

The GLTN Approach to Urban Rural Partnership

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SUMMARY

FIG's previous commitments in the Marrakech Declaration in 2003 / 2004 remain as valid today as they were then. The need for comprehensive land policies, reflecting a priority on spatial and economic integration, and the importance of considering governance, infrastructure and local capacity within these are central elements in what Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) Partners have recently also described as Urban-Rural Land Linkages (URLLs). National land administrations generally are, and should remain, unified with common methods and standards for land administration. At the same time, we need to recognise and appropriately manage the particular situations and priorities that arise in rural, urban and peri-urban locations. GLTN's defining issue – achieving security of tenure for all – is a concern in all of these locations in all corners of the globe, regardless of development status or income level.

The basic objectives of URLLs are ones that will resonate with the FIG membership:

- A. Good land stewardship
- B. Efficient land use
- C. Equitable land use (across all major groups such as income, gender, ethnicity, generational and others)

These objectives are pursued across the 3 dimensions that characterise URLLs, namely:

- 1.

Spatial

2. Economic

3. Socio-cultural function and characteristics

Land governance and administration needs to explicitly address each of these dimensions. It must do so within highly specific contexts, largely determined by GDP per capita and the local natural resource base.

GLTN Partners have recently highlighted a number of areas of priority activity:

- Urban-rural continuum land policy activities
- Strategic urban-rural land use planning
- Urban-rural spatial data infrastructure and land information sharing
- Continuum approaches for land tenure and food security
- Important cross-cutting urban-rural development activities

As highlighted by the Marrakech Declaration, FIG and its members have a three-fold role in UURLs, as enablers, as mediators and as advisers. GLTN fully endorses the call for FIG members to take up these roles and assures you of its full support.

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