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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 landrelated 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

Common land Urban land Rural land challenges challenges challenges Poverty · Land policy and Land corruption governance issues Loss of traditional Slums and informal Land degradation · Gender imbalance in culture settlements favour of men in land Environmental issues High level of primary High crime in land Land market issues rights land and natural administration Land tenure insecurity Food insecurity resources challenges · High density land Lack of Jobs Land-use planning (e.g. forestry, development Housing challenges challenges agriculture, pastoral Urban heat Lack of infrastructure Water issues management challenges Insufficient funding Loss of biodiversity challenges) Transportation for land projects · Part of the global traffic problems Natural disasters agenda Incessant air Land conflicts Land related health Pollution Climate change and sanitation issues (e.g. COVID-19) · Lack of sufficient land tools Peri-urban land challenges · Conflicting effects of spatial transformation from rural to urban which leads to negative spatial

identity

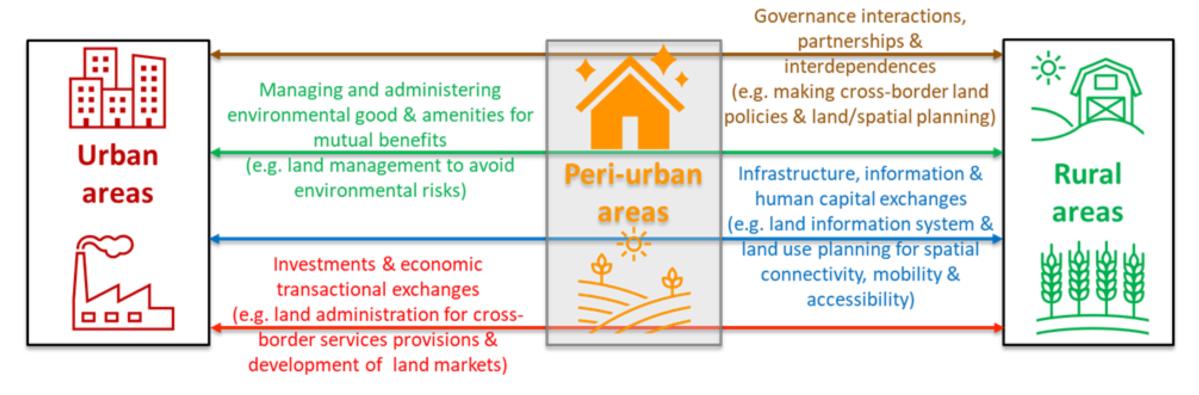
- Land problems are unique and common in urban, peri-urban and rural areas
- "Leave no one and no space behind" development philosophy (UN-Habitat, 2017).
- Urban (including periurban) and rural areas have more commonalities than differences

GAPS AND JUSTIFICATIONS OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR URLLs FRAMEWORK

- There is no land tool for addressing the land components of RULs and URLs: 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





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Goal

URLLs as a strategy for urban-rural continuum development

URLLs Impacts Evolution of combined urban and rural land sector activities working together to develop and implement inclusive fit-for-purpose and gender-responsive land interventions to improve living conditions for all spatial units, for all people (especially prioritizing women, youth and vulnerable groups) in both urban and rural areas. Actions Develop the capacity of key land Review, prioritize, develop Develop & share & implement cross-border knowledge on urbanactors, institutions and change spatially inclusive & peoplerural relevant land agents in urban-rural land centred land interventions. related issues. concepts and operations. Monitor & evaluate land-related actions and information to track challenges, **URLLs** objectives recommend necessary activities for urban-rural development Catalyse land sector functions using cross-border land governance & land policies **Institutionalize** inclusive & fit-for-purpose responses to urban-rural land by scaling up tenure security interventions Innovate cross-border functions of land management & administration in urban & rural areas

Improved functions of land management & administration in urban & rural areas

administration activities

Link urban & rural land

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Vision

The framework for improving urban-rural land linkages

Interdependent development that includes improved governance, policies, laws on land in the context of URLs & RULs **Impact** (Spatially enabled, socially networked and beneficial development on the urban-rural continuum Mutually beneficial land-related service delivery **Urban-rural** Increased land access, spatial connectivity & tenure security, among others. outcomes Cross-border land laws, policies, practices & programmes Interlinked land governance that considers cross-border development **Strategy** Land tools Land sector Capacity Other land-related development reform commitments Cross-border land management & administration activities Institutionalise **Innovate** Catalyse Monitor & evaluate **Context** Inclusive urban and rural land management and administration

Land access and land use interdependencies between urban & rural areas at country level Respecting global, regional, national, local & grassroots urban and rural development agendas

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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