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LANDdialogue Newsletter 05-2018, #1

The LANDdialogue is a platform consisting of Dutch development organisations, universities, government institutions, and private and financial sector stakeholders who collaborate around issues of land governance. Participants exchange knowledge and experiences in the area of protecting and improving land rights and land governance, within the framework of the UN Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure (VGGT). The secretariat of the LANDdialogue is based at LANDac and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Website: www.landgovernance.org/landdialogue/



LANDac Newsletter

Starting soon, this LANDdialogue Newsletter will appear in parallel with the LANDac Newsletter. More information to follow!



News from the LANDdialogue secretariat

From January 2018, Gemma Betsema has joined the LANDdialogue secretariat. In the coming time Gemma will



New publications: Land Governance in Dutch Agreements on International Responsible Business Conduct (IMVO Convenanten)

At the last High Level LANDdialogue meeting on 2 February 2017, a request was done by the Social and

Meeting with Minister Kaag

Different organisations involved in the LANDdialogue, together with LANDac partners, have jointly sent a letter to the new Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Minister Kaag. In this letter, the organisations give an overview of Dutch support to strengthen land rights and improve land governance in the past years, and propose a discussion about possibilities to continue this support. The Minister has responded positively to this request, and parties are currently planning and preparing this meeting.



LANDdialogue Organising Committee

The Organising Committee (OC) of the LANDdialogue regularly meets to discuss progress of ongoing activities and engagements, as well as to identify opportunities for new initiatives. The OC consists of representatives from the *Ministry of Foreign Affairs*, *ACTIAM*, *APG*, *Both ENDS*, *FMO*, *Oxfam Novib*, *Rabobank*, *Universiteit Utrecht* en *LANDac*. To increase involvement of the broader group of organisations that are part of the dialogue (those that have attended previous High Level meetings or have been involved in other activities), summaries of the OC meetings will from now on be publicly available on our website again.

meet with the different organisations that have been involved in LANDdialogue activities, as well as play an active broker role between the organisations and provide support to new initiatives. It is the ambition of the Organising Committee is to strengthen our engagement with the broader network of the dialogue. In this context we invite our partners to actively approach the secretariat with your questions and ideas!

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Agenda

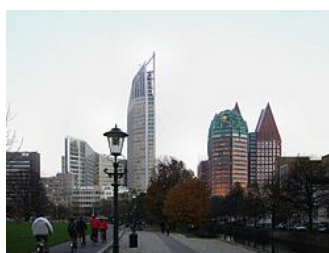
13 juni
OC LANDdialogue

28-29 juni
LANDac Annual International Conference in Utrecht

Date to be confirmed: Meeting with Minister Kaag about Dutch support to strengthening land governance

Date to be confirmed:
LANDdialogue High Level meeting 2018

More information about these events can be found on the LANDac website:
www.landgovernance.org



Economic Council of the Netherlands to explore options for including land governance as a priority theme in the Agreements on International Responsible Business Conduct (IMVO Convenanten). Following this request, two studies were conducted; one by Profundo focusing on the banking sector; and one by the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) for 13 other sectors part of the IRBC discussions. The studies are presenting recommendations to better integrate land governance within discussions around IRBC. Both reports have been shared with the SER; and in addition the KIT report is publicly available and can be downloaded on the LANDac website: <https://bit.ly/2HYx14v>. The report about the banking sector agreement has been shared with the different parties involved in this agreement. Discussions are ongoing with SER and other parties involved how to concretely give follow-up to some of the recommendations done.



Event: PRI Webinar about the APG Reference Guide

On March 6th, 2018, APG and Both ENDS made presentations during a Webinar about the APG Reference Guide. The guide is an outcome of discussions within the LANDdialogue and is available

online: <https://bit.ly/2FfPc9r>. The document presents is a tool with which investors can identify and monitor ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) risks. It includes an overview of available information regarding land-related issues for specific sectors and regions, including land use laws for a number of countries. The Webinar was hosted by UN-PRI, the world-

Activities and results LANDdialogue

It has been a while since we sent our Newsletter with ongoing LANDdialogue activities. To provide information about everything that has been happening within the dialogue, we are currently compiling an overview of all past and current activities. This overview will soon be available on the LANDac website and will be announced through this Newsletter.

wide organisation for financial institutions who are committed to responsible investments. Around 60 participants dialed in, among whom parties with relevant investments. The Webinar was recorded and can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/2HSU75A>. In 6 months from now the group will reflect on the discussions and propose possible follow-up activities within UN-PRI and by their partners.



The LANDdialogue Newsletter is published every 2 months and is compiled by the Organising Committee of the LANDdialogue. The OC consists of representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ACTIAM, APG, Both ENDS, FMO, Oxfam Novib, Rabobank, Utrecht University and LANDac. The newsletter announces new publications, events, and other developments regarding the LANDdialogue.

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