



**Urban-Rural Land
Linkages: Concept and
Framework for Action**
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BACKGROUND: GLTN NEW STRATEGY 2018-2030

- There have been global discussions around engendering policies and development approaches that can tackle urbanisation and the state of rural areas simultaneously.
- However, insufficient attention has been paid towards introducing concepts (including principles) and tools for ensuring a development that benefits both the rural and urban areas and any intermediary settlements.
- A strong vision: a world in which everyone enjoys secure land rights.
- An inclusive mission: partners working together to develop and implement inclusive, fit-for-purpose and gender-responsive land tools to improve living conditions for all, prioritising women, youth and vulnerable groups in both urban and rural settings.

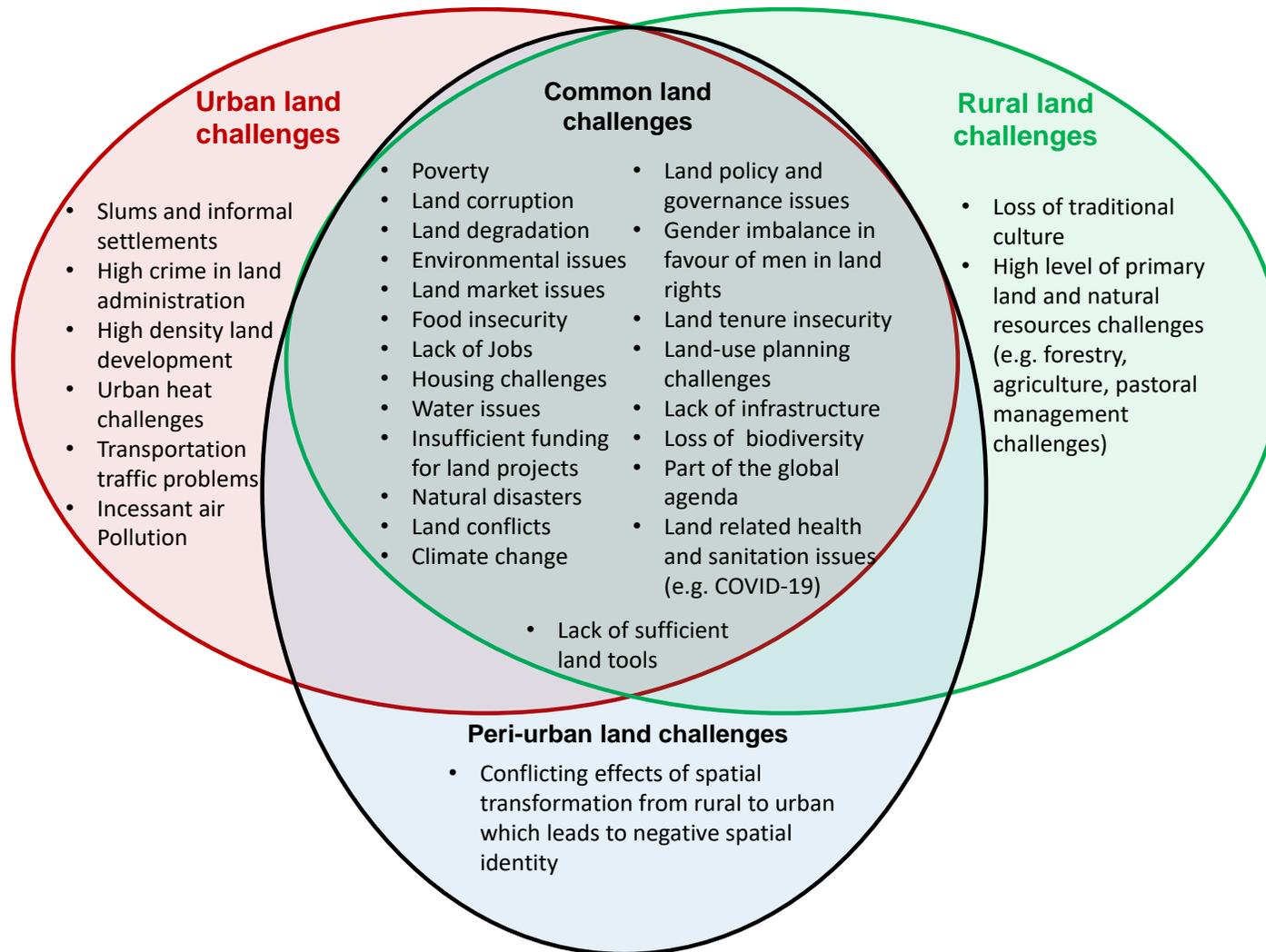
BACKGROUND: THE URLLs DRAFT

- The path to achieving development in rural and urban areas have not been fully realised because of the dual approaches to tackling the land challenges that affect both.
- A competitions and conflicts of interest between them in terms of land use and other natural resources.
- There is a growing need for the interdependencies between urban and rural areas
- Urban-rural linkages (URLs): the operation of functional relationships between urban (including peri-urban) and rural areas which can foster their simultaneous development through initiatives to formulate, adapt and implement an integrated policy.
- URLLs entail land-based or land-related interactions between rural and urban areas, vice versa. It is about how their interdependencies can mutually benefit urban rural areas.

