



The Network of Excellence on Land Governance East Africa

Striving to improve
education and
training for good
land governance
across Africa

Introduction to the ADLAND Project

Background

To strengthen human and institutional capacities for the implementation of the AU agenda on land, the African Land Policy Centre (ALPC), formerly Land Policy Initiative (LPI), has established a **Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)** in cooperation with Germany, World Bank and other partners.

NELGA is a partnership of more than 50 African universities and research institutions across Africa with proven leadership in education, training and research on land governance.

ADLAND

The Advancing collaborative research in responsible and smart land management in and for Africa project (ADLAND) is an international consortium of 6 universities offering support to **NELGA**. ADLAND aims at strengthening **selected NELGA members** through capacity building activities on land-related **research and training** to help them in effectively addressing land-related capacity gaps across the continent. Led by the Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany, ADLAND started implementing activities in November 2017, with a focus on advancing the praxis of **responsible land management** in African countries.

Through networking of African and European research centers and universities as well as joint implementation of a set of practical collaborative research and development activities, NELGA institutions will be further strengthened in effectively addressing **land policy needs** in Africa.

The ADLAND consortium:

- Technical University of Munich (TUM, Germany)
- Universität der Bundeswehr München (UBM, Germany)
- Leibniz Universität Hannover (LUH, Germany)
- University of Twente (UCT, the Netherlands)
- Royal Institute of Technology (KTH, Sweden)
- Swinburne University of Technology (SUT, Australia)

Activities

Building on the excellence of NELGA institutions and following a demand-driven approach, the **ADLAND** consortium conducts **joint consultation missions** on existing curricula and research capacities to identify **potential areas for improvement** and useful **cooperation measures**.

Based on joint decisions with NELGA partners, **ADLAND** implements diverse measures, among others:

- Lecturer and scientific **staff exchanges**
- **Curricula reviews**
- Cooperative **research writing** studios
- Scientific **conference** at regional / continental level
- Joint **publications**

NELGA members supported through the ADLAND project have the possibility to **focus on specific research and training areas** relevant for their respective institutions and regions.

Through the collaboration of African and European universities, **ADLAND** will support the establishment of **sustainable communities of practice** on land governance at regional, continental and international level.



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