

## G8 Land Partnership: Nigeria and UK

**Objective:** by mid-2015, to increase the transparency and reliability of land titling in Nigeria, to stimulate more investment in productive sectors, particularly agriculture, as well as manufacturing and housing.

<b>Key features of the partnership</b>	
<b>Composition</b>	<p>The partnership is led jointly by the Federal Ministry of Lands &amp; Housing and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture. Also included are the President’s Technical Committee on Land Reform (PTCLR), UK, US and FAO. Discussions are on-going with a number of state governments in Nigeria.</p> <p>The partnership is currently drawing up plans for engagement with civil society and private sector bodies. One large multi-national investor is already involved.</p> <p>Steering group aims to meet monthly to determine priorities and work-streams, establish targets and allocate resources.</p> <p>By the end of Q1 2014 minutes of meetings will be available online, address to follow.</p>
<b>Resources</b>	<p>UK through the GEMS 3 (Growth and Employment in States programme is providing support for partnership activities. This is in the form of international expertise in Land Titling and Land Tenure assessments, as well as SOLA expertise from FAO. Other resources such as GIS equipment and satellite imagery have also been provided for initial land titling pilots. As work-streams are developed other resources will be committed by the UK, and possibly other partners. Full time DFID adviser in Abuja leads on co-ordination and policy dialogue, handing over to Ministry leads as partnership develops.</p>
<b>Priorities for 2014</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree partnership objectives, funding and governance arrangements (by February)</li> <li>• Allocate technical expertise and other resources to deliver partnership objectives</li> <li>• Formal agreements with 3 states by April 2014.</li> <li>• Initial pilots completed and Land Titling Manual revised ready for wider roll out.</li> </ul>

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<b>Key milestones in 2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capacity for systematic land titling services is available in at least 6 Nigerian states.</li><li>• Federal and state level capacity for conducting Land Tenure Assessments and Environmental and Social Impact Assessments is strengthened.</li></ul>
<b>Desired impact</b>	Accurate, timely and reliable land titles should facilitate greater investment in various states, ensuring communities and owners benefit directly from greater security of land tenure. Land titles will also generate greater confidence amongst investors and also small holders, providing collateral for loans to develop their farms. Productive investment should lead to more jobs, increased incomes and greater prosperity overall.