

Learning Workshop on Women, Land and Housing Rights:
Assessing the impacts of dispossession

10–12 April 2019

Fairway Hotel and Spa

Programme

10 April 2019

The first day of training will introduce the gender equality approach to human rights, particularly, housing and land-related rights, provide an overview to Human Rights legislative framework and protection mechanisms at the International, regional and national spheres, and, introduce the theory and practice of the human rights concept of effective remedy.

Session 1: 09:00–10:30

Welcome and introductions

Introduction to the project and workshop

Dorothy Baziwe, SSA: UHSNET, and Joseph Schechla, HIC--HLRN

The introductory session will provide a brief description of the project background, activities and objectives and briefly explain the structure, sessions and objectives of the three days of the workshop.

Introduction of participants.

Contextualizing the question of land and housing in Uganda

Dave Khayangayanga, Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development

Gender equality and women's rights approach to housing and land rights

Rebecca Rukundo, Action for Development (ACFODE)

The session will examine the importance of gender equality and women's equal rights to land, housing and property, as well as provide the key aspects, characteristics and impacts of gender discrimination and violation of women's right to land, housing and property.

Break: 10:30–11:00

Session 2: 11:00– 12:45

International human rights legislative framework and protection mechanisms

Joseph Schechla and Heather Elaydi, HIC-HLRN

The session provides basic information about the international legislative framework of human rights and protection mechanisms concerning gender equality, women, non-discrimination and economic, social and cultural rights, particularly rights to adequate housing, land and property.

Regional human rights legislative framework and protection mechanisms

Heather Elaydi, HIC-HLRN

The session will provide basic information about the African Union legislative framework of human rights concerning gender equality, women, non-discrimination and economic, social and cultural rights, particularly rights concerning housing, land and property. Furthermore, the session will be an opportunity to describe the African Union protection mechanisms of human rights in force and to discuss the access of civil society entities and local communities to these protection mechanisms against forced evictions, other violations of the right to housing and land-related rights and women's rights violations.

Lunch: 12:45– 14:00

Session 3: 14:00–16:00

Uganda's Human Rights legislative framework and protection mechanisms

Participant Experiences

The session will provide basic information about the Uganda legislative framework of human rights concerning gender equality, women, non-discrimination and economic, social and cultural rights, particularly rights concerning housing, land and property. Furthermore, the session will be an opportunity to describe the Ugandan protection mechanisms of human rights in force as well as the access of civil society entities and local communities to these protection mechanisms against forced evictions, other violations of the right to housing and land-related rights and women's rights violations. Beyond the theoretical frame, this session will provide a general overview of the human rights situation and the institutional and sociocultural practices relevant to human rights in Uganda.

The human right concept of effective remedy: theory and practice

Joseph Schechla and Dorothy Baziwe

The session will focus on applicable accessible and human rights-based formal courts and everyday justice mechanisms remedies to violations of women's land and property rights

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Session 1: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Summary of the first day and introduction to the second day

Brian Odella – SSA: UHSNET and Sam Ikua, Mazingira Institute

Strategic monitoring and reporting human rights

Heather Elaydi

Monitoring and documenting housing and land rights violations in the HLRN Violation Database, focusing on Uganda as an illustration.

Joseph Schechla

The session will provide a theoretical background on monitoring and reporting on human rights and describe the main tools and methodologies available to civil society and local communities to monitor and report on the local situation of human rights.

Break: 10:30–11:00

Session 2: 11:00 –12:45

Assessing the impacts of housing and land rights violations

Joseph Schechla

Presenting the diverse experiences and contexts in which the Violation Impact-assessment tool has been applied in several countries, resulting in a typology of cases involving violations of housing and land rights. The session will explain the background, development process and objectives of the tool, in order to contextualize it and provide an overview of the cases and countries where it was implemented, and their lessons learnt and successes. It highlights the need to develop the method further to capture the values at stake for women and girls in cases of violation or risk of violation of rights to adequate housing, land-related rights and rights to property.

Lunch: 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM

Session 3: 14:00– 16:00

Local experiences of violation

Sam Ikua, Mazingira Institute and Diana Wambui, Pamoja Trust (Kenya)

Share cases and experience of dispossession and mitigation strategies to quantify the impacts of housing and land rights violations in Kenya.

Participants' exchange of learning from Uganda's experience

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The third day of the training will be an organized debate and in-depth discussion to develop a typology of contexts and cases in Uganda that reflect the overall situation of women's housing and land rights issues. That outcome will be the basis for selection of five priority cases to be analyzed in the follow-up.

Session 1: 09:00–10:30

Summary of the second day and introduction to the third day

Pascal Adongo, Diana Wambui and Sam Ikua

Local Testimonies

Moderated by Edris Lubega, National Slum Dwellers Federation

Break: 10:30–11:00

Session 2: 11:00–12:45

Toward a Ugandan typology of violations

Joseph Schechla and Heather Elaydi

Participants will develop the inventory of local experiences into a set of (proposed) five representative types of violation represented by specific cases that would benefit from further quantification of impacts on women and girls. Of these emblematic cases, the discussion will focus on the strategic outcomes envisioned for each and identify one of particular strategic importance for an in-depth application of the Violation Impact-assessment tool.

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Session 3: 14:00–16:00

Toward a Ugandan typology of violations (cont'd)

Way forward and closing

William Walaga and Joseph Schechla

In this wrap-up session, the presenters will lead the discussion of further strategic steps in the project and take decisions about the next steps, including the second technical workshop on application of the Violation Impact-assessment tool to be customized on the basis of inputs from this workshop.