agenda on land which is captured in the *Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa*, the *Declaration of African Heads of state and Government on Land Issues and Challenges* and the *Guiding Principles on Large Scale Land Based Investments in Africa* underline the importance of building human and institutional capacity for sustainable land governance in Africa. The responsibility of leading this process lies with the African Land Policy Center (ALPC). Consequently, ALPC and the Government of Germany (through BMZ and GIZ) have partnered to strengthen human and institutional capacities for the implementation of sustainable and development –oriented land policy under the program *Strengthening capacities for land governance program in Africa* (SLGA) under which the programme, African Network of Excellence on Land Governance (NELGA) has been established. NELGA’s objective is to enhance training/research on land governance to respond to the land policy development, implementation and monitoring in Africa.

Learning institutions, which produce land professionals, are at the core of capacity development. The NELGA nodes are expected to play an important role in the development and improvement of land related curricula in graduate and post graduate training courses. The NELGA nodes are Central Africa (Yaoundé 1 University, Cameroun); Eastern Africa (Ardhi University, Tanzania); Northern Africa (Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire Hassan II, Morocco); Southern Africa (Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia); and West Africa (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana); University of Western Cape (PLAAS) and St Louis, Gaston Berger (Senegal) to coordinate the French speaking countries in West Africa.

Recognizing the complexity of contemporary land governance industry, ALPC undertook research to determine gaps in the training of land professionals. The research findings showed that although the curricula currently being used for the training of land professionals have served the continent well thus far, there are gaps that need to be filled in order to address the complex land tenure systems on the continent and the growing calls by industry for relevance and appropriateness. As a result, ALPC has put together *Guidelines for the Development of Curricula on Land Governance in Africa*.

## The Guidelines

The *Guidelines for Curricula Development on Land Governance in Africa* are meant to facilitate development and review of curricula to ensure that university graduates and land professionals are better skilled to address Africa's land governance challenges. In particular, it is envisaged that land professionals will be trained to better understand traditional land governance systems through which over 80% of Africa's land is managed; as well as the political dimensions of land governance that influence Africa's ability to find solutions to underlying and emerging land governance issues. It is envisaged that the guidelines will offer insights for curricula that further equips students with knowledge of these issues as well as others outlined in the Guidelines; and processes/environment surrounding strategic decisions in the realms of policy development and implementation.

It is in this context that the ALPC and the GIZ-SLGA programme has competitively identified a pool of experts to give direct support to the universities and institutions of higher learning in the curricula development process.

**Objective of the EGM:** The EGM seeks to sensitize the team of experts on the content and application of the Guidelines to Curricula Development on land governance in Africa

### **Participants**

The session will gather the team of 25-30 experts; NELGA Nods Focal persons; GIZ and ALPC staff and representatives of the Industry.

### **Date and venue**

The 4-day meeting is scheduled to take place on the 3-6 March 2020 in Nairobi, Kenya.