



Best Practices for Land Tenure and Natural Resource Governance in Africa

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Monrovia, Liberia

AGENDA

This short course will provide 35 USG foreign assistance practitioners and representatives from local and national-level governments training that strengthens their knowledge and skills in addressing land tenure and property rights (LTPR) challenges in their region. The key objectives include:

1. Exchange experiences and strengthen understanding of LTPR issues, best practices internationally and their application to programming;
2. Introduce LTPR concepts and approaches aimed at improving programmatic interventions in economic growth, food security, governance, natural resource management, conflict mitigation and climate change; and
3. Teach tools to address land tenure and property rights issues, or use land tenure and property rights interventions to strengthen economic development, governance, conflict mitigation and natural resource management objectives.

This course also includes cross-cutting foci on women's rights.

DAY ONE

- 8:00 Registration
- 8:30 Welcome by Kimberly Rosen, USAID Liberia and Peter Giampaoli, USAID Washington
- 9:00 Course overview, objectives, and participant introductions
(Mark Freudenberger, facilitator)

Module 1: Introduction to land tenure and property rights (LTPR) concepts

Objectives: (1) Develop common understanding of LTPR terms and concepts; (2) Introduce LTPR tools that will be used throughout course; and (3) share common LTPR constraints faced in countries of the region.

- 9:40 Introduction to module and objectives (Mark Freudenberger)
- 9:50 Presentation on concepts and definitions (Mike Roth)
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:00 Introduction to LTPR tools (Mike Roth)
- 11:30 Discussion on LTPR constraints in participant countries (Mark Freudenberger)
- 12:30 Lunch**

1:30 Liberia case study: LTPR key constraints (Mark Marquardt, LPIS project)

Module 2 – Land and natural resource conflict: How rights and access to land and resources can be the cause of conflict and can fuel conflict

Objectives: (1) Convey what we mean by resource-based conflict and how resources either prompt or become the focus of conflict; and (2) Share programmatic options for managing conflicts over resources and for resettling IDPS in a post-conflict environment.

2:10 Introduction to module and objectives (Mark Freudenberger)

2:20 Presentation on land, natural resources and violent conflict (Mark Freudenberger)

2:50 Break

3:05 Video: PRADD Conflict Diamonds

3:30 Discussion

3:45 Presentation on Land and Conflict Prevention Handbook (Mark Freudenberger)

4:30 End day wrap-up discussion (Mark Freudenberger)

DAY TWO

8:30 LTPR film clips

Module 3 - Gender and vulnerable populations: Strengthening access to land and resources

Objectives: (1) Convey the meaning of vulnerability in the context of LTPR, why women's land rights matter, and the linkages between LTPR and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Share the various policy, administrative, judicial, institutional and programmatic options for strengthening women's and other vulnerable groups' rights to land and resources.

8:40 Introduction to module and objectives (Mark Freudenberger)

8:50 Understanding vulnerability and the rights of women and vulnerable populations (David Bledsoe)

9:20 Video: Women's Land Rights

9:45 Video: Villages on Front Lines Niger

10:00 Discussion

10:20 Coffee break

Land Markets – Gaining with Land Use Transactions Simulation

10:35 Gaining with Land Use Transactions Simulation (GLUT) Introduction
Presentation on Urban Land Markets (Carlos Morales)

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Gaining with Land Use Transactions Simulation (Round 1) (Carlos Morales)

Participants will engage in three afternoon educational simulations (Gaining with Land Use Transactions —GLUT) which illustrates the way land markets operate. Within the simulation, players will be organized into teams representing commercial land users, social classes (rich, middle and poor), speculators that own undeveloped land, government that collects taxes and invests in specific public land uses, and NGOs. Each team will have a specific set of goals to meet and scores points accordingly. Rules governing play are designed to resemble land markets operating in many developing countries with strong asymmetric information, weak taxation, outdated zoning regulations, informal settlements, and a general weakness on the part of the government to provide urban services. This simulation was developed by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and has previously been utilized in more than 35 training courses with participants from around the world. It will be run by one of the simulation’s developers from the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies of Erasmus University.

4:30 End day wrap-up

DAY THREE

8:30 LTPR film clips

Module 4– Natural resource management: How tenure security can promote conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources

Objectives: (1) Convey why property rights over natural resources are important to biodiversity conservation, good governance, economic growth, and adaptation and mitigation of climate change; and (2) Share tenure related programmatic interventions to promote sustainable resource uses.

8:40 Introduction to module and objectives (Mark Freudenberger)

8:50 Presentation of LTPR Issues in NRM and biodiversity conservation (Mark Freudenberger)

9:20 Discussion

9:40 Land tenure and Global Climate Change (Mark Freudenberger)

10:10 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 NRM Case studies from Nimba County, Liberia (Vaneska Litz)



12:00 Lunch

Land Markets – Gaining with Land Use Transactions Simulation

1:00 Gaining with Land Use Transactions Simulation (Round 2) (Carlos Morales)

4:30 Wrap-up Discussion

DAY FOUR

8:30 LTPR film clips

Module 5 - Land policy and administration: A tool for managing property rights

Objectives: (1) Convey the process, purpose and elements of a sound land policy and legislation, and articulate the pros and cons of both customary and statutory land governance institutions; and (2) Share programmatic interventions related to land policy and administration, and successful methods and technologies used in land administration.

8:40 Introduction to module and objectives (Mark Freudenberger)

8:50 Presentation on land policy and administration (Mark Marquardt)

9:30 Discussion

9:45 African Union’s Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa and the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa (Mark Freudenberger)

10:05 Voluntary Guidelines of the Committee on World Food Security (Peter Giampaoli)

10:15 Coffee break

10:30 Presentation and discussion on large scale land acquisitions (Mike Roth)

11:15 Discussion

12:00 Lunch

Land Markets – Gaining with Land Use Transactions Simulation

1:00 Gaining with Land Use Transactions Simulation (Round 3) (Carlos Morales)

Course Closing

5:00 Evaluations, diplomas, closing remarks by USAID