



# GENDER EVALUATION CRITERIA

Addressing gender responsiveness in land tool development



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## GEC

### AN OVERVIEW OF GENDER EVALUATION CRITERIA

Since 2007, the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) partners have been working on the development, piloting, training of trainers and dissemination of the Gender Evaluation Criteria among a wide range of stakeholders at global and country level. The GLTN Secretariat worked in particular with the Huairou Commission (HC), the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), and the University of East London (UEL) to develop the GEC as one of the flagship

land tools to check whether land tools are gender responsive, and to show how they can be adapted to integrate various dimensions of gender issues. They are a flexible framework comprised of 6 criteria and 22 evaluation questions with possible indicators that can be adapted to a wide range of different situations.

Handling Land: Innovative Tools for Land Governance and Secure Tenure, UN-Habitat, 2012.



## BENEFITS OF GEC

Several grassroots women's organizations, members of the Huairou Commission, have tested the gender evaluation criteria in its initial phase in Brazil (Espaço Feminista), Ghana (Grassroots Sisterhood Foundation) and Nepal (Lumanti). These tests focused on large-scale land tools: municipal master plans, land reform commissions and land administration systems. In the case of Brazil, for instance, the application of the tool ensures inclusivity in their application where men, women and other stakeholders are actively involved in design, implementation and evaluation. A number of community leaders working on land and property rights, researchers, land professionals and representatives of the government's land institutions have been trained in designing and evaluating land tools with a gender analysis to realize and to recognize inequity and/ or inclusion issues in land policies and land regulations, and to develop mitigation and affirmative action approaches where necessary.

Furthermore, the Uganda Land Alliance implemented the second phase of pilots aggregating the capacity development of 10 districts, rural and urban, across Uganda. The International Land Coalition (ILC) has also supported its member groups to implement GEC pilots in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The ILC has primarily facilitated capacity-strengthening on the use of the Gender Evaluation Criteria (GEC) since 2012 through a series of Training of Trainers. Currently, the ILC supports their African members in Togo, Zimbabwe, Uganda,

Nigeria and Rwanda and links to ILC regional plan activities in Colombia, Indonesia, among others. In the review of the global knowledge of the GEC, it has been proved that:

1. The GEC is demonstrably good at collecting data, managing knowledge, producing tangible and rigorous evaluations and engaging with multiple stakeholders to discuss and validate evidence-based information.
2. The GEC is a mature tool that has been embraced by grassroots groups to step up and progress in their decision making processes. While it is designed for use by many land stakeholders, there is still a need to engage better with more governments and professional groups to champion the use of the GEC in various contexts. In the range of country experiences, the GEC has shown breadth and versatility in both rural and urban sectors.
3. The GEC needs improvement in terms of further simplifying the tool for wider adoption by grassroots organizations.

Finally, it is important to formulate a roadmap to increase the knowledge and provide better networked support to the GEC implementers from different countries. It is also important to continue providing capacity development interventions and widen partnership activities, especially in countries where there are value-added GLTN engagements.



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## PARTNERS

More than 40 countries have been exposed to the GEC tool. Three pilots, 13 roll-out countries and the rest upcoming in terms of use.

This tool is championed by the rural and urban civil society organizations of the GLTN.

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