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Capacity development needs for land consolidation and land banking

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Background

- Land consolidation (introduction and building up national programmes) is one of the main technical areas of land tenure work in FAO REU (normative work, projects, communities of practice, partnerships).
- From 2000s on, FAO supported 11 countries in the region with the introduction of land consolidation where training and capacity development was usually one of the components.
- Building technical and administrative capacity for both field work and to manage programme is one of the 5 minimum requirements for having an operational land consolidation programme (alongside policy, legal, institutional frameworks and funding)





Background

- Land consolidation is a multi-disciplinary instrument and experts with different educational backgrounds and experiences, such as land surveyors, agronomists and lawyers, need to work together.
- It takes considerable time to build up the necessary capacity both to conduct fieldwork and to manage the programme.
- The need for continued capacity development, both in the form of in-service training of professionals working on projects and through the education at universities of new land consolidation professionals.
- It can often be observed that even in countries with ongoing land consolidation programmes, there is a gap between theory and practice.
- LC disciplines are taught separately e.g. surveying, agriculture, valuation, sociology, GIS and other.



Objectives of the initiative

- FAO REU will introduce a new initiative on capacity development for land consolidation and land banking.
- The overall objective of this initiative is to facilitate cooperation between universities in the region to enhance educational programmes related to land consolidation and land banking.
- The expected outcome of this work is a generic university curriculum (Master level) on land consolidation and land banking to educate future land tenure professionals in countries in the ECA region interested in the implementation of land consolidation and land banking both at programme and project levels.
- The initiative comes as a logical continuation and builds upon the recently published FAO Legal Guide on Land Consolidation (<https://doi.org/10.4060/ca9520en>) and the FAO Land Banking Study (<https://doi.org/10.4060/cb8307en>).





The tentative activity plan:

- Launch the initiative and identify the countries/universities
- Develop and agree on the methodology and outline for the Curriculum process using a well acknowledged theoretical framework/approach and the latest developments and trends in the area of capacity development and professional education;
- Preparation of country curricula assessment reports for each country describing the existing educational curricula most relevant for LC&LB;
- Preparation of draft Curriculum document for master course on LC&LB following the agreed outline;
- Organization of a series of working group meetings/workshops with the country focal points to discuss preparation of the generic Curriculum (tentatively 4 virtual meetings and one physical event in Budapest);
- Preparation of the final version of the Curriculum document and presenting the prepared University curriculum during a regional webinar;
- Intended completion: end of 2022



The preliminary list of invited countries:

- Turkey
- Moldova
- Ukraine
- Finland
- Georgia
- North Macedonia
- Lithuania
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Specific objectives of the session

- Launch the initiative
- Establish the working group
- Initial exchange about the methodology and the work plan



Thank you for your attention!

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