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Towards a Common Strategy for Capacity Development in the Arab Region

Ongoing Capacity Development Initiatives for Land Governance in the Arab Region

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UTI/GLTN Agreement of Cooperation on: “Capacity and Knowledge Development on Land Governance In the Arab Region”, 2019-2021

This AoC falls within the Priorities of the Arab Land Initiative:

1. **Promote** collaboration & coordination
2. **Develop** & share knowledge
3. **Develop** capacities of individuals & organizations
4. **Support** the implementation of existing land-related programs & **Interventions.**



Capacity and Knowledge Development on Land Governance in the Arab Region AoC

Objectives:

- **Conduct** a first assessment of the needs:
 - ✓ capacities & existing knowledge sources,
 - ✓ learning offers & curricula in existing institutions,
 - ✓ needs in terms of training,
- **Implement** convenient strategies and programs in the Arab region



UTI/GLTN (AoC) Main Components

1- Capacity Assessment on Land Governance

Regarding the **land governance** in **Arab countries NOT covered** by the capacity needs assessment undertaken **by the NELGA North Africa node**. The focus will be on ME & Gulf Countries.

2- Conduct Two Capacity Development Events

Gender-Responsive land tools
Partners tools and **approaches** that are relevant for contributing to **Good Land Governance** in the region.

3- Establishment and Management of a Research Innovation Fund

For **young professionals** and **practitioners** in the Arab Region.

4- Translation and Adaptation

For **key materials** to be translated to enrich the Arabic library. These materials are jointly identified by UTI and GLTN.

1- Capacity Assessment on Land Governance

- **Objectives**

- ✓ Identifying main stakeholders, map out diverse stakeholders and their strengths, contributions and needs
- ✓ Gathering information and preparing country reports
- ✓ Carry out a need's assessment relating to training, degrees, and research on land governance
- ✓ Identify gaps and skills and knowledge that are / to be addressed by research and curriculum development

- **Main Areas of Work**

- ✓ Capacity needs assessment on land governance.
- ✓ Mapping of existing institutions and their learning offers on land governance related courses'

- **Key Land Related Functions to be Assessed**

- ✓ Land tenure;
- ✓ Land value;
- ✓ Land use, and
- ✓ Land development

2- Conduct Two Capacity Development Events

An Induction, Capacity Development and Planning Workshop: New Partnerships and Perspectives for the Arab Land Initiative: From 02-06 February 2020

An induction workshop for capacity development and planning for the Arab Land Initiative has successfully taken place in Cairo, Egypt. It was the first event that brought together the newly contracted partners implementing the different areas of work of the BMZ-funded “Arab region program on good land governance in support to inclusive development, peace and stability”. The event was hosted by the Urban Training & studies Institute (UTI) in collaboration with GLTN and UN-Habitat at the Housing and Building National Research Center (HBRC).



3- Establishment and Management of a Research Innovation Fund

17 Research Grants Awarded through the Research Innovation Fund, July 2020

A call for proposal for research grants was led by (UTI/HBRC), in cooperation with (GLTN) with the financial support from (BMZ). **UTI received eighty (80) submissions** covering the **twelve main cross-sectorial land governance themes** proposed in the call. **The selection criteria were:** clarity of the research objectives, soundness of the hypothesis, relevance of the case studies, credibility of the methodology, validity of the references, innovation potential, and transferability of the expected results.

Due to the good quality and very competitive applications received, the review committee **decided to increase the awarded applications from 8, as initially planned, to 17 grantees.**

Out of the selected research proposals, 12 are in English; 3 in Arabic and 2 in French



Expected Outcomes

- **11 Capacity Needs Assessment Country Reports & 2 Regional Analysis Reports**, which reflect the reality of the problems related to various needs of the Arab region countries,
- **17 Innovative researches** addressing different issues from different Arab countries.
- **Expanding the network of experts and institutions**, UTI will **link up** with **new partners** and **develop new relationships** with Arab organizations, including the partners carrying out the other (AoC)s.
- **Translated materials** into Arabic on different land related issues, enriching the Arabic Library.
- **Build** on existing regional networks of expertise in land governance (GLTN, NELGA, ILC, AUS, HIC, etc.)

