

Stepping Up Engagements for Advancing the Objectives of the Fit for Purpose Land Administration (FFPLA) Working Group: A Call to Action

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SUMMARY

The Fit for Purpose Land Administration (FFPLA) Working Group of the FIG C7, backed by the UN-Habitat, and the World Bank, has promoted context-specific land administration practices aligned with diverse regional needs. This paper acknowledges the commendable progress made by the FFPLA Working Group, as evidenced by the development of policy guides, implementation support mechanisms, and scholarly publications, which have significantly advanced the understanding and adoption of FFPLA principles. However, the paper also recognises the persistent resistance within the land administration community, thereby underscoring the urgency for renewed engagement and collaborative efforts to surmount barriers and drive transformative change.

The paper concentrates on two crucial aspects: 1) Reinforcing Advocacy and Awareness, and 2) Promoting Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing. Within the first aspect, the article highlights the pivotal role of reinforcing advocacy to expand the reach and influence of FFPLA. It proposes strategies such as integrating FFPLA into policy frameworks, leveraging existing networks and partnerships, and advocating for the inherent merits of context-specific land administration solutions in poverty reduction (SDG 1) endeavours. Under the second aspect, the paper underscores the paramount importance of collaboration and knowledge sharing in advancing progress. It accentuates the FFPLA Working Group's role in facilitating information exchange, fostering partnerships with relevant stakeholders, and establishing platforms for disseminating best practices, lessons learned, and innovative approaches. Active engagement from FIG member countries/associations, UN-Habitat, professionals, universities, and the geospatial industry is deemed essential for collectively contributing to the FFPLA agenda. Moreover, the paper delineates specific actions to invigorate engagements, including targeted workshops, webinars, and capacity-building initiatives to address knowledge gaps and cultivate a vibrant FFPLA community of practice. It further suggests the establishment of regional task forces to drive localized

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implementation and adaptation of FFPLA principles. These actions are envisaged as catalysts for effecting change and generating momentum within the land administration community.

In conclusion, this paper urges all stakeholders to proactively participate and contribute to the FFPLA Working Group's objectives. It emphasizes the imperative of collective responsibility, knowledge sharing, and continuous learning to foster transformative change in land administration practices. The envisioned outcome is a future wherein Fit for Purpose Land Administration becomes the prevailing norm, leading to sustainable development, poverty reduction, and enhanced land governance on a global scale.

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