



Strengthening advisory capacities for land governance in Africa

→ BACKGROUND

Weak land governance and insecure land rights are still major development challenges for Africa. In 2006, the African Union (AU) established the Land Policy Initiative (LPI), now **AFRICAN LAND POLICY CENTRE (ALPC)**, thereby placing emphasis on the urgency of improving land policies in a regional context. The ALPC supports the **AU AGENDA ON LAND** and global initiatives for the responsible governance of land tenure rights.

Although a growing number of countries show political will to realize these initiatives, their implementation at country level remains at an early stage. Many countries lack the **HUMAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES** required to implement sustainable land policies.

One of the main reasons for the lack of technical capacity is the insufficient **QUALITY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES** at African universities and other institutions of higher learning. In addition most countries lack capacity for applied research, monitoring and evaluation, data to support effective implementation of land policy.

→ The German Government, ALPC and the World Bank have jointly agreed to strengthen human and institutional capacities for the implementation of a sustainable and development-oriented land policy under the programme “Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA)”.

AT A GLANCE



The project supports sustainable and development-oriented land policies in over **30 African countries**.



Human and institutional **capacities** for implementing sustainable and development-oriented **land policies will be strengthened** across Africa.



Impact and target groups are **African Universities and research institutions, Governments and AU institutions**.



Budget: **EUR 22.5 Million**



With over **50 academic institutions** across Africa NELGA provides capacity development and advisory services for continental and national institutions.



Term: December 2014 – November **2021**



DAAD supports the project through a comprehensive **scholarship programme** available for young academics and professionals from all AU-member states.

→ HOW WE WORK

SLGA provides support in the following areas:



The programme works in cooperation with African and international acknowledged universities and research institutes, ALPC, the World Bank, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the New Economic Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

→ PRACTICAL EXAMPLE: NELGA

One central activity of SLGA is to establish a **NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE ON LAND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA (NELGA)** under the leadership of the ALPC. NELGA is a partnership of leading African **UNIVERSITIES** and **RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS** with proven leadership in **ACADEMIC EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH** on land governance. Currently NELGA has more than 50 partner institutions in over 30 African countries.

NELGA aims to enhance training opportunities and curricula on land governance in Africa, promote demand driven research, connect scholars and researchers across Africa, and to create data and information for monitoring and evaluation on land policy reforms.

For better coordination of NELGA in the different regions, a lead university has been selected for each AU region to implement NELGA activities jointly with other NELGA institutions.

