

## Land Governance in an Interconnected World Call for Papers, Posters and MasterClass

The World Bank is pleased to invite abstract submissions for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Land and Poverty to be held **March 19 – 23, 2018** in Washington, DC, USA.

### Conference structure

- **March 19:** Official opening event and pre-conference session and at 5 pm.
- **March 20-22:** Parallel thematic tracks with oral paper presentations and policy round tables. Closing session on March 22 followed by a reception.
- **March 20-21:** Poster sessions.
- **March 22:** Innovation fair.
- **March 23:** Learning day: MasterClasses and field visits.
- **March 19-23:** Exhibition booths in Atrium (please contact conference organizers on availability and conditions).

### Conference priority themes for oral presentations and posters

1. New academic research on the impact of land tenure security for sustainable development, equity and prosperity, (results and their policy relevance; new research methodologies);
2. New rigorous impact evaluations on scalable approaches toward strengthening land governance;
3. New ways of using spatial data (imagery, drones, mobile phones etc.) to strengthen land governance, sustainable land use, and/or support land administration services in urban and/or rural settings;
4. Innovations for securing land and resource rights in customary settings, gender, collective action, and role of customary authorities;
5. Progress with land governance performance monitoring, approaches to (gender) disaggregation, and Sustainable Development Goals;
6. Requirements for moving from pilots to land administration service delivery at scale: good, cheap, fast and equitable;
7. Improving resilience and resilience impact of national land and geospatial systems; and seamless, unified and comprehensive geospatial data for enhanced management of landscapes and inclusive land reform;
8. Modernizing and financing land service delivery and organizations, contribution private sector;
9. New insights on land governance strategies for conflict prevention and supporting peace agreements;
10. Fair leverage of land for realizing and financing infrastructure, housing, urban expansion, and public goods;
11. Achieving responsible large-scale land based investments: lessons learned 10 years on.

### Submission instructions for paper abstract

- Please submit abstract for oral presentation of an **individual paper, poster, or MasterClass** by **October 13, 2017** via [Conftool](#) (Please view guidelines on how to [create a new user account](#) and [submit an abstract](#)).
- Abstracts should be between 800 and 1,500 words, anonymous, written in American English, and submitted online in Word format. Abstracts less than 800 words will not be reviewed.
- Abstract selection for presentation is on the basis of a double blind peer-review process. Criteria are (i) relevance to conference thematic tracks and overall theme; (ii) evidence-based and methodological appropriateness; (iii) innovative and new; (iv) significance of findings for policy, implementation or research agenda; and (v) clarity of presentation.

- Abstract acceptance for oral presentation, poster and masterclass will be communicated by **December 4, 2017**.
- Due to space limitation, registered participants will be assigned only one slot for oral presentation (for accepted abstract).
- Kindly note that inclusion of an accepted presentation in final conference program is **conditional on timely conference registration and uploading of full paper, poster or material for masterclass**.
  - Conference registration should be completed by **February 1, 2018**.
  - Full papers should be uploaded by **February 15, 2018**.

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