Objective & emerging issues

- This assignment represents is a collaborative exercise by the GLTN (through its Professional Cluster) and led by FIG.
- It represents GLTN partners' direct effort to contribute to concepts, principles and frameworks for action towards interdependent development.
- It is hoped that this URLLS framework will inform the activities of GLTN partners in the urban-rural development and related thematic areas.
- Emerging: concept of urban-rural land linkages (URLLs) and its framework for action in response to land problems that affect urban and rural areas.

FROM URBAN TO RURAL: OPPORTUNITIES FOR TACKLING LAND ISSUES



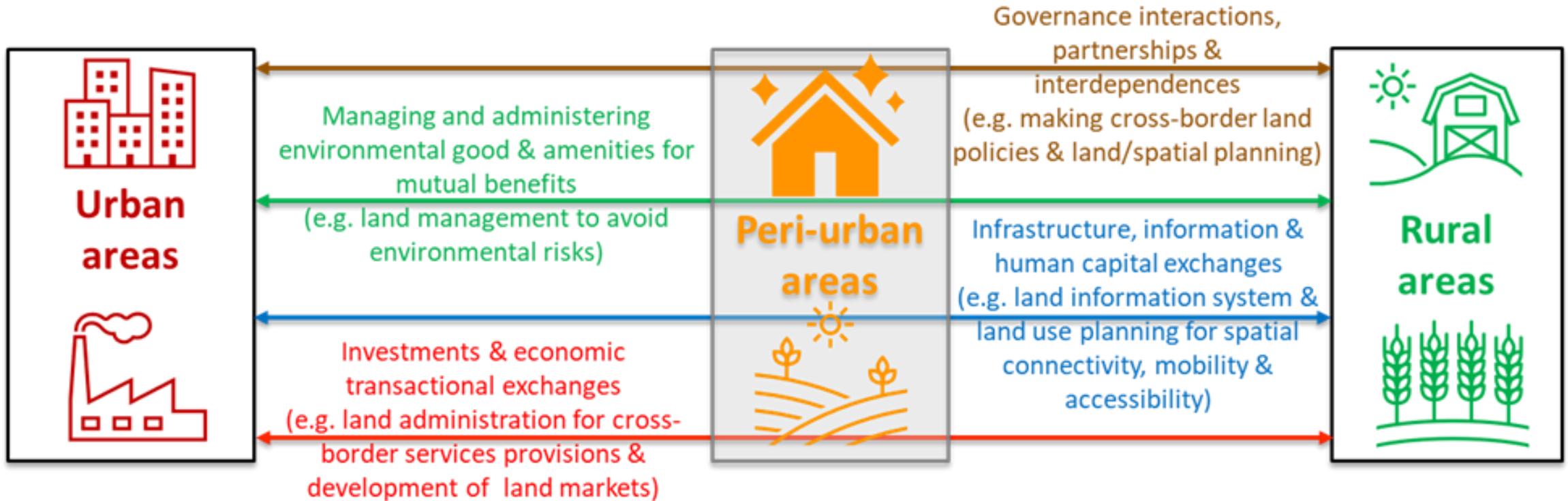
- Land problems are unique and common in urban, peri-urban and rural areas
- “Leave no one and no space behind” development philosophy (UN-Habitat, 2017).
- Urban (including peri-urban) and rural areas have more commonalities than differences

GAPS AND JUSTIFICATIONS OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR URLLs FRAMEWORK

- There is no land tool for addressing the land components of RULs and URLLs: such a tool is necessary because it would be people-centred, and would benefit all in the rural, urban and peri-urban areas (and not just tools that solely apply to a particular area).
- Existing frameworks are too generic and lack land-specific elements: Their operationalisation do not fundamentally lead to land tenure and management solutions in the urban-rural continuum of development.
- Stakeholders have done several works that this current work is building upon.

