



5th International Land Management Conference

3-4 March 2026, online and in person, London, UK

LINK - Land International Network for Knowledge

Day 1: In person/hybrid 3rd March 2026 – Tuesday

Times are UK, GMT time zone

- 09:00 – 09:30** Registration and Coffee
- 09:30 – 10:15** Introductions/Welcome (in person)
- 09:30 – 09:40 **Opening - Prof. Jessica Lamond** (University of the West of England / LINK, UK) (in person)
- 09:40 – 09:45 **Welcome to the Conference - Robin Bloch** (Land Facility Decision Support Unit, UK) (in person)
- 09:45 – 09:50 **Welcome to RICS - James Kavanagh** (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, UK) (in person)
- 09:50 – 10:00 **Introduction - Will Hines** (Humanitarian Director, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK) (in person)
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Ward Anseeuw** (FAO, Italy) State of land tenure and governance report (online)
- 10:15 – 11:30** **Session 1: Improving understanding of the political economy factors that influence land governance**
- 10.15 – 10:20 **Introduction to Session 1 - Niki Palmer** (Land Facility Decision Support Unit, UK) (in person)
- 10:20 – 11:05 **Presentations**
- Renée Chartres** (Land Equity International, Australia), Imelda Evinani (Land Equity International, Australia), Dian Aryani (Independent Consultant) and Kate Fairlie (Land Equity International, Australia), ID: 64, Title: Understanding the Impact of Customary Tenure Recognition on Livelihoods in Indonesia (in person)
- Kate Rickersey** (Land Equity International, Australia), Stuart Ling, Cecilia Luttrell, Davone Bounphasouk and Arnaldo Pellini, ID: 84, Title: How multi-year, multistakeholder engagements shape policies and regulations for good land governance in Lao PDR (in person)
- Cecilia Luttrell** (in person)
- 11:05 – 11:30 **Discussion**
- 11:30 – 11:45** **BREAK**
- 11:45 – 13:00** **Session 2: UK support for international land governance**
- 11.45 – 11:50 **Introduction to Panel – Will Taylor** (Governance Head of Profession, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK)
- 11.50 – 12:30 **Panel discussion – UK support for international land governance** (in person)
- James Kavanagh** (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, UK)
- Pam Whitham** (Ordnance Survey, UK)
- Geoffrey Payne** (Geoffrey Payne & Associates, UK)
- Robin Bloch** (Land Facility, Decision Support Unit, UK)
- 12:30 – 12:35 **Summary of discussion from moderator**
- 12:35 – 13:00 **Discussion**
- 13:00 – 14:00** **LUNCH**

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14:00 – 16:00 **Session 3: Power and Agency in Land Governance**

14:00 – 14:05 **Introduction to Session 3 - Emily Hayter** (Decision Support Unit, UK) (in person)

14:05 – 14:20 **Lead Presenter - Prof. Catherine Boone** (LSE, UK) National Land Registration Trail and Error: Things Seen and Unforeseen in Côte d'Ivoire (in person)

14:20 – 15:35 **Presentations**

Ope Simpson (King's College London, UK), ID: 14, Title: Mind the Gap: Elite Mediation, Legal Pluralism, and Spatial Variation in Land Violence in Nigeria (in person)

Baltazar Atangana (For Greening, Cameroon), ID: 31, Title: Gendered Pathways to Inclusive Land Governance: Women's Leadership and Resilience in African Territories (on line)

Netsanet Genene, Christian Mesmer and Rahel Hailu (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Germany), ID: 28, Title: Engaging religious leaders as sympathizers for advancing women's land rights (on line)

Liz Alden Wily (Leiden University, The Netherlands), ID: 131, Title: Finding Paths Beyond Impunity: The New Land Governance Challenge (on line)

Ritah Kemigisa (Stand for Her Land Campaign, Uganda and Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children Welfare, Uganda), Caroline Kayanja (Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children Welfare, Uganda) and **Jonathan Ochom** (Tenure Advisory, Uganda), ID: 83, Title: Women's Land Rights in Uganda's 2026 Presidential Elections (on line)

