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Introduction

- Global slum statistics
- Global Network of Pro Poor Land Developers under design
- Working with FIG as a valued partner



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Facts about Slums

- Global Campaign for Security of Tenure
- Global slum population
- 2 billion by 2030

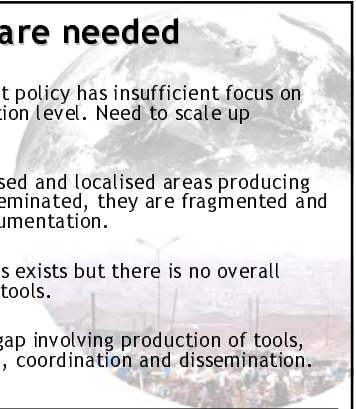


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Why land tools are needed

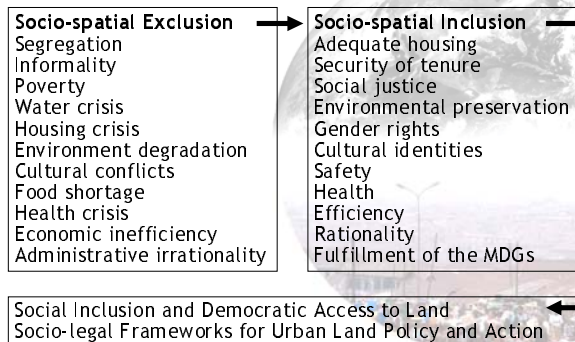
- Global urban development policy has insufficient focus on land at the implementation level. Need to scale up activities.
- There are mostly specialised and localised areas producing tools. Tools are not disseminated, they are fragmented and there is insufficient documentation.
- Regional/thematic groups exists but there is no overall global approach to land tools.
- UN-HABITAT can fill this gap involving production of tools, gathering of information, coordination and dissemination.



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The Global Network

- Develop innovative pro poor and gendered tenure and land administration overtime and to unblock existing initiatives
- Strengthen existing networks by integrating knowledge across different land silos (Sectoral/thematic)
- Disseminate knowledge from local/regional to global level (Geographical)



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The Global Network

- It is envisaged that this network will improve land-related knowledge management, with a focus on urban land law, land tenure, land management and administration, land tax and related gender impacts and issues.
- The network would both undertake research and propose relevant tools for implementation that advance the UN-Habitat Agenda.

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The Global Network

- UN-HABITAT will coordinate the network, but experts outside of the UN will undertake the task of tool development, also working with Member States.
- It is the intention of UN-HABITAT that this network will scale-up over time, building the capacity required to support partners, regional offices, civil society organizations, and other key stakeholders in advancing the attainment of the MDGs.
- Intended to support the work of UN-HABITAT's Global Campaign for Secure Tenure in promoting the rights of the urban poor to access land in an affordable manner.

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The Global Network

- Network of networks
- International Advisory Committee
- Regional bodies
- Swedish counterpart
- UN-HABITAT

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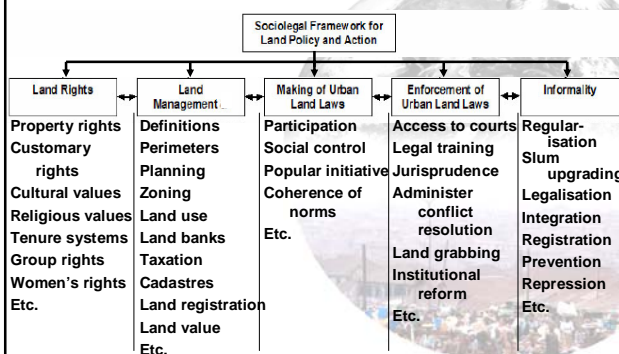
The Global Network

- Key issues in land are:
 - a) land rights,
 - b) land management and administration,
 - c) making of urban land laws,
 - d) enforcement of urban land laws,
 - e) informality in the access to urban land and housing.
- These include topics such as (see diagram on next slide):

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The Global Network

- Need a general framework which is flexible enough to be made country-specific
- Key role of Member States in tool development
- Grassroots must be involved

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The Global Network - gender

- Women are disadvantaged in regard to land rights and access to land
- Land administration systems often disadvantage women
- There are fewer women involved in land tool development
- UN-HABITAT's policy on land and gender issues

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The Global Network - gender

- Gender balance should exist between the number of women and men participating in the network;
- The capacity of network members to engage in gender mainstreaming and analysis should be developed;
- The process of creating pro-poor land tools should be shared between women and men;
- Pro-poor land tools that are developed should be gendered;

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Conclusion

- UN-HABITAT wants to move beyond the design phase and scale up and implement the network early 2006
- UN-HABITAT has worked with FIG for nearly a decade and is a valued partner
- Would like FIG to be a central player in this network which should enrich what FIG already does
- Would like to hear from FIG and this audience as to what they would like to see in this network

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