



6-8 JUIN 2023

FIRST INTERNATIONAL NELGA NA FORUM

SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN THE DOMAIN OF LAND POLICY AND GEOSPATIAL SCIENCES

Partage de l'expertise et du savoir dans le domaine de la politique
foncière et des sciences géospatiales

INSTITUT AGRONOMIQUE ET VETERINAIRE HASSAN II

PARTENAIRES:



1. Context and objectives:

The Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA) is a consortium of several African universities and institutions with confirmed leadership and experience in teaching, training and scientific research in one or more areas related to land governance in Africa.

The goal of network is to promote and build consensus around issues that affect the capacity development in land governance and related domains such as the geospatial science education and research.

Within the framework of the priorities and activities of the Network of Excellence on Land Governance in North Africa (NELGA NA) and as part of the network's synergy with its academic and professional environment, the network team will organize its first International Forum during June 6-8th, 2023 to exchange and share with various actors and stakeholders the expertise and knowledge developed in this field. This first forum will be one of the communication platforms that will disseminate the exchange of experiences between professionals and various stakeholders through several scientific activities around discussion workshops and technical sessions on the progress made in the field of land policies and geospatial sciences.

The first day of the Forum will be reserved for the review of the guidelines on capacity development in land governance in Africa and measures to implement these guidelines in the curricula of land governance training in African universities.

The second and third day of the forum, held in the form of technical sessions, are reserved for scientific participants, professionals, lawyers, politicians and policy makers to share their knowledge and experiences in the field of land governance and policies and geospatial sciences in Africa.

All scientific papers will be published in the proceedings of the forum and the peer-reviewed papers assessed as having added scientific, professional and institutional value will be published in the scientific journal African Journal on Land Policy and Geospatial Sciences in the issues of September and November 2023.

2. Expected outcomes of the Forum:

The main outcomes of the scientific forum are:

- Strengthen the sharing of knowledge and experiences in the field of land governance,
- Promote South-South cooperation and technology transfer in land policy and geospatial sciences,

- Develop a reference system on good practices in these fields,
- Design and elaborate tools for the evaluation of training curricula in the land sector,
- Enable an in-depth understanding of the roles of academia in addressing land governance strategies and policies,
- Enable the development of a synergy between academic and professional actors in the land tenure field and geospatial sciences.

3. Official languages of the Forum:

In order to broaden and diversify the participation and contributions in this forum, the NELGA North Africa team opens the participation and contributions in the three languages: Arabic, English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the Forum. Single-language presentation sessions can be scheduled according to the contributions and simultaneous interpretation in other languages will be provided. Each speaker must specify in his or her submission the chosen language of presentation. Each participant must provide abstracts in the other two languages in addition to the language of their submission.

4. Call for papers:

The NELGA North Africa International Forum is an opportunity to invite all stakeholders in the field of geospatial sciences, land governance, land policy and sustainable development paradigms to share their expertise, knowledge and experiences in these areas.

All participants interested in the Forum's themes are invited to register by clicking this link [Registration](#) and to submit the abstract of their proposed oral presentation, scientific paper or both to the organizing committee according to the format defined by this [Abstract Template](#). The abstract in English is mandatory if the participant has submitted a contribution in French or Arabic.

The contributions will be assigned to the topics of the axes described below. The abstracts of the contributions must be uploaded not later than April 1st, 2023 through the [Submission link](#).

Axis 1: Land policies development: Which paradigms and which best practices?

- Stakeholders' views on land governance strategies and policies,
- Institutionalization of Land Policies in Africa,
- International experiences in land policies.

Axis 2: Inclusive land governance: what place for women, youth and vulnerable groups?

- Land tenure and security,

- Land tenure systems and status and issues of access to land,
- Inclusive and participatory approaches in land governance.

Axis 3: Land tenure and creative economy: what role for training and research in the field of land tenure?

- Mechanisms and approaches for capacity building in land governance and geospatial sciences,
- Experiences and expertise in land tenure research,
- Promotion of added values of land through a creative and solidarity-based economy.

Axis 4: Real estate valuation and expertise techniques

- When to call upon a real estate expertise,
- The value and the methods of evaluation,
- Stages of elaboration of a real estate expertise.

Axis 5: The dynamics of space in the digital era: what contribution from geospatial sciences?

- Contribution of geospatial sciences and technologies in space management,
- Models for optimization and rationalization of land management,
- Cartography and Spatial Data Information: Decision Support Tools for Land Management.

Axis 6: Blockchains and digital transformation in the field of land tenure: what contribution to transparency and equity in land tenure?

- Digitization and digital transformation models in the land sector,
- The contribution of digital technology to equitable and transparent land management,
- The actors of digital transformation in the land sector.

Axis 7: Resilient territories and smart cities: what contribution from geosciences?

- The role of geosciences and artificial intelligence in the development of resilient and intelligent territories,
- Integrated management of space: assessment and mitigation of the impact of climate change,
- Smart cities and urban land preservation models.

5. Deadlines:

- **April 01, 2023:** Abstracts submission deadline;
- **April 20th, 2023:** Authors notification deadline;
- **May 10th, 2023:** Final papers submission deadline;
- **May 20th, 2023:** Deadline to submit power point presentations or posters;
- **June 6-8th, 2023:** Time-frame of the Forum;
- **June 25th, 2023:** Deadline of the camera-ready papers to be included in the AJLP-GS.

6. Agenda at a glance:

Tuesday 6 June 2023	
Land Governance and African Union Guidelines Conference Room of the IAV Hassan II	
9:00-13:00	Workshop 1
14:30-18:00	Workshop 2
Wednesday 7 June 2023: Technical Session	
Conference Room of the IAV Hassan II	
9:00-13:30	- <i>Opening session</i> - Axis 1: Land policies development: Which paradigms and which best practices? - Axis 2: Inclusive land governance: what place for women, youth and vulnerable groups?
14:30-18:00	- Axis 3: Land tenure and creative economy: what role for training and research in the field of land tenure? - Axis 4: Real estate valuation and expertise techniques
Wednesday 8 June 2023 :Technical session	
Conference Room of the IAV Hassan II	
9:00-13:00	- Axis 5: The dynamics of space in the digital era: what contribution from geospatial sciences? - Axis 6: Blockchains and digital transformation in the field of land tenure: what contribution to transparency and equity in land tenure?
14:30-18:00	- Axis 7: Resilient territories and smart cities: what contribution from geosciences? - <i>Closing session</i>

7. Exhibition area

The NELGA North Africa team welcomes any institution, organization or company wishing to share their visual identities and services in an exhibition space available during the two days of the Forum at the Hassan II Agronomic and Veterinary Institute.

The exhibition is an opportunity to reach not only a large number of participants in the immediate area of the forum, but also a distinguished community of professionals from various scientific disciplines, as well as leading public, political and media actors. Participation in the exhibition is an opportunity for your organization to connect your experience with the academic and scientific community.

Any organization wishing to exhibit its services during the days of March 7 and 8 of the forum can apply through the Exhibition link and will be contacted by the organizers about the modalities and installation fees.

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