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Master Class on Land Governance and Corruption

Concept Note

Network of Excellence for Land Governance in Africa (NELGA) is a partnership of leading African universities and research institutions with proven leadership in education, training and research on land governance. The purpose of NELGA is to enhance the role of selected African Universities and academic institutions in support of land policy development, implementation and monitoring.

The **Department of Land and Property Sciences (DLPS)** at the **Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST)** together with the **Integrated Land Management Institute (ILMI)** are at the forefront of research and outreach in the field of land governance and administration and has been selected by the African Union through the Land Policy Initiative (LPI) as a Centre of Excellence in Land Governance for Africa.

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1. BACKGROUND

The **Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)** was established by the African Land Policy Centre (LPC) in cooperation with the Germany government, the World Bank and other partners to support the implementation of the African Union (AU) Land Agenda.

NELGA is a partnership of leading African universities and research institutions, which have demonstrated a high level of leadership in education, training and research in land governance. Currently NELGA has more than thirty (30) partner institutions in over twenty (20) African countries. The purpose of the NELGA is to enhance the role of universities and research institutions in supporting land policy development, implementation and monitoring across the continent.

Under NELGA, a comprehensive scholarship program provides new training and research opportunities for African students, practitioners and researchers in the fields of land governance and land management. NELGA's vision is to create strong capacities for good land governance and contribute to the implementation of the African agenda on land through training and research.

The Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) is the lead university and node for NELGA, Southern Africa. The institution has been tasked with the management and coordination function of NELGA in conjunction with its partner members within the region. These partner institutions include; University of Pretoria, University of Cape Town, the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies popularly known as PLAAS, University of Zimbabwe, University of Namibia, University of Zambia and Habitat for Humanity. It is against this background that NUST will facilitate and deliver a master class on the topic: the negative effects of corruption in the land governance sector within the Southern African region.

2. RATIONALE OF THE MASTER CLASS

NUST with its partner institutions organised the Partnership for Action Conference: Improving Land Governance and Management in Africa held in Pretoria, South Africa from the 15th August to 17th August 2017. The main aim of the conference was to build greater understanding and awareness on the importance of tenure security and land, as well as to build broader capacities around policymaking, implementation strategies, and practical tools relevant to the African context. The conference brought together academics, land experts, non-governmental organisations, and parliamentarians to interact and share experiences on land governance issues across the African continent.

During the deliberations of the conference, a round table discussion of academicians and land experts from different universities and private consultants identified the need to develop and deliver high level training on the impact of corruption on land governance in the Southern African region and beyond. Consequently, NUST in partnership with Transparency International decided to make available the master class, which will serve as a trainer of trainers' course to achieve a multiplier effect through the higher learning institutions within the region.

3. OBJECTIVE AND EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

One of the goals that NUST-NELGA set out to achieve is the identification and establishment of capacity-building initiatives for academics and practitioners in land governance. This goal will be achieved by identifying and developing a community of educators for increasing access to land governance education and training by the provision of short courses for practitioners, academics and the public sector.

Further to that, NUST in partnership with the University of Cape Town and Transparency International will deliver a three-day master class, from 20th to 22nd February 2018, with particular focus on corruption in land governance in Southern Africa.

The master class will be delivered in the trainer of trainers' format, which will provide the participants with thorough knowledge of the tenets of good land governance and the adverse effects of corruption in both the private and public sector. The training will thus equip the participants with knowledge and skills to enable them to offer the course in their respective countries and institutions. In the delivery of the course by the trained participants, NELGA-SA will offer logistical support to carry out the training in their respective countries. Consequently, this action will ensure that the course is further disseminated to a wider audience thereby achieving one of the most important mandate of the NELGA project of knowledge diffusion among our partner institutions and other relevant stakeholders.

It is further anticipated that this course could be offered to institutions within the land sector across the region and beyond with any would be participants charged for logistical costs in delivery of the course. As such, this course will initially run as a pilot to test its relevance, and further, after which, feedback shall be sought from the participants to help refine it if need be refine it based on the participant's feedback.

4. MAIN ACTIVITIES

The master class that is scheduled for the 20th to 22nd February will be supported, facilitated and delivered by the following resource persons:

1. Dr. Laura Nkula-Wenz – University of Cape Town
2. Dieter Zinnbauer – Transparency International
3. Ase Christensen – Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST)
4. Charl-Thom Bayer – NUST
5. Theodore Muduva – NUST
6. Muna Anguwo – NUST
7. Sam Mwando – NUST

It is important to mention that the master class will be developed based on an existing short course called, Anti-corruption Module for Urban Planning Education, developed among others by the Transparency International. It is expected that this course will be adapted to focus on land administration and governance issues in the Southern Africa region. The outline of the activities during the master class are as follows:

A. 20th February 2018:

- Social and economic importance of land;
- Key variables of land governance;
- The basics of corruption;
- Dynamics of corruption in urban planning.

B. 21st February 2018:

- The role of moral reasoning with application to urban planning;
- The role of professional ethics in urban planning;
- Tactics and strategies for addressing urban corruption.

C. 22nd February 2018:

- Recap on key land governance variables;
- Tenure typologies in the region;
- The importance of land markets;
- Autonomy, public engagement, equity, legal security.

Prior to the actual delivery of the master class, some members of the resource team will have to prepare new material for the master class. This will be done during the holidays that run from the 8th December 2017 to 15 January 2018. This will involve research, development and compilation of the master class material. Further, there will be need to edit and proof reading of the draft material and adaption of the already existing material to focus on land administration and governance issues.

It is envisaged that the master class should be conducted in an open learning and self-development approach through discussions and interaction with the course participants. This is necessary because of the complexity and diversity of the issues in the land sector.

5. COST OF THE MASTER CLASS

The cost of the master class excluding travel and accommodation is approximately N\$ 2,500 per participant. The cost for the participants attending this master class will be met by NUST-NELGA.

6. CONTACT PERSONS

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