

## **Experts Group Meeting**

### **“Concepts, Contexts, and Solutions for Responsible Land Governance, and Secure Tenure in Latin America and the Caribbean”**

#### Background

The meeting pursues to operationalize the concepts of responsible governance, secure land tenure, and sustainable land use, identify “patterns” of urban contexts, and possible solutions to ensuring fair, prosperous inclusive, resilient, and sustainable cities.

We believe that the lack of tenure security results from a poor redistribution in cities, and a meager awareness of the fragility of land as a social, economic, and environmental asset. The supportive hypothesis is that tenure issues, socio-spatial segregation, or ecological stress of urban and peri-urban land systems would not exist under a redistributive, inclusive, and sustainable approach to build up cities. From this perspective responsible governance of urban and peri-urban land is key.

The meeting is part of a series of activities carried out under the study: "Responsible Land Governance and Secure Tenure in Urban and Peri-Urban Areas in Latin America and the Caribbean", a collaborative effort between Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), and the Global Land Tools Network (GLTN/UN-Habitat), and an advisory committee. This meeting has a particular relevance in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals - SDG; the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development - Habitat III; the formulation, implementation, and monitoring of the New Urban Agenda - NUA.

The study is guided by the principles of equity, inclusion, gender responsiveness, livelihoods, resilience, and sustainability.

#### Objectives

1. Operationalize the concepts of responsible land governance, security of tenure and sustainable land use focusing in urban and peri-urban areas. (What do they mean?, and, How do we guarantee them?).
2. Identify the patterns of urban and peri-urban contexts in the LAC region that urge a reengineering of land governance systems, and set recommendations and strategies for solutions.

3. Identify and share best practices, promising platforms of information and knowledge, and tools that contribute to advancing responsible land governance, security of tenure, and sustainable land use.

### Methodology

- 1) The participants will reflect on patterns of urban and peri-urban contexts, and possible solutions will be stimulated based on the presentation of the first report (draft) of the study: 'Responsible Land Governance and Secure Tenure in Latin America and the Caribbean'.
- 2) Proposals to operationalize the concepts of responsive land governance, security of tenure, sustainable land use will be developed through working groups.
- 3) Adequate and potential strategies for intervention will be suggested based on the identified patterns of urban and peri-urban contexts in the region
- 4) The participants will be invited to share good practices and possible partnerships for intervention/technical assistance post HABITAT III that respond to key challenges.

### Expected deliverables

- a. Tools, processes and strategies to ensure responsible land governance, secure tenure, and sustainable land use in urban and peri-urban areas of the LAC region.
- b. Patterns of urban and peri-urban contexts that require urgent intervention on urban governance.
- c. Best Practices and possible preliminary partnerships.

### Participants

The Expert Meeting convenes researchers; land policy makers; authorities; and practitioners that face daily challenges in responsible governance, security of tenure and sustainable urban and peri-urban land use; social leaders; and representatives of land related organizations. The selection of participants follows gender, geographical, sectoral, and levels of action criteria.

We will soon share the logistical details including the precise information of the meeting location. Looking forward to see you in San Jose, please confirm your participation to [rosario.rv.habitat@gmail.com](mailto:rosario.rv.habitat@gmail.com) and [matravis@habitat.org](mailto:matravis@habitat.org)