

Experts' meeting Report

IAV Hassan II – Rabat, 14 February 2022

9:30 – 13:00

Session 1: welcome address by the IAV Director

Session 2: EGM discussion

Moderator: Dr. Said EL AZRAK

Chair : Prof. Moha El-ayachi

Rapporteurs : Nada Laouni & Mohamed El Bohannat

Theme: Role of the Professional Actors in land governance in North Africa: Priorities and needs.

Attendees: Licensed Surveyors, Notary, Urbanist, Professors in Economics and sociology, and students of the Master's degree of Geospatial Sciences and Land Governance



Content:

In the framework of the activities of the workshop organized by the NELGA NA Hub, an Expert Group Meeting is held on February 14th, 2022 in order to discuss three (3) key subjects by two (2) sub-teams as below:

✓ **Sub-Teams 1:**

- **Subject 1:** Actor's point of view on land tenure: what is land governance?

✓ **Sub-Team 2:**

- **Subject 2:** Land Governance Expert (LGE): what are the needed skills and requirements?
difference between a land tenure expert and a land governance expert?
- **Subject 3:** Practice requirements of the Land Governance Expert Profile: Regulatory plan, Institutional plan, Technical plan: organization & standardization

Outcomes of the discussions:

The summary of the sub-teams' discussions can be listed as below:

1. A Land Governance Expert (*LGE*) is a specialist who plays the role of an intermediate agent in the context of conflicts' resolution regarding land tenure;
2. A *LGE* is a leader, who has skills to establish successful collaborations between several experts in land sector (architect, surveyors, notary, lawyers, etc.).
3. The *LGE* is a master craftsman within the framework of a project that involves several experts in land governance.
4. The *LGE* is a consultant at the macro-spatial level, assisting public authorities at the national and regional (territorial) levels in terms of land management. He is an expert who serves the public authorities to set up and implement strategies and decision making regarding land policy.
5. The main missions of a *LGE* are:
 - Mediation by acting in land conflicts resolution,
 - Coordination of the efforts of various actors in the field of land and territorial management,
 - Accompanying, evaluating, and supporting land strategies on behalf of the Government?

The way forward:

To achieve the goals of the outcomes listed above, the EGM recommend the following:

1. Adopt a schematic reference system to clearly define the various land actors and their roles in land governance in the region.
2. develop a cooperation between various actors from which the working approaches must be derived.
3. Launch a policy dialogue between various stakeholders (institutions, civil society, political actors, etc.) at the regional level.