



ILDC 2019 - INFORMATION ECOSYSTEM WORKSHOP

STATE OF LAND INFORMATION INDIA

Date: March 15th 2019

Venue: India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi, India

Organizers: NRMCC India, DataMeet India, Land Portal Foundation

Group size: up to 25 participants

Background

Availability of accurate and up to date data and information on land rights, tenures and administration as well as on different land use, such as agriculture, forestry, mining, wildlife, water, housing and infrastructure, is critical to effective land governance and crucial for planning and managing the use of land and land-based resources. However, it is an often-repeated rhetoric that there is a lack of land data - whether it is lack of reliable or up-to-date data or a lack in the existence of any data.

The reality is that there are many sources of information about land, but their visibility, accessibility, consistency and completeness vary enormously. Finding solid evidence upon which to base policy and practice involves a lot of work. Policy progress on land governance is threatened by lack of good information. Now, more than ever, it is paramount that awareness is raised amongst key policy makers on the importance of information sharing, knowledge management and, more specifically the power of an information ecosystem.

Land rights are finally at a point of global attention due to the inclusion of several land-related indicators in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Now - as the official process around the SDGs has begun - it is critical that the land sector works together effectively. NRMCC Center for Land Governance, DataMeet India and the Land Portal Foundation would like to invite key stakeholders to participate in a one-day workshop at the sideline of the India Land & Development Conference 2019, to create an active partnership to increase access to land-information and contribute to the information ecosystem on land.

Through inclusive discussions, we will determine the most effective way forward to expand the information ecosystem in terms of range of sources, but also in terms of its content, value and use. We need to ensure that the link between this information ecosystem and improved tenure security for vulnerable people around the world, is effectively made.

Target audience

The targeted audience for this workshop are data and information providers in India, as well as frequent users of land data and information in the country.

Workshop Objectives

- **Identify information gaps** (gaps in existence, accessibility or abilities to re-use) with regards to concrete issues related to land rights, tenure, administration and use in India;

- Collectively raising awareness and building capacities of participants to **increase access to land information and use** in order to better address identified land rights and open data issues in India;
- Collectively raising awareness and building capacities of participants **to gather and communicate knowledge** to reach a wider impact and be part of and promote the Indian land information ecosystem;
- Collectively having participants **implement and adopt action plan** and become part of the Indian land information ecosystem.

Envisioned Outcomes

- Concrete **action plan** on how to address identified information gaps and plan to monitor impact of activities;
- **Commitments of participants** to be part of the information ecosystem and make efforts to increase access to their own information;
- **Communications campaigns** on advocating for the importance and improvement of the information ecosystem;
- Creating a **community of communicators** on this subject, that can remain in contact to further share their knowledge and expertise.

Preliminary Outline

09.00 - 09.45h	Inaugural session
09.45 - 10.45h	Introduction of the Land Information Ecosystem , highlighting the need for land information to improve land governance; the role of open data and its potential to improve land governance and Open Data in the Indian context.
10.45 - 11.00h	Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.00h	Mapping the Indian Land Information Ecosystem : Interactive exercise to identify key land data and information topics and their information providers & identifying main constraints in accessing or using land data and information.
12.00 - 13.00h	Talk show panel : Data and Information stakeholders share their experiences in the field in engaging talk show-format.
13.00h - 14.00h	Lunch
14.00h - 15.30h	Data Cycle World Cafe : Taking participants through the various stages of the data cycle (collection & analytics; management; dissemination; feedback).
15.30 - 16.00h	Coffee Break
16.00h - 17.00h	Reflections & Defining action plan . Reflecting on the day & gaging expressions of interest to be part of a land data community in India to improve data & information collection, sharing and use.

Facilitation

The workshop is organized and facilitated by NRMC - Centre for Land Governance and the Land Portal Foundation at the side of the India Land & Development Conference in New Delhi (India) in March 2019:

India Land & Development Conference 2019

India Land and Development Conference, has become a unique annual inclusive Land Convergence platform in India. Established by a collaborative initiative of local and global land-institutions, it promotes inter-sectoral, inter-disciplinary and multi-level conversations on land and development. ILDC helps researchers, practitioners, governments, businesses, entrepreneurs and professionals working around and at interface of land in different geographies, across scales around diverse issues to come together and interact at an open and inclusive platform. It aims to further, intensify and change land conversations, catalyse cross-learning and amplify innovations. By triggering connections and facilitating networking among land-actors and institutions, it contributes to coordinated and impactful research, innovations, advocacy and actions for improving land tenure security and achieving sustainable development goals.

NRMC - Center for Land Governance

Center for Land Governance located at Bhubaneswar (India), is a unit within [NR Management Consultants India Pvt. Ltd.](#), New Delhi involved in research, advocacy, policy analysis and capacity building of stakeholders associated with land rights, urban and rural tenure governance, gender, forest rights, livelihoods, agriculture and sustainable development.

Mr. Pranab Choudhury

Mr. Pranab Choudhury is a practicing researcher and consultant in the areas of natural resources management and governance with about two decades of experience. He has coordinated implementation of LGAF for World Bank in India and has carried out studies on women land rights, forest rights and land governance with international agencies. He has founded and coordinates [NRMC Center for Land Governance](#). CLG as a partner of Land Portal Foundation in India, promote open access to land information.



DataMeet India

DataMeet was started on January 26th 2011 by a handful of data enthusiasts who started a google group where people can share tips for working with data. Today the group has grown to encompass many people, ideas, projects, solutions, and challenges that using data in India presents. With 1500 people and growing on the Google Group, 5 active city chapters, trainings and events to promote and use open data, DataMeet is continuously looking for ways to bring open data to the forefront.

Mr. Guneet Narula

Mr. Guneet Narula is a self-taught web developer and designer. He has an active interest in Internet freedom, class politics, feminism, environment and activism. He worked part time with Akvo Foundation's South Asia office for three years as a technical officer looking at technology and data in the development sector. He is also actively involved with Datameet - a community of open-data enthusiasts and advocates in India.



Land Portal Foundation

[The Land Portal](#) is a non-for-profit organization based in the Netherlands. Set up in 2009 as a partnership project dedicated to supporting the efforts of the rural poor to gain equitable access to land by addressing the fragmentation of information resources on land, in 2014, the Land Portal became an independent non-profit. Through a variety of initiatives and partnerships, the Land Portal works to create a better information ecosystem for land governance through a platform based on cutting-edge open data technologies.

Ms. Lisette Mey

Ms. Lisette Mey is a Dutch lawyer and has been working for the Land Portal Foundation as its Information Management Officer for four years. She manages the open metadata repository in the Land Portal website, holding well over 50,000 resources from over 1,400 different publishers to date. Lisette has been working with the Land Portal's partners worldwide to help them build their capacities in publishing their information according to Open Data principles.

