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Enhancing capacities in land governance for Implementing the African Union Agenda on Land

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Introduction

This presentation explores the 2024 theme of year of the African Union (AU), focusing on education and its critical connection to land governance and the work that is being undertaken through the Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)

Educated individuals are better equipped to understand and navigate land rights and policies

Education fosters informed decision-making and community participation in land governance

Skills development in land administrations and sustainable land use practices contributes to socio, economic and environmental sustainability

Benefits of investing in skills development and capacity building in the land governance sector include reduced conflicts over land ownership and creation of job opportunities

Building skills and capacity also enhances knowledge of land rights and legal frameworks

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The African Union 2024 Theme

Theme: "Education and Skills Development for the Africa We Want"

Goal: Promote quality education and skills development as essential tools for achieving sustainable development and empowerment across the continent

Importance of Education in Africa

- Catalyst for socio-economic development
- Empowerment of youth and communities
- Reduction of poverty and inequality
- Enhancement of innovation and economic competitiveness

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The AUC, AfDB and UNECA established the ALPC to champion the implementation of the AU Agenda on land including putting in place several frameworks

- AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa, 2009
- The Land Governance Strategy
- Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa (F&G)
- Guiding Principles on Large Scale Land based Investments
- Guidelines on Prevention and Addressing Land-Based Conflicts in Africa
- Guidelines for the Development of Curricula on Land Governance in Africa
- Several STC decisions have been made

There is need to enhance skills and capacities related to land governance to implement the above

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NELGA provides a concrete example of how education institutions can collaborate to influence capacity development and change

- The AU Land Governance Strategy has identified the need to strengthen continental and regional platforms that are functional including the Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)
- NELGA has to increasingly link evidence-based data to decision making processes and policy making processes
- Be a source of peer-to-peer learning and exchange
- Source of knowledge for the continent's development

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Efforts need to be made to increase capacities in the land governance sector

Challenges

- Limited access to quality education
- Insufficient resources for land governance education
- Lack of specialized equipment
- Socio-cultural barriers

Solutions

- Increased investment in educational infrastructure
- Development of targeted educational programs for land governance
- Collaboration with local communities and stakeholders

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Policy Recommendations

For Governments:

- Integrate land governance topics into national education curricula
- Support vocational training programs focused on land administration

For AU and International Partners:

- Provide funding and technical support for educational initiatives
- Foster partnerships between educational institutions and land governance bodies

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Conclusion

The 2024 AU theme reminds us of the vital role of education in achieving sustainable land governance

We need to continuously build capacity in the land governance sector

Strengthening the linkage between education and land governance is crucial for equitable development and empowerment

Train teachers and educators on the importance of land governance and how to teach it effectively

Launch community-based education programs focusing on land rights and sustainable land governance

Leverage mobile learning platforms and social media to disseminate information and educate the public

Develop online courses and resources accessible to a wider audience

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