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Since 2002, FAO REU has organized 21 annual regional workshops on land tenure topics such as land consolidation, land banking, state land management, land abandonment and land market development. Since 2010, the technical network is known as LANDNET. The 2020 and 2021 workshops were unfortunately cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic but the 13th International LANDNET workshop was organized as a hybrid event in Skopje, North Macedonia, during 25-27 May 2022 with 100 participants physically present and additional 100 registered online participants. The workshop in Skopje successfully re-vitalized LANDNET after the pandemic.

The 14th LANDNET workshop will take place in a physical format from 5 to 7 September in Istanbul, Türkiye at the Dedeman Convention Center which is located in between two hotels: the Park Dedeman Hotel and the Dedeman Bostanci Hotel. LANDNET participants are welcome to make accommodations at either hotel. The workshop is co-organized in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Türkiye.

The objectives of this year's LANDNET workshop are to:

- Present and discuss lessons learned from the implementation of land consolidation in Türkiye and the need for land banking
- Present and discuss new developments on land consolidation, including related to multi-purpose land consolidation in Eastern Europe
- Discuss policy options to address land abandonment and develop agricultural land markets

The workshop will take place over three days. On the first day, the main focus will be on land consolidation and challenges in land use. On the second day, focus will be on land consolidation in Türkiye with a field trip to land consolidation project areas in Bursa. The final day will focus on land abandonment, land market development and multi-purpose land consolidation.

The workshop language is English with translation to Turkish and Russian.

Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Theme of the day: Land consolidation and challenges in land use

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| 09.00 – 9.30 | Registration of participants |
| Session 1: Opening | |
| Moderator: Morten Hartvigsen, FAO REU | |
| 9:30 – 9:35 | Welcome by Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (TBD) |
| 9:35 – 9:40 | Welcome by DSI (TBD) |
| 9:40 – 9:45 | Welcome by GDAR (TBD) |
| 9:45 – 9:50 | Welcome by FAO (TBD) |
| 9:50 – 10:00 | Introduction and setting the scene for the workshop by the moderator, Morten Hartvigsen, FAO REU |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | <i>Coffee & Tea Break</i> |
| Session 2: Land consolidation and the need for land banking in Türkiye | |
| Moderator: Fatma Tüz Zehra Gülsever, DSI | |
| 10:30 – 10:55 | Land consolidation in Türkiye by Sinan Demirbas, DSI |
| 10:55 – 11:20 | Inheritance law, addressing land abandonment and the need for land banking in Türkiye by Ahmet Ünsal, GDAR (TBC) |
| 11:20 – 11:35 | Introduction of the project “Enhancing agricultural land market development to address land abandonment and improve land consolidation procedures” by Aylin Celik, FAO |
| 11:35 – 12:00 | Q&A and discussion |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | Group photo |
| 12:15 – 13:30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| Session 3: Developments on land consolidation in the region | |
| Moderator: Jan Spijkerboer, Dutch Kataster | |
| 13:30 – 13:50 | Land consolidation on the way in Georgia, by Gizo Chelidze, MEPA, and Elene Grigolia, NAPR |
| 13:50 – 14:20 | Lessons learned from the introduction of land consolidation in North Macedonia during 2014-2023 by Kristina Mitic-Arsova and Morten Hartvigsen, FAO |
| 14:20 – 14:40 | Land acquisition with land consolidation in the Rail Baltica project in Estonia by Reelika Piik, Estonian Land Board |
| 14:40 – 15:00 | Q&A and discussion |
| 15:00 – 15:20 | <i>Coffee & Tea Break</i> |
| Session 4: Land use and the connections with land market development, land consolidation and land banking | |
| Moderator: Kiril Georgievski, MAFWE, North Macedonia | |
| 15:20 – 15:35 | Trends and changes in agricultural land use in Estonia by Evelin Jürgenson, Estonian University of Life Sciences |
| 15:35 – 15:50 | Increasing pressure on land use in Denmark by Erik Blaabjerg, Danish Agricultural Agency |
| 15:50 – 16:05 | Impact on land use from the war in Ukraine by Svitlana Rudenko, Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine |

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| 16:05 – 16:20 | Land management for responsible governance of natural resources by Brad Paterson, FAO |
| 16:20 – 16:45 | Q&A and discussion |
| 17:00 – 19:00 | Cultural tour in Istanbul hosted by DSI |
| 19:00 – 21:00 | Common dinner hosted by DSI |
| Wednesday, 6 September 2023 <i>Theme of the day: Land consolidation in Türkiye</i> | |
| 09:00 – 18:00 | <i>Field trip to visit land consolidation project area "Bursa Yenişehir 1st stage project Boğazköy Dam and Groundwater Irrigation"</i> |

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| Thursday, 7 September 2023 <i>Theme of the day: Land abandonment, land market development and multi-purpose land consolidation</i> | |
| Session 5: Policies to address land abandonment and develop agricultural land markets | |
| Moderator: Evelin Jürgenson, Estonian University of Life Sciences | |
| 09:00 – 09:20 | Analysis of land abandonment and development of agricultural land markets in North Macedonia by Maxim Gorgan, FAO |
| 09:20 – 09:40 | Outcome of EU EIP-AGRI focus group on recovery of abandoned agricultural lands by Andrew Cartwright, CEU |
| 09:40 – 10:00 | Addressing land abandonment in France by Loïc Jegouzo, FNSAFER |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Q&A and discussion |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | <i>Coffee & Tea Break</i> |
| Session 6: Capacity development | |
| Moderator: Brad Paterson, FAO REU | |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Presentation of Curriculum for Master Course on land consolidation and land banking by Maxim Gorgan, FAO |
| 11:20 – 12:00 | Panel discussion: Reflections on the development of the Curriculum by members of the technical working group and advisory board |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| Session 7: Multi-purpose land consolidation | |
| Moderator: Kalle Kontinen (TBC) | |
| 13:30 – 13:50 | The potential for multi-purpose land consolidation in Eastern Europe by Morten Hartvigsen, FAO |
| 13:50 – 14:10 | Re-vitalization of land consolidation and land banking in the Netherlands by Marije Louwsma and Jan Spijkerboer, Dutch Kadaster |
| 14:10 – 14:25 | Multi-purpose land consolidation projects in Türkiye – Good examples by Fatma Tüz Zehra Gülsever, DSI |
| 14:25 – 14:40 | Belgium or Germany (TBD) |
| 14:40 – 15:00 | Q&A and discussion |

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| 15:00 – 15:30 | <i>Coffee & Tea Break</i> |
| Session 8: Land consolidation in other regions and workshop closure | |
| Moderator: Morten Hartvigsen, FAO REU | |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | Land Consolidation process in Ethiopia by Abebaw Abebe, Takele Habite and Nenad Gvozdenovic, GIZ |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Land management in Uzbekistan by Shakhnoza Mukhammedayubova, The State Scientific and Design Institute “Uzdavyerloyikha” (TBC) |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Closing of the workshop |