

Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management
for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP)
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Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel, Bali, Indonesia

Joint UN-GGIM-AP/UN-Habitat Special Session on Land Tenure
(supported by World Bank and FIG)

Concept Note

Preamble

In all countries land remains a fundamental resource that needs to be managed, administered and used in a manner that addresses broad political, economic, environmental and social aspirations, both for the current and the future generations. The Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP) is participated by 56 jurisdictions from within Asia and the Pacific, a region covering approximately 30% of total global land mass, home to 2/3 of the world's over 7 billion population; with increasing level of urbanization, where 7 of the world's 10 largest cities is expected to be located by 2025 and yet where 80% of farming households are small scale farmers.

The geospatial profession are witnessing a spectrum of sensors and systems with varied resolutions, accuracies and capacities advancing its Profession's daily work. The availability of all kinds of spatially referenced information at our fingertips is a testimony to the everyday usage of spatial sciences, technologies and tools. These allow societies and government to locate, connect and deliver information effectively contributing to improved efficiency and better governance.

On our horizon is the Post-2015 United Nations Development Agenda that will succeed the Millennium Development Goals. It calls for inclusive economic development, social progress and environmental sustainability, an Agenda that responds to the aspirations of all people seeking a world free of want and fear. The geospatial community must recognize that its sciences, technologies and practices are more than just instruments, gadgets or tools but can be leveraged and harnessed to unlock the wealth of knowledge about our society, environment and economy, contributing to sustainable development including the ability to record rights for all types of formal and informal tenures in support of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

There is a realisation that a major bottleneck in the process of formalising land rights is the complexity, cost and time frames associated with the recording of land tenure rights. More affordable, effective and fit-for-purpose approaches together with geospatial innovation have to be adopted to unblock this bottleneck. Solutions that can, for example, adjudicate and define physical boundary features as well as dimensions, record the complexity and overlapping nature of land and property rights, will be helpful.

The 2014 UN-GGIM-AP Plenary Meeting has an opportunity to consider an appropriate regional framework for getting the right data and information with the right processes and technologies for the right purposes recognising that current development and advances in geospatial technologies and practices can provide affordable, incrementable and sustainable solutions to understand the manner land is occupied and used to provide security for land and property rights for all and unlock the wealth of information about society, environment and economy.

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Within the 2014 Plenary Meeting, the Special Session on Land Tenure provides member jurisdictions within UN-GGIM-AP an opportunity to consider and explore solutions to better understand and address the land tenure challenges in Asia and the Pacific region. Solutions that are anchored in appropriate and affordable geospatial technologies, geospatial innovations and good geospatial practices. The Special Session will inform participants and discuss current activities and proposed initiatives, seek to understand the land tenure challenges in the region. UN-GGIM-AP membership is invited to consider their roles, responsibilities and contributions as a regional geospatial community towards improving land (an by land, it includes the seas) governance towards a sustainable future for all in Asia and the Pacific where, among others, there can be security of land and property rights for all with inclusive and effective land governance towards “Realizing the World We Want for all”.



Outline Program

The Special Session on Land Tenure jointly convened by UN-GGIM-AP and Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), UN-Habitat with the support of the World Bank and FIG aimed to understand, explore and harness collective energies to address the land tenure challenges in Asia and the Pacific region.

10:30 - 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Joint UN-GGIM-AP/UN-Habitat Special Session on Land Tenure Chairperson: CheeHai TEO, FIG</p> <p>#1 “Addressing Land Tenure Challenges: FIG’s International Activities” (20 mins) #2 “Addressing Land Administration Needs: World Banks Activities in East Asia and the Pacific” (20 mins) #3 “Addressing Land Tenure Challenges in Asia and the Pacific: Proposed Multi-stakeholder Initiative” (20 mins)</p> <p>Facilitated Discussion, Question and Answer (30 mins)</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break

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