



LAND POLICY INITIATIVE (LPI)

**Implementing the AU Declaration on land
issues and challenges in Africa:
Engaging the professional community of
surveyors**

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The Land Policy Initiative (LPI)

- **Crucial role of land in Africa's Development**
 - Land and agricultural development
 - Land in other economic sectors
 - Land social and cultural identity and peace in Africa
 - Land and democratic governance
- **A Pan-African programme on land policy**
 - Initiated in 2006 jointly by **AUC- ECA- AfDB**
 - In Collaboration with the RECs
 - Participation of key African stakeholders
 - With technical/ financial support of development partners
- **Objectives of LPI Phase 1 : 2006- 2009**
 - Build consensus on key issues, lessons learnt and best practices
 - Develop a Framework to Guide Land Policy processes
 - Build political will for land policy
 - Build partnerships-synergies for land policy in Africa

Key achievements of LPI phase 1



- **Consensus** on key issues, challenges; gaps in processes/principles/institutions; lessons learnt
 - Multi stakeholder Consultations/ Regional reports
 - F&G
- **Enhanced Commitment** for land policy
 - Governments/ RECs (all regions)
 - CSO (including Farmers platforms)
 - Development Partners (IFAD; UN-Habitat- GLTN); FAO; World-Bank...
 - Building synergy and providing technical and financial support to the initiative
- **African ownership** of the initiative/ influence on African land agenda
- **Enhanced partnerships** for the African land agenda

Key messages from F&G

- **Land critical to African development**
- **Need for Comprehensive/ inter-sectoral land policies**
- **Land policies: a response to national priority land issues**
- **Participation consensus building through national land policy dialogue**
- **Implementation of land policy through effective & transparent land administration systems**
- **Experience sharing and peer learning**
- **Monitoring and evaluation of land policy processes**

The AU Declaration on land: a call to use the F&G

- **Commitment of African Heads of State and government**
 - **Develop/ review national land policies and laws**
 - **Establish appropriate institutional framework for land policy**
 - **Allocate adequate budgetary resources**
 - **Ensure access to land for all land users**
 - **Strengthen women's land rights**
- **AUC, ECA, AfDB**
 - **Establishment of an appropriate institutional framework to coordinate land policy efforts/ initiatives and promote mutual learning**
 - **Establish of a fund to support land policy processes**
 - **Establish progress tracking mechanisms**

The AU Declaration on land: a call to use the F&G (cont.)

- **RECs**
 - **Convene periodic regional land policy platforms for experience sharing**
 - **Capture/address land issues within their respective common agricultural policy frameworks**
- **Member states**
 - **Review their land sector with a view to develop comprehensive policies**
 - **Build adequate capacity (human, technical, financial capacity for land policy**
 - **Make use of the F&G as a valid tool to guide their national land policy process**
- **CSOs**
 - **Participation**
- **(Land surveyors?)**

LPI Phase 2 (2012- 2016)

Vision, mission, Goal

- **VISION:** A **peaceful and prosperous** Africa realized through equitable access to, efficient and sustainable utilization of land
- **MISSION:** To ensure all land users have equitable access to Land and **security of all bundles of land rights...**
- **GOAL:** To assist member states in the **implementation of the AU Declaration on land issues and challenges in Africa** in accordance with the *Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa* in order to achieve socio-economic development, peace and security, and environmental sustainability

LPI Phase 2: 2012- 2016

Objectives

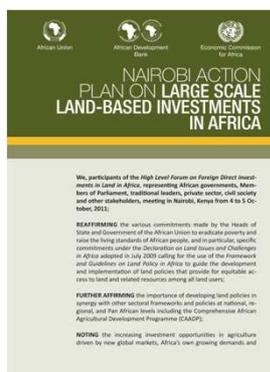
1. **Enhance capacity of LPI Secretariat to implement AU declaration on land**
 2. **Mainstream Land in Africa's Development agenda**
 3. **Enhance partnerships, coordination, synergies and resource mobilization**
 4. **Improve Communication & Advocacy for land policy /governance**
 5. **Enhance Knowledge Generation in support of evidence based land policy processes**
 6. **Enhance Capacity & Skills for land policy development, implementation and monitoring**
 7. **Enhance knowledge management for land policy**
 8. **Enhance monitoring and evaluation of land policy**
- NB: LSLBI mainstreamed**

Highlight 1: progress tracking on Land policy

- **Background Document**
- **M&E Framework for Pilots**
- **Report to the AU summit**



Highlight 2: Implementation of the Nairobi Action Plan (LSLBI)



- **Assessment of LSLBI**
- **Principles and recommendations for fiscal instruments**
- **Capacity Support**
- **M&E on LSLBIs**
- **Improved Policy and regulatory framework**

Financial resources and partnerships for implementing the Nairobi Action Plan on LSLBIs is key

Highlight 3: other

- **Study on “Natural Resources and Conflict Management: The Case of Land” (Fev. 2012)**
- **Sub-Regional knowledge exchange and capacity building workshop on the economic valuation of land and ecosystem services (10-13 December 2012)**
- **Training on Grassroots participation and Gender equality through land Governance (February 2013)**
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Ongoing activities

- **Underway**
 - **Capacity development framework**
 - **Mechanism/Fund for implementation of AU Declaration**
 - **Mainstreaming Land in the programs of AUC, ECA, AfDB programs; and CAADP**
 - **Women’s land rights**
 - **LSLBI**
 - **ECOWAS Land policy convergence study**
 - **Partnerships and resource mobilisation (UN-Habitat; SDC; FAO; French cooperation...)**
- **Starting**
 - **Curricula on land policy**
 - **Customary land rights**
 - ...

Key challenges, Way forward

- **Human resource/ institutional capacity of LPI Secretariat**
- **Communication/ advocacy**
- **Engaging private sector/ land professionals (surveyors)**
- **M&E/ Progress tracking**
- **Managing expectations from member states/ RECs**
- **Building synergies with global initiatives on Africa**

Key challenges, Way forward

- **Contribution of surveyors in addressing priority/ emerging land issues and challenges in Africa**
 - **Evidenced based land policy processes**
 - **Documenting customary based land rights**
 - **innovative/ cost effective land administration systems (decentralization; technology...)**
 - **Win-win solutions for LSLBI...**
- **Responding to country requests**
 - **Development of comprehensive land policy**
 - **Effective land administration systems/ institutions**
 - **Capacity Development...**

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