EALAN 2019 AGM and Conference

The 2019 EALAN Annual General Meeting and Conference jointly organized by the Eastern African Land Administration Network and Ardhi University will take place between 22nd July and 26th July 2019 in Zanzibar. The AGM will be held on 22nd & 23rd July 2019 while the Conference dates are 23rd and 24th July 2019.

Conference Title

The Conference theme is "Quest for SMART Solutions for Responsible Land Management and Land Administration in Eastern Africa".

Events Dates and Venue
Pre Conference Workshop   19th - 20th July 2019
The EALAN AGM   22nd - 23rd July 2o19
Conference   23rd – 24th July 2019
ADLAND Events   25th -26th July 2019
Venue for all events: **Ngalawa Hotel and Resort in Bububu Zanzibar**

Conference Goals and Objectives

The Eastern Africa countries are at different levels of achieving efficient and equitable land administration systems. Despite several government and multi-lateral efforts aimed at ensuring security of tenure, efficient land markets and facilitated food production, existing land administration systems have remained lamed and unjust to many citizens. Out of the total land area of over 5.6m square km of the 7 countries (including the Congo with over 2.2m square km and Ethiopia about 1m square km), only a tiny fraction of less than 5% is mapped and titled, mainly in large farm/forest plantations and in urban areas. Existing technologies have not been able to enable the Eastern African countries to realize comprehensive land administration system.

The July 2019 EALAN Conference in Zanzibar, Tanzania, seeks to explore quicker solutions based on smart-technologies to help overcome the challenges that the Eastern Africa region faces. Traditional methodologies of mapping, registering and titling land have not yielded the desired outcomes. The key solution lies in digitization of the land administration systems that would help ensure good land governance, land readjustment and consolidation for food security generally in line with the Continent's thrive for 'feed the future'.

The conference aims at attracting presentations on results from recent research based on (i) Reforms in land administration (2) digital penetration in land administration and (3) responsible land governance and administration.

Sub-themes

1) Land Tenure Support Schemes in Eastern Africa- digitization of land administration systems (Land Information Bureau in Africa).
2) Innovative land administration in Eastern Africa and impacts on Customary tenure systems.
3) Standards of Practices in Land Administration – (national and regional laws, performance safeguards and practices).
4) Land Compensation Assessment Tools.
5) Dynamics of monitoring land transactions in informal settlement of Eastern Africa.
6) Responsible large-scale and land-based investment- the Environmental Social Governance.

The 2019 EALAN Conference seeks to attract presentations from different disciplines involved in land management and land administration both in urban and rural areas. Policy dialogue sessions on the conference theme are also planned.

Call for Conference Papers

We invite proposals for paper presentations, posters or exhibits on the conference theme and sub-themes as detailed above. Proposal ideas that extend beyond these thematic areas may also be considered. Individuals interested in submitting a paper are required to submit an abstract of not more than 300 words to agm@ealan-network.org by 30th April 2019. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit full papers by 10th June 2019. Abstracts and papers will be reviewed by a team of experts from the EALAN member universities and partners.

Special invitations have been extended to key actors to participate in two policy dialogue sessions, one towards improving land governance within the Eastern Africa and the second one will be towards improving land administration within the Eastern Africa Region. Individuals wishing to participate in the Policy Dialogue Sessions as discussants may send in their brief papers to the LOC not later than **10th June 2019.**

For more information about the ideas and themes underlying this conference, delegates may send an e-mail at: agm@ealan-network.org and copy to anmwasumbi@yahoo.ca.

Current list of sponsors

(i)   GIZ through NELGA
(ii)   NUFFIC for the SEALAN Project
(iii)   Ardhi University for the AGM
(iv)   ADLAND Project

Conference Participants

The conference is expected to attract participants from the EALAN partner universities, related land, real estate, housing, forest and agricultural sectors in the industry from within and beyond the Eastern Africa Region. Individual academicians and practitioners in the areas of land surveying, land management and valuation, land administration, housing, land use planning, land registration, lawyers, agricultural and forestry scientists are encouraged to attend and speak at the conference.

Conference Registration

Kindly send an intention to attend to the conference email account (agm@ealan-network.org) with a copy to anmwasumbi@yahoo.ca. Registration fee for the conference will be US $ 160 to cover conference materials, refreshments, lunches for the whole duration of the Conference and one Reception Dinner. This will be paid at the conference venue.

Travel and Visa Information

Information on travel and visa information as well as hotel accommodation in the vicinity of the conference venue will be available on request.

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