

At the 4<sup>th</sup> International Advisory Board of GLTN, in April 2009, ILC and other board members discussed ways of working more closely with GLTN in the development and uptake of tools for pro-poor land governance. A partners' workshop will be held on 28 and 29 October to plan joint activities.

### **Complementarities between GLTN and ILC**

The Global Land Tools network ([www.glttn.net](http://www.glttn.net)) and ILC are both networks of civil society and intergovernmental organisations working towards land governance that meets the needs of poor land users and contributes towards reducing poverty. Partners of GLTN who are also members of ILC are IIED, FAO, IFAD, RDI, UNEP and World Bank.

Huairou Commission and Hakimajii Trust are the only civil society partners of GLTN who work extensively on rural as well as urban land issues. However, the membership of ILC represents a large pool of civil society organisations who could benefit from the availability of tools for pro-poor land governance, and who may have an interest in contributing towards their development.

GLTN and ILC share a **common** mandate to build:

- norms for pro-poor land governance
- political momentum
- Multistakeholder involvement
- evidence base for action
- mechanisms and processes for change

GLTN and ILC share a partly overlapping but **complementary** focus on:

- urban vs rural land tenure
- tools vs political change
- governance and administration vs civil society empowerment

### **Possibilities for collaboration between ILC and GLTN:**

The partners meeting will be an opportunity to define priority initiatives, including country-level engagements, for collaboration with GLTN. ILC members in particular will be able to define possible tools for development to serve the needs of rural stakeholders.

Existing initiatives of GLTN likely to be of interest to ILC members include:

Knowledge management:

- Land certification (Ethiopia)
- Social and economic aspects of land titling

Advocacy;

- Commission on Sustainable Development
- Commission on the legal Empowerment of the Poor
- AU-ECA-AfDB Framework and Guidelines for land policy in Africa
- Global indicators - working to include land indicators in the Global Urban Observatory

Land tools:

- Social Tenure Domain Model – low cost mapping of land-people relationships
- Gender evaluation criteria
- Grassroots mechanisms
- Land value capture

ILC could strengthen the role of GLTN in empowering rural stakeholders to influence land governance by:

- Facilitating identification of priority tools for stakeholders working on rural land rights
- Facilitating piloting and uptake of tools developed for rural contexts
- Bringing together multistakeholder engagement for policy change with the use of GLTN tools, particularly in priority countries
- Direct collaboration on ILC initiatives, particularly tools for empowerment of civil society to engage on land governance.

Based on the current workplan of priority activities defined by ILC members, the following is a preliminary list of activities that ILC members may be interested in collaborating with GLTN to design and develop tools for:

### ***1. Tools for enabling Women's Access to Land***

#### ***Process:***

- Research and advocacy for women's access to land (globally and also in E&S Africa)

#### ***Possible tools:***

- Tools to promote national policy dialogue on women's land rights
- Tools for legal empowerment of women for land rights

### ***2. Tools for multi-stakeholder monitoring***

#### ***Process:***

- Land Reporting Initiative to support multi-stakeholder monitoring of land governance trends as a platform for advocacy

#### ***Possible tools:***

- Tools to support and build the capacity of civil society for assessment and monitoring of land governance

### ***3. Tools for improved civil society engagement in land policy***

#### ***Process:***

- Multi-stakeholder engagement in key national land policy formulation and implementation processes

#### ***Possible tools:***

- Tools to build capacity of civil society organisations for evidence-based advocacy and dialogue
- Innovative tools for assertion of land rights by communities, including participatory mapping and self-managed cadastral techniques
- Tools/benchmarks for policy makers to be inclusive of diverse civil society stakeholders in land governance

### ***4. Tools for benchmarking land policy in Africa***

#### ***Process:***

- AUC/UNECA/AfDB Framework and Guidelines for land policy in Africa

***Possible tools:***

- Tools for civil society in Africa to define benchmarks of effective land policy
- Tools for enabling civil society in Africa to monitor effective land policy

***5. Tools for equitable land-based investment***

***Process:***

- Mitigating negative impacts and enabling opportunities for local land users in large land-based investments

***Possible tools:***

- Tools for investor-community partnerships
- Tools for governments/policy makers in defining conduct/guidelines/benchmarks of best practice on land related investments that are inclusive of local land users

**Preparing for GLTN Partners meeting 28-29 October 2009**

ILC will consult with members leading up to the meeting to identify priority areas for the development of tools. The meeting will therefore be an opportunity to plan collaboration in the development of prioritised tools. Please contact the ILC secretariat [m.taylor@landcoalition.org](mailto:m.taylor@landcoalition.org) if you are interested in participating, and give your comments on which tools you would prioritise.