

# **Facing the Post 2015 Global Agenda: The Role of Land Governance and Land Professionals**

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## **SUMMARY**

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## **Abstract**

This paper argues that sound land governance is fundamental to achieving the post 2015 Global Agenda as set by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by all the world's leaders at the UN Summit in September 2015.

Land governance is about the policies, processes and institutions by which land, property and natural resources are managed. The operational component of land governance is the country specific land administration systems dealing with the four key functions of land tenure, land value, land use, and land development. This paper presents an overall understanding of role of land governance and land professionals in this global perspective and in support of the SDGs.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) include 17 goals that are accompanied by 169 targets and will be further elaborated through indicators focused on measurable outcomes. The goals are action oriented, global in nature and universally applicable. Targets are defined as aspirational global targets, with each government setting its own national targets guided by the global level of ambition but taking into account national circumstances. The goals and targets integrate economic,

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, social and environmental aspects and recognise their interlinkages in achieving sustainable development in all its dimensions.

This paper analyses the SDGs and identify six of the goals and their targets as having a significant land component. These goals will never be achieved without having good land governance and well-functioning country wide land administration systems in place. Good land governance and administration is also essential for meeting the challenges of climate change and rapid urbanization that should be seen as part of the global agenda as well.

There is a request for reliable and robust data for devising appropriate policies and interventions for the achievement of the SDGs and for holding governments and the international community accountable. Such a monitoring framework is crucial for encouraging progress and enabling achievements at national, regional and global level. This calls for a “data revolution” for sustainable development to empower people with information on the progress towards meeting the targets.

The challenge will relate to innovation of the mindset of land professionals to cope with new approaches and a demand for interaction across generations of land professionals to ensure implementation of a holistic approach sustainable development over time.

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