Land Portal

Improve Land Governance with Better Land Data

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What is the Land Portal

- **Aggregator** of information about land governance (bibliographic resources, statistical data...)
- **Access to and use of data** leads to **improved land governance.**

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Five Years into the SDGs: Are we on track to deliver the land targets?

A Webinar Report

This virtual side event was proposed as part of the 2020 SDG High Level Political Forum which was held from 7th to 16th July 2020. It was organised by the SDG Land Momentum Group, an informal group of civil society organisations and multilateral agencies which advocate the implementation of the land targets of the SDGs and support their monitoring.

Acknowledging the centrality of land issues to end hunger and achieve sustainable development, countries have agreed to meet ambitious land targets by 2030. Five years into the SDGs, persistent land insecurity, land evictions, threats to land rights defenders and other challenges show that the land promises are not being delivered.

These challenges are now compounded with Covid-19 where economic downturns and job losses or insecurity across the world are creating havoc even among those who used to count on reliable and sufficient income. A strong pattern of reversed migration takes place, while government resources are thinly stretched.

In this webinar we discussed with participants where we stand and considered joint strategies to meet the land-related SDG targets, namely: 1.4, 2.3, 5.a and 15.3. Panelists explored the threats to women and men’s secure access to land amid the current COVID-19 world pandemic, as well as how the SDG commitments can help address these challenges and how to support Member States' delivery on their land commitments.

Moderator:
- Rukhsha Nanayakkara, Global Policy and Advocacy Expert at the International Land Coalition (ILC)

Panelists:
- Patricia Chaves, Director of Espacio Feminista
- Diana Fleischer, Senior Director of Research, Evaluation and Learning at Landesa
- Liv Nielsen, Land and SDGs officer at the Latin American and the Caribbean Initiative of the International Land Coalition (ILC)

A complete recording of the webinar can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfpDawRRQMA
Data Flow

Source 1
Manual generated

Source 2
Wordpress API

Source 3
DSpace API

Importer 1

Importer 2

Importer 3

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Interoperability challenges

As an aggregator, we need to deal with a myriad of sources. That’s implies different challenges:

- Find relevant sources (land governance related)
- Manual (fill an spreadsheet) vs Machine (python importers)
- CMSs (Drupal, Wordpress, Dspace…) or Plain HTML sites
- API Versioning, Screen Scraping (or other techniques)
- Data format (CSV, XML, JSON, RDF…)
- Metadata mapping
- Data values mapping
- Multilingualism (for data curation)
- Mapping from source to landportal.org categories: LandVoc
Lessons learnt

- Working with “Open as default” mindset
- Use standards in your data and metadata
- Share your data model
- Adopt Open Data Principles for boosting partnership collaboration
- Create a channel for receiving feedback
- Collaboration is key
Thank you!

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