## WELCOME TO THE GLOBAL LAND AGENDA!

## What is the Global Land Agenda?

The Global Land Agenda, or GLA, is an initiative and space that seeks to bring together diverse actors and stakeholders from all sectors of society, e.g., country governments, civil society, non-governmental organizations, academia, think-tanks, multilateral donors, etc., to raise ambition and articulate a compelling case for global attention, investment and action on tenure security and good land governance. It is less concerned with formal institutional endorsements from the partners that join, and more interested in being actively promoting the importance of land tenure security.

It is in fact a result (and response) to the chronic crisis in the recognition and protection of essential tenure rights for shelter, livelihoods, nature and prosperity. While much work on tenure security has been happening for decades, there are still only a fraction of citizens around the world who enjoy secure tenure rights that are protected by law - and over 1 billion people around the globe consider it likely that they will be evicted from their land or homes (Prindex 2024). Hence the need to mobilise new policy and reform commitments from countries and increased investment from governments and development partners to track progress and hold leaders to account.

GLA has a two-fold objective: on the one hand promote greater coordination and collaboration within the land sector, while on the other, make the case for land tenure security so that it resonates across a wide range of global processes, such as human rights, climate action, food and nutrition security, promotion of biodiversity, and many others.

GLA is better understood as a growing movement that is free to join and always open to accepting new champions or ambassadors that want to be more actively involved in promoting tenure security as the common denominator for many gobal objectives, those related to the SDG targets as well as others that provide credible pathways for change.

This vision and agenda are captured in a *draft* Framework for Action on [Tenure Security for All], which individuals and organizations are invited to engage with and support. The <u>Framework for Action</u> (F4A) identifies specific actions, including raising more resources to secure tenure rights, establishing an annual Global Forum for Land and setting up a Global Land Observatory, that includes producing a Global State of Land Report.

By October 2023, a high-level meeting gathered partners for <u>Building Together a Global Land Agenda</u>, an initial milestone that triggered greater and wider support. Then, in May 2024, GLA also had another well attended <u>Global Land Governance and Policy Forum</u>, as the center piece of World Bank Land Conference, followed a couple of months later by more participation during the UN High Level Political Forum in July of the same year.

We need more partners behind GLA to escalate global action on land and build even more momentum driving this global campaign over the coming years, so that securing tenure rights becomes a standard practice needed for achieving many development objectives.

