

## Deqing Meeting of the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management

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### CONCEPT NOTE

#### Background

Good land administration requires good land records. Good land records readily relate people to place and inform on the “how”, the “what”, the “who” and the “where” providing an effective and efficient overview of people to land relationships. It is linking people to land. Globally, the challenge remains to support good land administration with good land and geospatial information. Considering that an estimated seventy percent of humanity do not enjoy secure land and property rights, the Expert Group believes there is a need to accelerate efforts to document, record and recognize people-to-land relationships in all its forms.

The Expert Group reported to the Committee of Experts at its eighth session its activities and progress, including its consideration of an overarching framework for sustainable land administration in which key elements or principles are described for sustainable and interoperable land administration and management systems that can efficiently and effectively document, record and recognize people-to-land relationships in all their forms. The consideration for the framework includes references to existing concepts, approaches and mechanisms, such as the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (from the Committee on World Food Security), the continuum of land rights (Global Land Tool Network) and the Land Governance Assessment Framework (World Bank Group). Within the overarching framework, developments in the standardization of land administration domain models will be considered as a means to enable further progress.

The Committee of Experts at its eighth session asked the Expert Group to make use of existing appropriate globally accepted concepts and approaches, such as existing guidelines, best practices and standards, to effectively and efficiently link people to land, documenting, recording and recognizing people to land relationships in all their forms, and to secure land and property rights for all. In this regard, in developing the overarching policy guidance that can be readily referenced by Member States for:

- better advocacy and improving awareness of the benefits of effective and efficient land administration,
- enhances partnerships and capacity development,
- strengthen land administration and management at all levels, and
- to effectively and efficiently link people to land.

Effective land administration provides humanity with better access to and security of land and property rights, able to mitigate issues relating to land as a root cause triggering conflict, and to “leave no one behind”, the overarching principle of the 2030 Agenda. Effective land administration must be fit-for-purpose, appropriate and adequate, interoperable and sustainable, flexible and inclusive, transparent, and able to accelerate efforts to document, record and recognize people-to-land relationships in all its forms.



## Objective

The objective of Deqing Meeting of the Expert Group is to provide its members and invited experts the opportunity to review, consider and discuss its progress to-date, outcomes of recent events, and the guidance and decisions of the Committee of Experts. In particular, the Expert Group will review and deliberate its consideration and development of an overarching policy guidance for effective and efficient land administration that can be referenced by Member States when developing, strengthening or modernizing their national (or sub-national) land administration and management systems. It also allows the Expert Group to discuss and consider its activities going forward.

## Participants

The Deqing Meeting of the Expert Group is a closed meeting and by invitation only. All current members of the Expert Group comprising of expert representatives from Member States, United Nations systems, intergovernmental and international organisations, and UN-GGIM thematic networks are invited to participate. The host may also select and nominate national experts to the Deqing Meeting.

Expert representatives of Member States that are not members of the Expert Group, regional and international experts, and observers from UN-GGIM Academic Network, UN-GGIM: Private Sector Network, UN-GGIM: Geospatial Societies, and relevant stakeholder groups may request to participate in the Deqing Meeting of the Expert Group (please email: [frani@un.org](mailto:frani@un.org)).

All participants of the Deqing Meeting of the Expert Group will also participate and contribute to the Deqing International Seminar.

## Registration

Prior registration is required for all participants.

## Language

The meeting of the Expert Group will be conducted in English.

## Venue

The Deqing Meeting will be held at the Deqing International Convention Center, located at the Zhejiang Geospatial Information Industrial Park in Deqing, Zhejiang Province, China.

## Related Event

The Deqing Meeting of the Expert Group will be held in conjunction with the Deqing International Seminar on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management with the theme “Effective land administration”. The Deqing International Seminar will provide a unique platform for the geospatial community and a diverse group of stakeholders to engage one another and discuss priority issues related to fit-for-purpose, appropriate and adequate, interoperable and sustainable, transparent, flexible and inclusive land administration and management. Effective and efficient land administration and management is needed to accelerate efforts to document, record and recognize people-to-land relationships in all its forms. Information concerning the Deqing International Seminar will progressively be made available at: [http://ggim.un.org/Deqing\\_International\\_Seminar.html](http://ggim.un.org/Deqing_International_Seminar.html).

