

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2019 CONFERENCE ON LAND POLICY IN AFRICA

*Winning the fight against Corruption in
the Land Sector: Sustainable
Pathway for Africa's Transformation*

4 – 8 November 2019



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The Conference on Land Policy in Africa (CLPA) is organised biennially by the African Land Policy Centre (ALPC), a joint initiative of the African Union Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, and the African Development Bank. The goal is to deepen capacity for land policy in Africa through improved access to knowledge and information on land policymaking and implementation. In particular, the CLPA is a platform for presenting research findings and focusing the attention of a comprehensive range of stakeholders on the issues and status of land policy development, implementation and monitoring in Africa. The CLPA also provides a unique opportunity to showcase emerging and promising practices and facilitate networking. Conference participants include researchers, governments (including parliamentarians), traditional authorities, farmers, civil society, private sector, land practitioners and development partners. The CLPA was first held in November 2014, focusing on land, investment and agriculture issues. A second edition of CLPA was held under a theme targeting youth, land and employment in November 2017.

The third CLPA 2019 will be held on 4 – 8 November 2019, in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, under the theme: *“Winning the fight against Corruption in the Land Sector: Sustainable Pathway for Africa’s Transformation”*. The theme of the Conference is aligned to the African Union Declaration of 2018 as African’s Anti-Corruption Year. The theme of the Conference recognizes that tackling corruption in the land sector, through improving land policies and building effective, efficient and transparent land governance institutions, will contribute towards the attainment of the *“The Africa We Want”* as envisioned in Agenda 2063.

In view of the above-mentioned, abstracts for papers, and other forms of participation in the Conference are invited and can be submitted under event categories and sub-themes as follows:

Event category:

1. Conference paper
2. Poster
3. Exhibition
4. Pre-event (Master class, etc)
5. Side event

Sub-themes:

1. Planning, monitoring and evaluation: Challenges, opportunities and emerging best practices in developing and implementing land policies (rural and urban);
2. Strengthening land administration institutions both at local and national levels including the adoption of technology and innovations;
3. Data, spatial information systems and innovative approaches to secure legitimate land rights, including customary tenure regimes;
4. Women’s access to land and security of tenure – addressing persisting bottlenecks and capitalising on opportunities;
5. Land Based investments, inclusive economic growth and environmental sustainability;
6. Rapid urbanization, sustainable land use and spatial planning, taxation and development control;
7. Empowerment of youth through strengthening their land rights;
8. Land- migration-and regional insecurity nexus (including pastoralism, conflicts); and
9. Land governance, environment, natural resource management and climate change.

Keywords

Abstracts are particularly welcome if they address one or more of the following thematic areas:

1. Corruption

2. Gender
3. Water
4. Land rights
5. Land investments
6. Land policies
7. Governance of tenure

Abstracts should be between 800 - 1200 words, written in English or French, and submitted online to the following link: <https://www.conftool.org/africalandconference2019/> in Microsoft Word format before 30 April 2019. Abstracts have to include enough information on the thematic focus, methodology, contribution to knowledge, policy making, implementation, etc. to be considered for review.

Further information

Why should you consider submitting an abstract?

The Land Policy Conference is the premier land policy event in Africa. The platform provides presenters with an opportunity to:

1. Share and showcase research findings or good practices with leading land experts and practitioners in Africa and beyond.
2. Deepen knowledge on key aspects of land policy development and implementation.
3. Develop or deepen land related capacity, networks and partnership at personal and institutional levels.
4. Contribute to solidarity for improved land governance in Africa.

How abstracts will be selected

The organizers envisage a tremendous level of interest in the Conference, and that more abstracts will be received than can be accommodated. The selection of papers, posters, exhibitions and side events for presentation at the Conference will therefore be conducted by a Scientific Committee appointed by the African Land Policy Centre. The Committee consists of highly respected land policy experts and experts in the various sub-thematic areas of the Conference.

Selection of abstracts will be in accordance with the following process:

1. Initial Selection.
2. The Scientific Committee will shortlist and select abstracts based on the following criteria:
 1. Quality and clarity of content and presentation;
 2. Originality and innovation;
 3. Compliance with and relevance to identified Conference thematic areas;
 4. Significance of the research findings for land policy formulation, implementation and monitoring;
 5. Preference will be allocated to African and African-based authors/presenters; and
 6. Geographic coverage.

Acceptance of selected abstracts and invitations for submission of papers will be communicated by **30 May 2019**. Full papers must be submitted for inclusion in the conference by **31 July 2019**. All correspondences will be conducted by e-mail.

To be considered for sponsorship for African based papers, African scholars are encouraged to submit

Final selection

Based on the extended submissions, final selections will be made by the Scientific Committee.

The Scientific Committee cannot guarantee that the presentation type of choice will be granted to authors/presenters. The decision of the Scientific Committee is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

For more Information on the Conference on Land Policy- 2019, please visit:

<https://www.uneca.org/clpa2019>

To submit abstract, please use the following link: <https://www.conftool.org/africalandconference2019/>

General Information

1. Authors who submit abstracts are not automatically registered for the Conference on Land Policy 2019. In order to participate and present, authors must register for the Conference **on or before 30 August 2019**.
2. There is no fee for submission of abstracts.
3. All submitting authors/presenters will be required to confirm the following:
 1. Agreement to the organizers' terms and conditions.
 2. Intent to present the product at the 2019 Conference on Land Policy in person or by a listed co-author.
3. Authors/presenters wishing to withdraw their abstracts are requested to do by **31 June 2019**.

Publication of Papers

The Scientific Committee will select some papers from those presented at the Conference for publication in selected journals as may be arranged by the organizers of the Conference. The Scientific Committee will provide authors of selected papers with recommendations on how selected papers may be refined for publication purposes.

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