

GLTN Workshop - Application of Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration in the Arab Region 5-8 December 2023

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SUMMARY

More than 15 experts from nine Arab countries participated in a workshop on the application of Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration (FFPLA) in the Arab Region, held in Tunis, Tunisia, in December 2023. The aim of the workshop was to explore, engage and exchange experiences and views on the FFPLA and its implementation with a particular focus on governance issues, technical solutions, the integration of tools and approaches as well as the adaptation of FFPLA in the Arab context. With the support from the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) of UN Habitat, the workshop was organized by the Regional Centre for Remote Sensing of North African States – CRTEAN and the School for Land Administration Studies – SLAS, a joint venture between Kadaster and Faculty ITC University of Twente in the Netherlands.

The workshop was conducted in a friendly ‘family feel’ atmosphere with interactive sessions and participants eager to reflect on current land administration challenges in their home countries, learn about new technology developments for FFP mapping and the different aspects of FFPLA. The event explored and showcased different country examples and developments in legislation, governance, hardware, software, and processing solutions that support FFPLA. From the evaluation of this workshop it became clear that a continuation of similar workshops in the region is needed to delve deeper into the country contexts, to broaden the knowledge on FFPLA and leverage on technological solutions and with more hands-on activities.

During the workshop, the team had the opportunity to collect insights related to the current state of affairs of land administration in the Arab world from the direct experience and knowledge of participants representing 9 Arab countries: Lybia, Morocco, Syria, Sudan, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Mauritania, and Tunisia. From those contributions, we compiled an overview of legal, institutional and spatial issues impacting Land Administration in the represented Arab Countries. We hope this

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overview constitutes a contribution to the development of a land administration strategy for Arab countries.

From this standpoint, the team see to ensure communication by conducting more workshops in this field, which we believe will add a positive impact to raise the competence of experts in these countries and develop them. The host and implementing organizations are keen to continue this approach during this year and the coming years.

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