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“Country to Country Partnerships to Support Land Administration System Investment”
Monday, 7 May, 2018 14:00–15:30
MACKA HALL, Istanbul Congress Center

Moderator: Dr. Keith Clifford Bell, World Bank, Bangkok

Session Objective

To discuss country-country partnerships to support land administration system institutional development and capacity building, with specific lessons from the Afghanistan-Turkish experiences 2016-2018 and drawing on further global experiences from session participants.

Background to the Partnership between Afghanistan and Turkey

A country to country partnership between the governments of Afghanistan and Turkey has enabled the preparation of a broad program to develop the institutional capacity of the Afghanistan Land Administration Authority (ARAZI). This program is known as the strategic Institutional Development program for Land Administration (IDPL). The purpose of IDPL is to contribute to the development of an effective land administration system in Afghanistan adapting the relevant aspects of the Turkish model but incorporating latest international best practice as well. An institutional approach has been adopted with a view to ensure a holistic and sustainable development, thus defining rules, regulations, policies and the enabling environment within which capacities are developed to deliver the required services reflecting current and emerging needs. The preparation of IDPL was coordinated by FAO and the World Bank provided some further technical guidance.

The people and institutions of Afghanistan and Turkey have had a long history of partnership and cooperation in many aspects of socio-cultural and economic sectors. Cooperation between the two countries in land administration bears witness to over 100 years. The land administration system that existed until the creation of ARAZI in 2013 was an adaptation of the Ottoman system in early 1920s. The Republic of Turkey through sustained and significant efforts and investments have managed to come a long way and develop one of the best land administration systems in the world. The journey has certainly not been easy and some of the trials and errors have entailed significant costs. The achievements have indeed been highly significant boasting a world class system capable of delivering sustainable, transparent, equitable and efficient services in land administration.

Nearly a century after the first cooperation in land administration, the Government of the Republic of Turkey has offered to share its experiences and technical knowhow with Afghanistan. ARAZI will be able to stand the shoulders of a giant in land administration, avoid costly errors and have direct access to the most appropriate and cutting-edge technical knowhow, policies, rules, regulations, institutional arrangements, use of appropriate technologies and modalities for delivering services. Adaptation of the Turkish land administration system to the conditions and needs of Afghanistan is highly likely to speed the transformation process in ARAZI and enable the achievement of its stated mandate in a relatively short period of time.

The Turkish government, through the Turkish International Cooperation (TIKA) and the General Directorate of Cadastre and Land (TKGM), have supported ARAZI in developing the IDPL. The expected support to implement the IDPL is indeed highly significant and ARAZI will have direct access to the accumulated experiences of TKGM and relevant institutions under the auspices of TIKA in land administration policies, institutional development and technical knowhow. TKGM has committed to provide technical assistance to support ARAZI's implementation of IDPL.

The first phase of IDPL is a 5-year program of priority capacity building investments across all of ARAZI's functional mandates. The World Bank has indicated initial support to assist ARAZI with implementation. Other development partners are envisaged to come on board to support IDPL's implementation over the next 5-15 years.

Program

Introductions: Dr Keith Clifford Bell

Opening Address: Mr. **Mehmet Zeki Adli**, Director General, TKGM, Turkey

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Jawad Peikar, CEO ARAZI, Afghanistan

Short Video presentation

Invited Speaker: Mr. Sedat Bakici, Head, IT Department, TKGM, Turkey

Discussant: Dr. Malcolm Childress, Land Alliance, USA

Open Discussion – Global Experiences

Final Remarks: Jawad Peikar

Close: Keith Bell

Speaker Biographies

Opening Address: Mr. Mehmet Zeki Adli, Director General, TKGM, Ankara

Keynote: Mr. Jawad Peikar, Chief Executive Officer, ARAZI, Kabul

Since May 2013, Mr. Jawad Peikar has been the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Afghanistan Independent Land Authority (ARAZI), and based on a Presidential decree in June 2015 he has been re-appointed as the CEO of the Afghanistan Independent Land Authority (ARAZI). With establishment of High Council of Land and Water under leadership of H.E the President, Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, he has become member of the Council, and also manages the secretariat of the Council. Due to importance of land issues in the country, Mr. Peikar is a member of Cabinet of the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Has worked both for national and international organizations within the country mostly at the managing and leadership positions. Mr. Peikar is a lawyer, educated in the US.

Lead Speaker: Mr. Sedat Bakici, Department Head, IT, General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre (TKGM), Ankara, Turkey

Mr. Sedat Bakici is a surveyor with a long career with TGGM spanning almost 30 years. He was until recently TKGM's Mapping and Geodesy Department Head, until his appointment in Mar 2018 as IT Department Head. Mr. Bakici has a number of professional degrees including a Master degree from the University of Stuttgart.

Discussant: Dr. Malcolm Childress, Executive Director, Land Alliance, Madison-Wisconsin, USA

Dr. Malcolm Childress is a land resources specialist with 30 years of experience globally, working on issues of urban and rural property rights, and land issues for managing critical ecosystems. His focus areas include land policy and governance, land markets, land registration, property taxation, cadastral systems and spatial planning. Before co-founding Global Land Alliance, he was a senior land administration specialist in the World Bank, working primarily in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Previously has been a senior research scientist at the Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Moderator: Dr. Keith Clifford Bell, World Bank, Bangkok

Dr. Keith Clifford Bell joined the World Bank in 2003 and works as a specialist technical adviser for land and geospatial technologies, globally. During his tenure with the World Bank he has worked in some fifteen countries across Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, including conflict and fragile states as well as in support of post-disaster reconstruction. Prior to the World Bank, he spent more than two decades in the Australian public and private sectors, which has included heading land agencies in two states, as well as programs for national mapping and also the national coordination of spatial data infrastructure. Dr. Bell, an Australian national, is a licensed surveyor and professional engineer (civil). He is a Fellow of several professional institutions including the Institution of Surveyors Victoria Australia, the Institution of Engineers Australia and the American Society of Civil Engineers. In addition, he has had a parallel military career with the Australia Army, continuing to serve in a reserve capacity.