

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

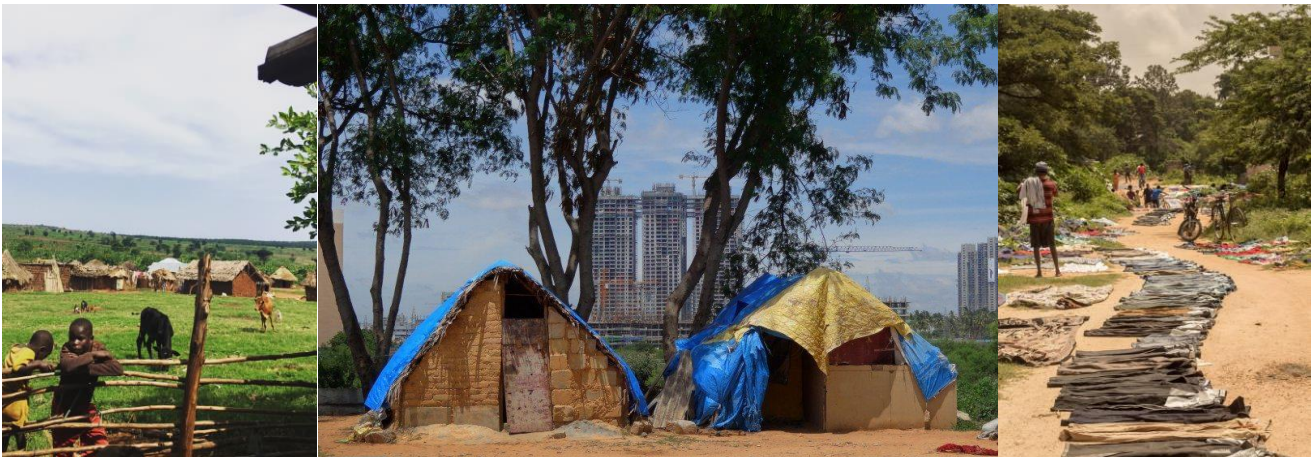
Deadline for session proposals: 15 February 2019

LAND GOVERNANCE IN TRANSITION

How to support transformations that work for people and nature?

4-5 July 2019

Utrecht, the Netherlands



The LANDac Annual International Conference offers a podium for researchers, practitioners and private sector representatives interested in land governance for equitable and sustainable development. The 2019 Conference looks at land governance through the lens of transformations: what are the long-term dynamics around land, water and food production? How is land governance itself transformed, as it seeks to respond to changing circumstances? And how is learning and knowledge building about these dynamics developing, what are promising concepts and tools? Particular questions relate to the different aspects of land governance, such as gender, food security, land tenure security, investments, conflict prevention and peace-building. In a fast-paced world of short-term projects and funding, how can we learn from past and current transitions, build sustainable partnerships and networks, and allow for seeds of innovation to bear fruit?

We are now pleased to invite session proposals for the LANDac Annual International Conference 2019. Submission for **session proposals** is open until **15 February 2019**. Abstracts for papers will be invited after the session proposals have been reviewed, in March 2019.

The programme will include a diversity of key note speakers from research and practice. Keep an eye on the LANDac website for updates.

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The LANDac Annual International Conference 2019 will look back at the decade since the land grab “hype” began, analysing the transformation processes that have taken place in those locations where investments have been made, and revisiting our understanding of the implications of these investment flows for food security, livelihoods and sustainable development. Land governance has transformed to meet diverse challenges, across dimensions of generations and gender, rural and urban, local and global. But what are the long-term dynamics around land, water and food? How can we improve development impact via early engagement with investments? What has been the role of advocacy and mediation efforts? Can we secure a sustainable future for both people and nature?

To answer these questions, we also need to look forward. We need to assess new challenges in the field, such as land governance in the context of climate change and increasing, often conflicting pressures on land and natural resources. Widely diverging issues like climate displacement, resilience, migration, ecosystem restoration and green grabbing, access to food and water, and informal settlements are increasingly framed in terms of security. But such securitisation is often used to legitimise restricting land access for the poor. How do we pave the way for transformations in land governance that minimise negative inter- and externalities, and that balance between stakeholder groups? How do we put our knowledge and experience to work and support transformations that benefit both people and nature?

This conference builds on nine years of LANDac Annual International Conferences where rural land debates were connected to the urban agenda, where we explored land governance from an SDG starting point, and where we examined its role in issues of mobility, migration and displacement. The 2019 Conference builds on these discussions to return to core questions about land governance and transformation.

Conference topics

We invite session proposals from researchers and practitioners on the following envisaged topics, while other topics are welcome:

- Food security
- Gender and generation
- Conflict and competing claims
- Natural resources and environmental protection
- Climate change and resilience
- Migration and displacement
- Compensation and resettlement
- Consultation, advocacy and access to justice
- (Peri-) Urban land dynamics
- Infrastructure development
- Land administration and technologies
- Land access for smallholders and visions of development
- The role of the state

LANDac – the Netherlands Academy on Land Governance for Equitable and Sustainable Development – brings together researchers, policy makers, development practitioners and business professionals in the field of land governance and development. With a focus on new pressures and competing claims on land and natural resources, the LANDac network conducts research, disseminates information, and organises courses and training, while strengthening linkages between actors who may not usually meet. Our guiding question is how to optimize the link between land governance, sustainable development, and poverty alleviation.

LANDac is a partnership led by, and based at, the International Development Studies (IDS) Group of Utrecht University. Other partners include: the African Studies Centre Leiden, Agriterra, the Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) of the University of Twente, the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Land Portal, Oxfam Novib, Royal Haskoning DHV, VNG International and Wageningen University.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We now call for the submission of **session proposals**. Session proposals should include:

- Title
- Organisers: Names, affiliations and contact details
- Session format (panel, roundtable, workshop, debate, art, film, innovative session, etc.)
- Description of max. 300 words
- Clear reference to the conference theme
- Potential speakers/presenters

Session proposals should be received by **15 February 2019** and must be submitted, in English, via email to: landac2019@gmail.com. The organising committee will review submissions and successful applicants will be notified by February 28, 2019. Abstracts for papers will be invited from March 1 until March 28, 2019. Notification on acceptance of paper abstracts will be done by April 15, 2019.

LANDac welcomes innovative and original ideas; if you have suggestions for materials to present or exhibit at the conference – such as short films, interactive websites, photos, posters – please contact the organisers at landac2019@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the conference will open in March. Registration costs are €200 (€100 for BSc and MSc students upon proof of a valid student ID). The registration fee includes catering for two days. We regret that LANDac is unable to cover participant expenses.

SUMMER SCHOOL: Land Governance for Development

The conference happens back to back with the LANDac/Utrecht University Summer School *Land Governance for Development* which will take place 8-19 July 2019 in Utrecht. For more information, and to register, please visit the [Utrecht Summer School website](#). Summer School participants may join the conference free of cost.



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