



EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING
22 June 2020 - 12:00 - 14:00

Introduction

The AJLP & GS is an open-access journal specialized in publishing research activities carried out in the field of land policy and geo-spatial sciences. It aims to encourage innovation, promote the exchange of knowledge and scientific outcomes related to its themes and build a body of knowledge about land in Africa. The Journal's target community is made-up of students, researchers, professors and professionals working in land and related sectors. The Journal also aims to promote scientific articles produced at the African, regional and global levels. The institutions as well as the international universities will enrich it by their contribution to the scientific level of the journal. The Journal also deals with themes related to good practices in the field of land governance and geo-spatial sciences for policy and practical action.

Purpose and objectives

The purpose of the first Editorial Board meeting (EBM) of the AJLP&GS scientific journal is to promote the role of the journal from a simple document of disseminating scientific findings to a potential tool of knowledge sharing and development in the domains of land policy and geospatial sciences. The journal is initiated, within the NELGA/SLGA program, by the hub of NELGA North Africa to reflect the main principles of land policy in Africa by the contribution of both the NELGA focal members and various scientists, scholars, professionals, and policy makers based on their expertise in this field.

After two (2) years of publishing more than 80 manuscripts, the AJLP&GS journal has had the privilege of being indexed by the Directory of Open Access Journals' board ([Link DOAJ](#)) due to the quality of its editorial policy and management strategy. A second level of indexing is being undertaken by the Web of Science board to enable the journal to be aligned with other scientific journals, which have high global impact. Since May 2018, the journal has reached a scientific community of more than 5000 of readers and followers and 1000 downloads.

In spite of the potential values and impact of the journal, it is necessary to think about the many challenges that it is facing such as how to sustain the quality level of the journal and how to ensure basic funding to cover the costs related to reviewing, editing, and management.

Indeed, the objectives behind the editorial board meeting of the journal are to:

- analyze the current situation of the journal in terms of editorial policy and publishing,



- reinforce the role of different committee members of the journal mainly the Editorial Board members,
- discuss a vision of enabling a sustainable plan to ensure continuity of the journal; including funding options
- enlarge the mission of the journal to encompass more products and enable it to play other roles in sharing knowledge and promoting research in Africa.

Outcomes

The expected outcomes of the meeting are:

- commitment on the roles of the Editorial Board,
- new financial plan to ensure a sustainable funding of the journal,
- new publishing strategy.

Program of the meeting

The meeting of the Editorial Board will be organized virtually through the MS Teams meeting regarding the below program:

- Date and time : 22 June 2020 / 12:00 pm (GMT+1 time)
- 12:00-12:05: Opening speech, Moha El-ayachi, Editor-In-Chief and Moderator
- 12:05-12:15: ALPC speech, Joan Cuka Kagwanja, ALPC Director
- 12:15-12:25: SLGA/GIZ speech, Anita Hernig
- 12:25-12:35: the role of journals in sharing and disseminating knowledge, Guest speaker
Professor Kimani Njogu
- 12:35-13:00: Journal assessment and new vision guidelines, Editor-In-Chief
- 13:00-14:00: discussion