15:35 – 16:00 **Discussion**

16:00 – 16:15 **BREAK**

16:15 – 18:00 **Session 4: Widening Perspectives for Land Governance**

16:15 – 16:20 **Introduction to Session 4 - Saskia Simonson** (Lead Country Coordinator, Land Facility, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK) (in person)

16:20 – 16:35 **Lead Presenter - Diane Dumashie** (FIG/RICS, Denmark/UK), FIG Network diversity and leverage – multi-stakeholder approaches (in person)

16:35 – 17:35 **Presentations**

Christelle van den Berg (Kadaster International), ID: 47, Title: Unlocking the Value of Land: Financing Governance for Sustainability (in person)

Francisco Carranza (Global Action for Land, Italy), Charl-Thom Bayer (Land Portal Foundation, the Netherlands), Washe Kazungu (TMG Research, Kenya), ID: 51, Title: Bridging Perspectives: Multistakeholder and Digital Platforms for Intersectional Land Governance (online)

Robert Home (Anglia Ruskin University), ID: 49, Title: Interdisciplinary approaches to African land policy (in person)

Lars Brugman (Kadaster), Jan Rouwendal (Vrije Universiteit) and Hans Wisman (Kadaster), ID: 54, Title: Public versus Private Land Sellers: Divergent Pricing Strategies in Dutch Residential Development (in person)

17:35 – 18:00 **Discussion and close of Day 1**

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Day 2: Online – 4th March 2026 – Wednesday

- 09:00 – 09:05** **Welcome to Day 2 – Grazyna Wiejak-Roy** (University of the West of England/LINK, UK)
- 09:05 – 10:20** **Session 1: Theme 2 - Online Presentations: Power and Agency in Land Governance**
- 09:05 – 09:10 **Introduction to Session 1 - Geoffrey Payne** (Geoffrey Payne & Associates)
- 09:10 – 09:55 **Presentations**
- Asrul Sidiq** (Universitas Syiah Kuala, Indonesia / Australian National University, Australia), ID: 35, Title: Growing Trees, Losing Land: Power, Accountability, and Local Resistance to Land Commodification in Aceh, Indonesia
- Kato Mayanja** (Kyambogo University, Uganda) and **Ronald Ssengendo** (Makerere University, Uganda), ID: 77, Title: Power Dynamics and Land Governance: A Political Economy Analysis of Elite Capture in Uganda's Land Sector
- Dinelago Mutota** (Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia), ID:116, Title: The 2018 Land Conference and Beyond: Power, Agency and Informal Settlements in Namibia
- 09:55 – 10:20 **Discussion**
- 10:20 – 10:30** **BREAK**
- 10:30 – 12:00** **Session 2: Theme 1 - Online Presentations: Improving Understanding of the Political Economy Factors that Influence Land Governance**
- 10:30 – 10:35 **Introduction to Session 2 – Esther Obaikol** (Independent Consultant, Uganda)
- 10:35 – 11:35 **Presentations**
- Daramola Olapade** and **Damilola Agbalajobi** (Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria), ID: 55, Title: The Political Economy of Land Reform in Nigeria: Interplay of National and Sub-National Interests
- Alice Karanja** and **Elizabeth Murage-Kimani** (African Population and Health Research Center, Kenya), ID: 13, Title: African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) Climate Stress, Land Tenure Precarity and Household Adaptation in Kenya's Drylands: A Political Economy Analysis
- Claudia D'Andrea**, **Katrin Kuhlmann**, **Vanessa Adams**, **Worlali Senyo**, **Cecilia Shardey**, **Tara Francis** and **Aaron Adu** (Land Facility, UK), ID: 48, Title: Land Facility Strengthening Women's Rights through Shea Value Chains in West Africa Gendered Political Economies of Shea: Global Market Expansion, Customary Tree Tenure, and Women's Land Rights in West Africa's Shea Parklands
- Eunice Adwoa Sarpong** (University of Parakou, Benin / Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany) and **Prof Dr Nikolaus Schareika** (Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany), ID: 111, Title: Navigating Rural Land Reform: Insights from Fulani Agropastoral Communities in northern Benin
- 11:35 – 12:00 **Discussion**
- 12:00 – 12:10** **BREAK**

