



LAND

AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

RELEASE: Are your land rights secure? Dashboard tracks land and the Sustainable Developing Goals (SDGs)

New York (September 6, 2017) — A [dashboard focused on Land and Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) was launched today by the Land Portal Foundation and the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)¹ to make information related to the land indicators in the SDGs widely available.

In September 2015, world leaders unanimously approved the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a comprehensive set of 17 goals and 169 targets, referred together as the 2030 agenda. The Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs), composed of United Nations Member States, developed global indicator framework to track progress towards the achievement of the SDGs, which were adopted by the UN ECOSOC in March 2016.

Among the indicators proposed by the IAEG-SDGs are numerous indicators related to land, advocated for and supported by various global land community actors including the Global Donor Working Group on Land, members of the Global Land Indicators Initiative, FAO, UN SDSN and others. Indicators in the SDGs monitoring framework have been categorized and assigned a 'tier status,' meaning that the indicator does not yet have a methodology for tracking it (Tier 3), has a methodology but no regular data (Tier 2), or has both a methodology and regular data (Tier 1). The development of a methodology for measuring respective indicators is assigned by IAEG-SDGs to various UN agencies, in collaboration with other stakeholders as "custodian agencies".

From November 11-14 in Manama, Bahrain, the IAEG-SDGs will review progress made in the development of Tier 3 indicators, including indicator 1.4.2 for measuring tenure security including

¹ GLTN hosts and facilitates the [Global Land Indicators Initiative \(GLII\)](#).

perception, and indicator 5.a.2 on countries' legal provisions that secure women's land rights among others.

Throughout the world, land provides a primary source of income, food security, cultural identity and shelter. It also serves as a fundamental asset for the economic empowerment of the poor and provides a safety net in times of hardship.

"Land and land tenure security are key components of sustainable development," said Laura Meggiolaro, Land Portal Coordinator "It is fundamental that these indicators secure re-classification by the IAEG-SDGs in November."

"When dealing with land tenure issues within the SDGs, the land community is showing commitment to improve livelihoods for billions of people in the world who cannot afford legal documentation to protect their basic economic and social rights, among which access and enjoyment of their land rights. The SDGs offer us a unique chance to positively change the pattern and perception of tenure security, building on the continuum of land rights" said Oumar Sylla, Head of the Land and GLTN Unit at UN-Habitat.

"Land indicators in the SDGs provide the best opportunity to measure and account for the achievement of tenure security rights for all. They also enable global comparability of land data to inform policy and programme decisions that reinforce food security, gender equality, urban planning and development, environmental protection and the building of peaceful societies' by Everlyne Nairesiae, GLII Coordinator at GLTN/UN Habitat.

In an effort to make information about land-related SDGs widely available and to engage stakeholders, the Land Portal Foundation and the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) have established an exciting new [dashboard, focused on Land and Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).

The dashboard covers indicators 1.4.2 on land tenure security including perception of tenure rights, 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 on smallholder farmers, what they earn and how much they produce, 2.4.1 on agriculture area, 5.a.1 on ownership and share of land rights of women, 5.a.2 on legal frameworks for women's land rights, 11.1.1, 11.3.1 and 11.7.1 relating to sustainable urban tenure and open spaces and 15.1.1, 15.1.2 and 15.3.1 relating to forest areas, biodiversity and degraded lands, respectively.

The dashboard includes:

- A timeline featuring important decisions that have been made for land indicators
- The latest news and blogs on land and the SDGs.

- A table outlining the Tier Status of each indicator.
- The context and essential information related to each indicator, including the method for measuring the indicator, a description of why the indicator is important and who is working on monitoring the indicator.
- Selected Land Portal data visualizations, such as FAO's Gender and Land Rights data as well as LandMark's and RRI's data on the amount of legally recognized indigenous and community land for Indicator 1.4.2.
- Blogs, news, events, debates and library resources relating specifically to each indicator.
- Key dates for the specific indicators, the custodian agency responsible for the indicator, official partners of the indicator as identified by the UN and indicator-specific links.

In concert with this initiative, the Land Portal Foundation, the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network's Thematic Network on Good Governance of Extractive and Land Resources are also launching a **Blog Series on Land and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. The first blog in the series is the eponymously titled [Land and the SDGs](#) by world-renowned expert **Professor Jeffrey Sachs**, Chairman of the Advisory Board of Columbia Center for Sustainable Investment (CCSI), University Professor at Columbia University, and Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. According to Professor Sachs, "Land rights determine social status, women's empowerment, and the survival or destruction of cultures, especially of indigenous peoples."

Stay tuned each week for a new blog related to land and the SDGs. [Sign up on the Land Portal](#) to join the community and have access to the latest blogs and information.

In addition, please do join the Land Portal Foundation, GLTN and the SDSN Thematic Network on Good Governance of Extractive and Land Resources on September 18, from 9:30-11:00 AM EDT (3:30-5:00 PM CET) for [Ask the Experts: Webinar on the Future of Land-Related Indicators in the 2030 Agenda](#). Make sure to [register](#) for the webinar here.

The dashboard on Land and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is available at: <https://landportal.info/book/sdgs/>

About the Land Portal Foundation:

The Land Portal Foundation is working for a world of improved land governance that benefits those with the most insecure land rights and the greatest vulnerability to landlessness. We are creating the leading online resource for information, data and knowledge-exchange on land governance issues. By working with partners we are building a better information ecosystem that will support all stakeholders to engage in more informed and inclusive land governance research, debate, advocacy and policy

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About GLTN:

The Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) is an alliance of international partners committed to increase access to land and tenure security for all, with particular focus on the poor and women. The Network's partners include international civil society organizations, research and training institutions, bilateral and multilateral organizations, and international professional bodies.



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