**Online Capacity Development Workshop**

**Monitoring SDG 1.4.2 through Administrative Records in the Arab Region**

**Date:** 4 July 2024. 11:00-13:00 (Beirut time zone)

**Platform:** Online Teams Platform (Registration [Link](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bf6cdfb9-61af-478f-9d7b-71db321031f5@0f9e35db-544f-4f60-bdcc-5ea416e6dc70))

**Organizers:** United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), UN-Habitat, Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) and Arab Land Initiative

**Language:** English and Arabic

**Background**

Land is a key economic resource integral to access, use and control over other productive assets. Recognizing this, the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development emphasizes strengthening tenure security for all, particularly under Goal 1, focused on ending poverty.

SDG indicator 1.4.2 focuses on achieving secure tenure rights to land, for both women and men, which is crucial for economic empowerment, poverty reduction. In rural settings, secure tenure encourages investment, serves as collateral for credit, and supports income generation through agriculture. In urban settings, formal land tenure is vital for accessing services, improving living conditions, and fostering economic opportunities.

SDG 1.4.2 also intersects with gender equity. Secure land tenure enhances women’s economic security, reduces dependence on male relatives, and improves their bargaining power, contributing to poverty reduction and food security. Monitoring this indicator is crucial to assess progress and inform policies that support inclusive development.

**Objectives:**

**Raising Awareness** on the importance of monitoring land tenure security and reporting on indicator 1.4.2 to achieve SDG 1 within the 2030 Agenda.

**Strengthening Capacities** of national institutions to understand the methodology, collect and report on SDG Indicator 1.4.2. and address the challenges faced.

**Facilitating Discussion** on the statistical and administrative challenges of monitoring land tenure security through the range of information available, from administrative data to perception surveys.

**Issues to be Addressed**

The online workshop aims to foster a deeper understanding of the importance of secure land tenure and the critical role it plays in achieving the SDG 1. By enhancing capacities and facilitating discussions, the event will contribute to more effective monitoring and reporting on SDG 1.4.2, ultimately supporting sustainable development and gender equality in the Arab Region. The workshop will address critical issues related to monitoring land tenure security in diverse contexts, particularly in urban environments using administrative records. It will explore the unique challenges of data collection and the various sources of information, employed to capture the nuances of land tenure in these settings. Participants will discuss the necessity of a comprehensive and inclusive data collection strategy that reflects the diversity of tenure arrangements across Arab countries. Special attention will be given to the integration of perception data, which is essential for complementing administrative data and legally recognized documentation, ensuring a holistic view of tenure security. Differences and complementarities in the monitoring of SDG indicator 5.a.2.

**Participants:** National SDG coordination mechanisms, National Statistical Offices (NSOs), Land authorities, Housing institutions, Ministries of Justice and Planning from Qatar, partners, and other interested stakeholders.

**Agenda outline**

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| **Time (UTC+3)** | **Agenda item** | **Note** |
| 11:00 | Opening remarks and objectives of the capacity development workshop | UN-ESCWA (5 min)  UN-Habitat (5 min) |
| 11:10 | **Context setting**  Presentation of the Arab Land Initiative and objectives of the capacity development workshop: Security of tenure as means for poverty reduction and Women’s socioeconomic empowerment – Rationale behind the SDG 1.4.2 indicator. | Presented by Ombretta Tempra, UN-Habitat / GLTN |
| 11:30 min | The methodology to collect information on indicator SDG 1.4.2   * Monitoring SDG 1.4.2. data collection process, reporting methodology. * Different approaches using statistical vs administrative data sources. * Complementarity between SDGs 1.4.2, 5.a.1 and 5.a.2 * Steps required for monitoring 1.4.2:   + Identification of potential sources of land tenure information   + Inventory of land tenure documentation   + Identification of different land tenure modalities within the continuum of land rights approach * Monitoring perception of tenure security | 15 min presentation, followed by 15 min Q /A and discussion  Presented by UN-Habitat / GLTN  Dogu Karakaya & Regina Orvananos |
| 12:05 | Presentation on SDG indicator 5.a.2 | By FAO - 10 min presentation and 10 min Q/A and discussion |
| 12:25 min | Case study: Qatar Land Administration and Registration Context | TBC |
| 12:45 min | Moderated Q/A and discussion |  |
| 12:55 | Closing remarks | UNESCWA and UN-Habitat |