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12:10 – 13:40 Session 3: Theme 4 Online Presentations: Changing Approaches to the Economic and Financing of Land Governance

12:10 – 12:15 **Introduction to Session 3 - Grazyna Wiejak-Roy** (University of the West of England / LINK, UK)

12:15 – 13:15 **Presentations**

Kashi Kafle (Texas A&M University, US), **Soumya Balasubramanya** (World Bank, US) and **Kodjo Barnor** (Texas A&M University, US), ID: 50, Title: Private land restoration in smallholder systems: Implications for rural wellbeing

Agnès Tatiana Omengue Edoa (University of Yaounde 2 / Association of Young Experts on Land Issues, Cameroon), ID: 81, Title: Responsible Land Investments in Agriculture: Rethinking Structured and Sustainable Projects for Local Communities

Tatiana Gumucio (Landesa, US), **Cininta Pertiwi** (Landesa, US), **Juan Robalino** (Landesa, US) and **Tanvir Ahmed** (Shushilan, Bangladesh), ID: 98, Title: Linking governance, climate resilience, and sustainable development for enhanced policy over mangrove ecosystem management in Bangladesh and Indonesia

Shewakena Aytenfisu Abab (World Bank, US), ID: 25, Title: Who owns the 45 Billion Trees Planted by Ethiopia's Green Legacy Initiative? Challenges, Opportunities, and Pathways

13:15 – 13:40 **Discussion**

13:40– 14:10 LUNCH

14.10 – 15:40 Session 4: Theme 3 - Online Presentations: Widening Perspectives for Land Governance

14:10 – 14:15 **Introduction to Session 4 - Robin Bloch** (Land Facility Decision Support Unit, UK)

14:15 – 15:15 **Presentations**

Devie Chilonga (Former Permanent Secretary: Ministry of Lands and Housing, Malawi) and **Euphemia Bota** (Former Deputy Commissioner: Ministry of Lands and Housing, Malawi); ID: 109, Title: Evidence from Integrated Agricultural and Watershed Programmes

Marina Cromberg and **Anne M. Larson** (Center for International Forestry Research - ICRAF, Kenya), ID: 36, Title: The political economy of jurisdictional REDD+: a case study in Pará, Brazil

Hon.Saleh Maalim Alio (County Government of Mandera, Kenya), ID: 3, Title: Political Economy Drivers of Land Governance in Kenya: Lessons from Frontier Counties for Sustainable and Inclusive Reform

Simon Peter Mwesigye (Land, Housing and Informal Settlements Section, UN-Habitat / Kyambogo University, Uganda), **Augustus Aturinde** (Kyambogo University, Uganda) and **Geoffrey Okeny** (Kyambogo University, Uganda), ID: 100, Participatory Land Pooling and Readjustment for Integrated Peri-Urban Land Governance in Uganda

15:15 – 15:40 **Discussion**

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15:50 – 17:20 **Session 5: Theme 4 - Online Presentations: Changing approaches to the economics and financing of land governance**

15:50 – 15:55 **Introduction to Session 5 – James Kavanagh** (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors)

15:55 – 16:55 **Presentations**

Hansika Agrawal (Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, US), **Esther Akwii** (Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, US), **Rose Mosi** (International Institute for Environment and Development, UK) and **Amaelle Seigneret** (formerly International Institute for Environment and Development, UK), ID: 60, Title: Responsible Land Governance for a Just Energy Transition: Strategies from Indonesia and Zambia

Ece Ozmen (Manisa Celal Bayar University, Türkiye), ID: 107, Title: Governing the Urban Limit: A Fuzzy Logic Approach to Balancing Political Economy and Environmental Capacity in Turkish Metropolitans

Sinan Güneş and **Harun Tanrıvermiş** (Ankara University, Türkiye), ID: 129, Title: Exploring Land Readjustment for Urban Resilience and Housing Solutions: The Case of Karataş, Türkiye

Dionysia Georgia Perperidou (University of West Attica, Greece), ID: 113, Title: Transfer of Development Rights as a Financing Mechanism for Heritage Protection and Social Inclusion Policies

16:55 – 17:20 **Discussion**

17:20 – 17:30 **Closing Remarks**

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