

Global Campaign to Achieve 80% Security of Tenure by 2030

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SUMMARY

The global eradication of infectious diseases through highly coordinated campaigns has been successful. Smallpox affecting humans was officially eradicated in 1980 and rinderpest, affecting ruminants, was declared completely eradicated in 2010. Global campaigns to eradicate polio, guinea worm disease, yaws and malaria are under way.

Although insecurity of tenure is not a disease, its impact is devastating in terms of trapping people in poverty, displacing communities and making them homeless, and reducing food security and creating hunger. Only about 30% of the world's population are covered by official land administration systems while the rest potentially suffer from insecurity of tenure. This is a human rights issue. Therefore, should a global campaign to accelerate the eradication of insecurity of tenure be planned and initiated? To say achieve 80% global security of tenure by 2030.

The timing is apt: methodologies and supporting technologies have recently emerged to scale up the capture and recording of land rights; the Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration Guiding Principles, recently launched by Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), provides an overall framework for quickly delivering affordable, nationwide land administration solutions; the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) is creating new standards for land administration; land administration is now a focus for UN-GGIM; the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure is published by UN-FAO and now globally recognised; and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have highlighted the key role of land rights in achieving many of these global objectives. Land issues are currently high on political agendas and therefore the timing appears right to initiate this global commitment.

It is time for the land sector communities to be more ambitious in their goals, involve new partners

to support innovation, adopt highly scalable approaches, collaborate more effectively under this common objective to eradicate this scourge on the earth and create land rights for all. This proposed global campaign could well be the necessary catalyst for change.

The paper will initially investigate the drivers that are emerging at the highest levels to raise the necessity and urgency to initiate a scalable, global campaign to eradicate insecurity of tenure. The paper will then discuss how the global community needs to change and coordinate to make it happen.

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