A FRAMEWORK FOR ADDRESSING URLLs

URLLs in the scheme of land-based solutions to urban-rural continuum challenges



Potential land-based actions oriented towards URLLs

Spatial



Socioeconomic



Governance

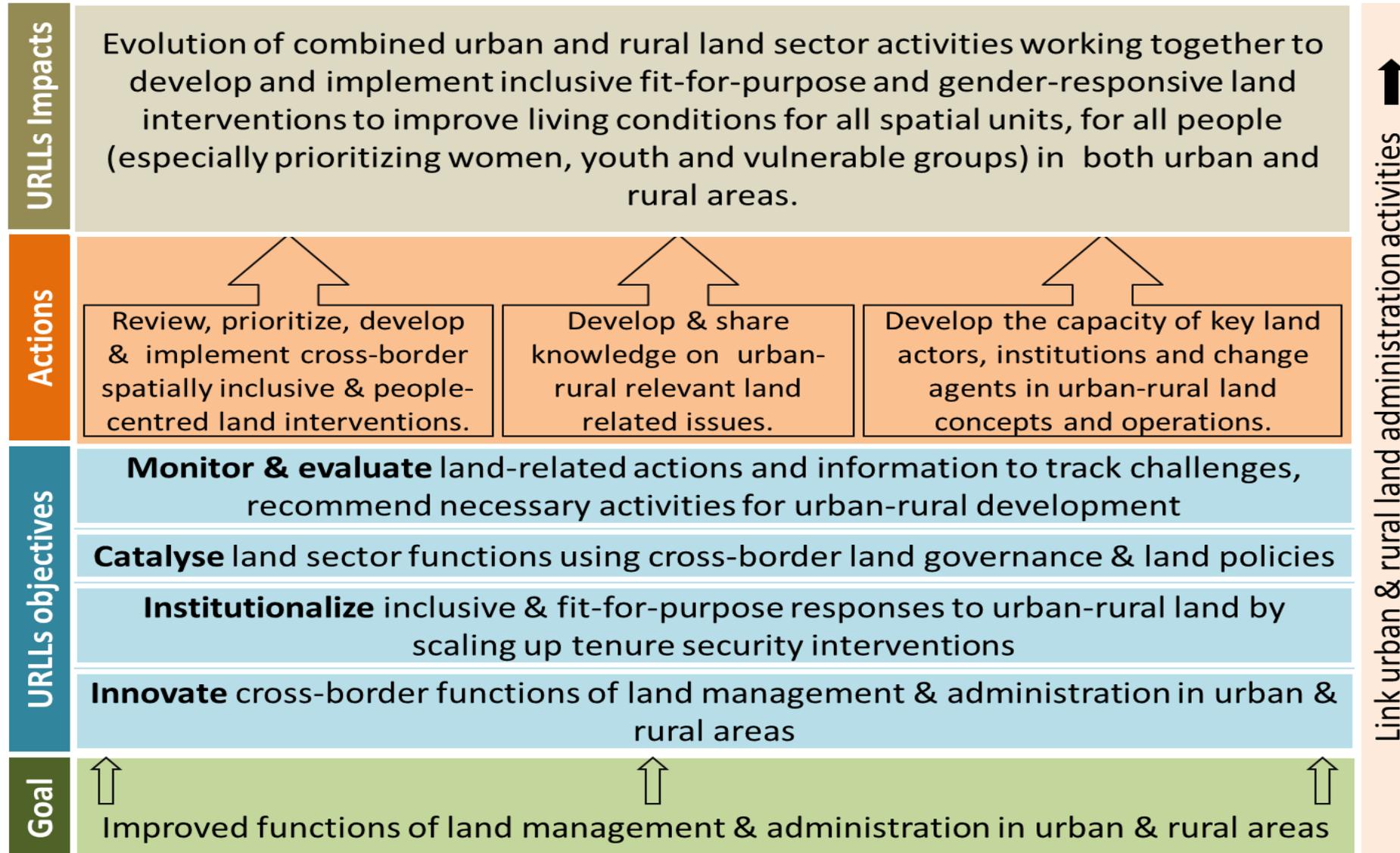


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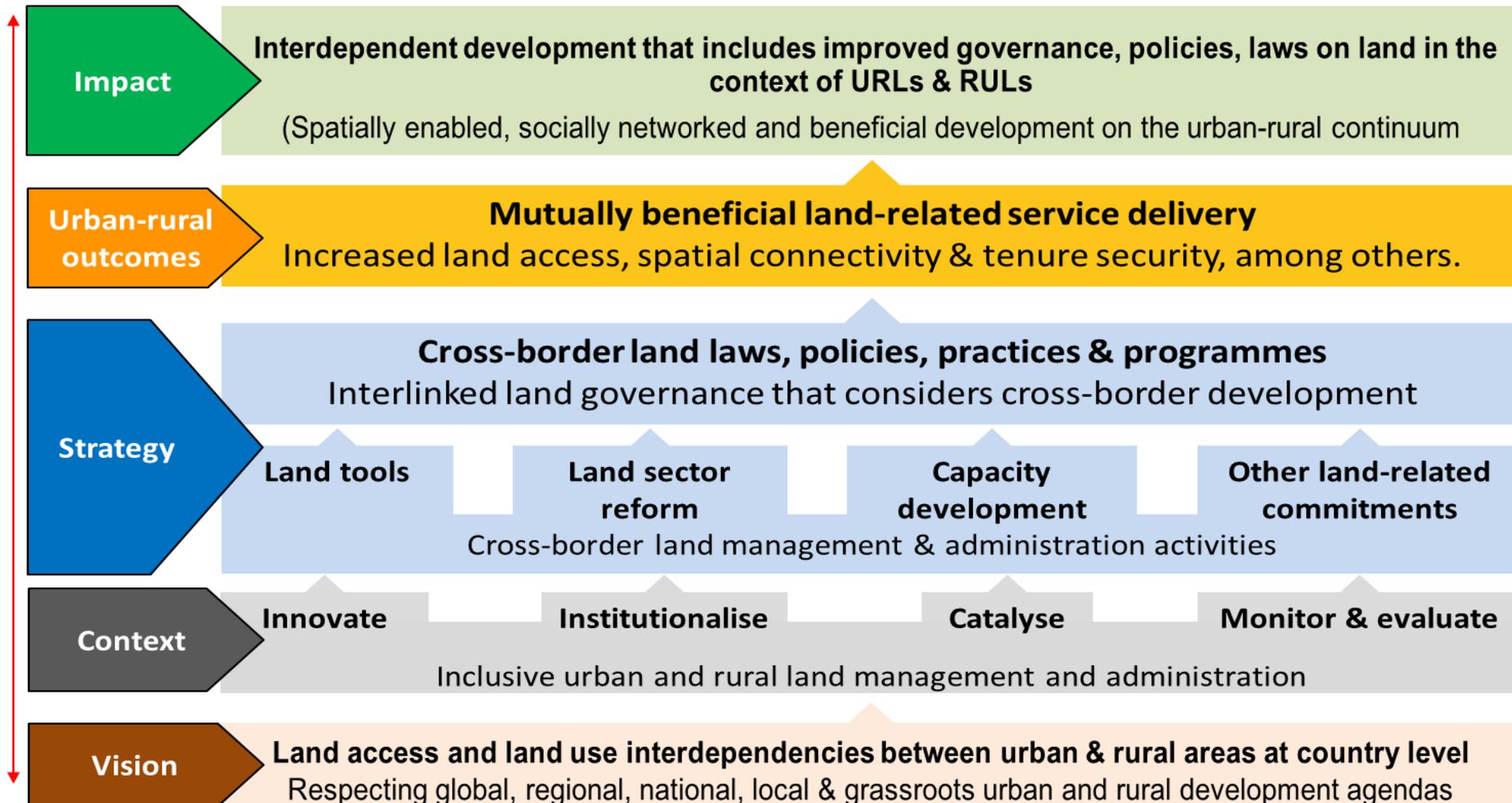
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URLLs as a strategy for urban-rural continuum development



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The framework for improving urban-rural land linkages



OPERATIONALISING THE URRLs FRAMEWORK: PROPOSALS

- Specific principles for URLLs
- A holistic view of land challenges in urban, peri-urban and rural areas in developing countries is integral to finding balanced development solutions.
- The GLTN and its partners (and other implementers in the global land sector) offer tools and approaches that are capable of being used to achieve the responsible and efficient land-based linkages between urban, peri-urban and rural areas.
- Any tool for URLLs must have specific features that would make it effective in tackling URLs and RULs problems.
- Features of a potential URLLs tool must include broad consultations with potential land stakeholders.
- It should be developed entirely in line with the principles of URL-GP as well as following evidence-based practices on URLs and RULs.
- Noteworthy is that such a tool would have to follow the GLTN tool development process
- Stakeholders will play specific roles

PROSPECTS GOING FORWARD

In the short term, potential prospects include, the:

- Production of a report to introduce the concept and framework of URLLs to academics and development practitioners operating in the land sector.

In the medium term, potential prospects include the:

- Evolution of dedicated research field in URLLs
- Emergence of dedicated professional practice in URLLs in the land sector studies.
- Development URLLs-specific land tool

In the long term, potential prospects include the:

- Practice of URLLs at country levels towards making local impacts in urban and rural areas.

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