

RESEARCH FORUM ON LAND GOVERNANCE, 18-19 April 2024 in Rabat

NELGA North Africa organized, on April 18-19, 2024, a Research Forum on Land Governance, under the theme “Dialogue promoting research in North Africa”. The event took place at the IAV Hassan II institute in Rabat and brought together more than 60 people including professors, researchers, representatives of public and private sector as well as students.

The Research Forum on Land Governance aimed to foster collaboration in promoting research by strengthening dialogue between academic institutions and various stakeholders involved in the field of land governance. Progress in this area will be highlighted, with emphasis on the major challenges affecting the North African region. It is crucial to keep stakeholders informed of progress while raising awareness of the obstacles and difficulties facing the field in order to ensure the implementation of inclusive and equitable land strategies.

The Forum's agenda included the presentation of the results of cross-over and thematic studies, launched by NELGA North Africa, on different aspects of land governance carried out in the region, notably Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Sudan. Thanks to these studies, NELGA North Africa partners will be able to undertake more in-depth research to analyze the multiple aspects and challenges of land governance.

During the first day of the Forum, two sessions were planned to present the results of the cross-over and thematic studies. The first cross-over study focused on the analysis of the process of integrating the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) into land policies in North Africa. The second study was subdivided into five themes according to the areas of expertise of the partners in Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Sudan. The thematic research themes are as follows:



- ◆ [Implementation of the new land security policy in Mauritania: The sites of Bababé and Thienel](#), Prof. Ousmane Wagué, University Nouakchoutt Al Asriya, Mauritania
- ◆ [Analysis of the digital transformation process in the field of land governance in Morocco](#), Prof. Abderrahim ID-Rais, IAV Hassan II, Morocco
- ◆ [Land Governance Tools and Approaches to Achieve Sustainable Development in Existing Egyptian Cities](#), Prof. Heba Allah Essam E. Khalil, Cairo University, Egypt
- ◆ [Innovative geospatial information-based approach for natural risk management](#), Prof Salwa Saidi, University Tunis Al Manar, Tunisia
- ◆ [The sustainable development in land Tenure systems](#), Prof. Eltaib Saeed Mohamed Ganawa, University of Khartoum, Sudan

During the second day, a technical session was held around priorities and scientific research initiatives in the field of land governance in North Africa. The diversity of Forum participants made it possible to enrich the discussions and come out with substantial summaries and recommendations. Finally, the conclusions converged on the importance to be given to inclusive dialogue to face the various obstacles and difficulties in research in the field of land governance and thus ensure that research studies respond to the real and urgent needs of concerned populations.





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This issue ([Vol 7, No 2](#)) contains fourteen (14) articles et one (1) review paper.

WEBINAR ON WOMEN AND LAND ACCESS RIGHTS IN NORTH AFRICA

NELGA North Africa organized, on March 28, 2024, a webinar on the theme of “Women and land access rights in North Africa”. This theme is at the center of discussions around land these days and perfectly meets several expectations of land stakeholders.

Holding this webinar was of particular importance for NELGA North Africa which wanted to be part of the dynamic of International Women's Day on March 8 of this year around the theme "Investing in women: accelerate progress".

Indeed, the issues of equity and equal opportunities for women with regard to their land access rights are essential for sustainable development because they strongly contribute to the establishment of an inclusive and equitable society and helps contribute to prosperous economic and social development.

This webinar brought together eminent professors and experts who presented topics specific to North African countries, namely Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Sudan. They shared several examples of good practices and challenges emanating from North African countries in order to come out at the end with a series of recommendations useful to the dynamic established nowadays in the region.



NELGA WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH COMMUNICATION, 5-7 March 2024, Dar es salaam- Tanzania

NELGA organized a workshop on research communication in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, from March 5 to 7, 2024. This workshop offered the various participants (academicians, researchers, policy makers, representatives of the private sector and civil society) an adequate framework to refine their communication skills on the results of studies and research work.

NELGA North Africa was represented by Mr. Khalid Yousfi, President of the National Order of Surveying Engineers of Morocco, Prof. Ousmane Wagé of the Nouakchott Al-asriya University of Mauritania, Mr. Sahbi Bedhief, Engineer in ecology and management of natural resources in Tunisia, and Miss Chaimaa Erreddaf, Research Assistant at NELGA North Africa.

The workshop aimed to improve the visibility and accessibility of NELGA's research work using Design Thinking principles. Throughout the workshop, participants engaged in structured activities that promoted collaborative idea generation, prototype development, and presentation of communications materials and briefing notes.



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About

The purpose of NELGA (Network of Excellence on Land Governance in North Africa) is to enhance the role of selected African universities and academic / research institutions in support of land policy development, implementation and monitoring based on the African Union Agenda. IAV Hassan II was selected as NELGA North Africa node, because of its proven leadership, technical capacities and rich experience in academic education, training and research on land governance and related issues.