



# LANDVOC

## LandVoc Community of Experts

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The Land Portal Foundation has taken the lead in the land governance sector to develop a standardized vocabulary: LandVoc, the Linked Land Governance Thesaurus.

LandVoc is mainly derived from AGROVOC, the standard agriculture vocabulary, but links together many other vocabularies designed and/or used by land governance stakeholders on both a global and local level. LandVoc is a consistent working product, constantly being reviewed and improved.

It is important to emphasize that LandVoc is not meant to serve as a glossary for land governance-related issues. The Thesaurus is purely meant to standardize the classification of content and resources, to improve the discoverability of and access to land-related information, from both global and grassroots sources, from all over the world.

## Expectations, commitment and role as a member

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LandVoc is a collaborative effort. Contributions are done on a voluntary basis. While editing of LandVoc is done by the LandPortal team, the expertise of the LandVoc Community of Experts is invaluable, especially to provide technical guidance. This may include:

- Suggesting new concepts and translations;
- Suggesting new or better definitions for concepts;
- Suggesting alignments to other vocabularies;
- Suggesting new hierarchy alignments;
- Providing expert advice on land governance concepts where needed;

- Help standardize the classification of content on land-related information;
- Helping promote uptake and use of LandVoc, including advising on outreach activities and tools.

Membership in the Community of Experts is a voluntary role. Land Portal will provide invites to periodic meetings, training and development opportunities, and advanced opportunities to preview LandVoc developments, tools and resources.

In addition to soliciting and taking contributions from community members at any time, the LandVoc team at Land Portal will share proposed updates to LandVoc for comment with the Community of Experts in advance of these being put forward to the AGROVOC team. The Land Portal Foundation will endeavor to find consensus amongst the community on proposed updates to concepts and translations.

Members of the Community of Experts are recognised and acknowledged on the LandVoc website. LandVoc is also a specialized concept scheme within AGROVOC, so all new concepts and terms need to follow the AGROVOC editorial guidelines.

## LandVoc Community of Experts Workshop

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### Workshop

The upcoming LandVoc Community of Experts Workshop (June 8th and June 23rd 14h-17h CET) is the first event of the newly formed community.

As you certainly know, LandVoc is the linked land governance thesaurus consisting of 310 concepts (derived from different sources), which are translated into multiple languages, thanks to the work of partners on the ground and experts colleagues all over the world. Once a tool like LandVoc is adopted and pieces of information will be classified according to these concepts, thousands of isolated land related pieces of information will be bridged and linked to each other making much easier the work of thousands of researchers, land practitioners and experts all over the world. We believe that LandVoc is an extremely powerful tool in making data and information more discoverable, by unlocking its potential!

This two-part virtual workshop will take place in the context of increasing the relevancy and use of LandVoc as a tool in order to enhance knowledge sharing and improve visibility and access to agricultural and land data worldwide. More particularly, the objectives of the workshop include:

- Exploring the value of LandVoc for the land sector and how and where the community should focus on its uptake;

- Formulating an action plan for upscaling uptake of LandVoc and continuing its enrichments;
- Fostering a partnership and commitment with land experts to contribute to LandVoc and ensure it will be a useful tool for the land sector;
- Define the modus operandi for the community of experts and criteria for LandVoc enrichments.

The workshop promises to be interactive, informative and results-driven.

## Agenda

### [Part 1: Monday June 8th 14:00 - 17:00 CEST](#)

The objectives of this first session are to:

- Introduce the community of experts
- Provide an overview of the history, development and current state of LandVoc
- Discuss existing and future use of LandVoc, and develop proposals to promote uptake of LandVoc
- Identify areas for possible enrichment of LandVoc itself

## Agenda

14:00 (0:00) - Introductions - come ready to introduce yourself  
14:20 (0:20) - Workshop overview  
14:25 (0:25) - LandVoc - origins and development (Presentation)  
14:49 (0:40) - A tour of LandVoc (Presentation)  
14:50 (0:50) - Q & A (Discussion)  
15:00 (1:00) - How is LandVoc being used right now (Presentations & Discussion)  
15:30 (1:30) - Break  
15:45 (1:45) - Future uses of LandVoc (Brainstorm)  
16:15 (2:15) - Promoting LandVoc Uptake (break-out groups)  
16:45 (2:45) - Recap and close (Plenary)

### [Part 2: LandVoc - Tuesday June 23rd 14:00 - 17:00 CEST](#)

The draft agenda for June 23rd will be updated following the first session to reflect group priorities:

The objectives of this second session are to:

- Generate a shared understanding of how LandVoc is maintained and updated
- Identify priorities for LandVoc enrichment
- Identify how the community of experts can participate in the future development of LandVoc

### Draft Agenda

- 14:00 (0:00) - Introduction & Recap
- 14:15 (0:15) - Maintaining LandVoc (Presentation)
- 14:35 (0:35) - Governing LandVoc (Presentation)
- 14:45 (0:45) - Question & Answers (Discussion)
- 15:00 (1:00) - A future roadmap for LandVoc (Focussed conversation discussion)
- 15:30 (1:30) - Break
- 15:45 (1:45) - The Role of the Community of Experts (Discussion)
- 16:00 (2:00) - Break-out groups - topics to be shaped by participant input
- 16:45 (2:45) - Plenary and close