



## Announcement: Second Arab Land Conference

22, 23 and 24 February 2021 Cairo, Egypt

The Government of the **Arab Republic of Egypt** is pleased to announce the Second Arab Land Conference to be organized under the patronage of the Egyptian Minister of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities. The Conference will be organized by the Housing and Building National Research Centre represented by the Urban Training and Studies Institute (UTI) in partnership with UN-Habitat, the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), the World Bank, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the Dubai Land Department. The Conference will allow both in-person and virtual attendance and will take place on the **22, 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in Cairo, Egypt**.

The Conference marks an important milestone in the roadmap towards establishing good land governance in the Arab region. The Conference will promote good land management and land administration by focusing on the **priorities** of the Arab Land Initiative: promote collaboration and coordination; develop and share knowledge; develop capacities of individuals and organizations; and support the implementation of land-related programmes and interventions. The Conference will be a platform to discuss countries experiences, present new research, foster high level support and ownership to tackle land governance, and to empower and develop the capacities of the land stakeholders from the region.

Experts and practitioners will have the opportunity to submit and present papers relevant to the **eight topics** of the conference:

1. Land management and administration: tools and practices
2. Land and property registration: modernization and reform
3. Land management in time of crisis: conflicts, climate change and epidemics
4. Access to land for women and vulnerable groups: successful practices and lessons learnt
5. Efficient land use: tools and practices
6. Technologies and smart solutions: enhancing land management, land development and construction
7. Private sector participation: policies and practices
8. Capacity development: successes and gaps

Partners will have the opportunity to organize **masterclasses, side events and special sessions** at the margins of the Conference. The process of submitting **papers** to be presented at the conference and requesting side events and special sessions will be announced before the end of October on the Arab Land Initiative web site: <https://arabstates.gltn.net/> . To provide a full conference experience while fully respecting the COVID-19 guidelines, the event will allow a combination of onsite and remote participation for panelists, presenter and other participants to high level sessions and technical sessions.

An online platform to **register** for the conference will be set up in the next week and registrations will be open by the end of October. In-person participants will be expected to make their own visa, travel and accommodation arrangements, unless agreed otherwise with the organizers. A **logistic note** to guide participants is being prepared.

For **further information** on the Second Arab Land Conference visit the [Arab Land Initiative website](#) or contact [Dr. Doaa El Sherif](#), Executive Director of UTI/HBRC, [Ombretta Tempra](#) or [El Habib Benmokhtar](#), UN-Habitat / GLTN, or [Wael Zakout](#), the World Bank.

We look forward to partnering with all of you for a successful and inclusive Second Arab Land Conference!

*The Arab Land Initiative partners*

