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Dear Prof Agbola

This letter is to confirm that the Association of African Planning Schools (AAPS) has been added to the list of Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) Partners, based on your request (letter dated 13 June 2013). Please also note that you will be able to upload events, news and documents to the GLTN website: [www.glttn.net](http://www.glttn.net). (We would be happy to advise your team how to register in order to do this.) In addition we would like to encourage you to inform your association members to also register as individual GLTN members. This can be done via a portal on the home page of the website.

As you are aware GLTN's main objective is to contribute to poverty alleviation and the Millennium Development Goals through land reform, improved land management and security of tenure. GLTN has developed a global partnership on land issues pulling together global and regional partners, as well as many individual members. These partners include international networks of civil society, international finance institutions, international research and training institutions, donors and professional bodies. It aims to take a more holistic approach to land issues by improving global coordination on land; through the establishment of a continuum of land rights, rather than just focus on individual land titling; through improving and developing pro-poor land management, as well as land tenure tools; by unblocking existing initiatives; assisting in strengthening existing land networks; assisting in the development of gendered land tools which are affordable and useful to the grassroots; and improving the general dissemination of knowledge about how to improve security of tenure.

To reach the overall goal of poverty alleviation through land reform, improved land management and security of tenure, the GLTN partners have identified and agreed upon the 18 key land tools which need to be addressed in order to deal with poverty and land issues at the country level, across all regions. The partners of GLTN argue that the existing lack of these tools, as well as land governance issues, are the main cause of failed implementation at scale of land policies world wide. We look forward to engaging and collaborating with you in the development, testing and application of these tools, in a way that builds capacity for the achievement of tenure security for all. (For more information about the Global Land Tool Network please visit the website at [www.glttn.net](http://www.glttn.net).)

The GLTN International Advisory Board consists of seven members, each of whom represents a cluster or segment of stakeholders. AAPS will fall under the International Training / Research Institutions Cluster. This cluster is headed by Dr Jaap Zevenbergen, Professor of Land Administration and Management, University of Twente, and Director of the UNU School for Land Administration Studies, in the Netherlands ([j.a.zevenbergen@utwente.nl](mailto:j.a.zevenbergen@utwente.nl)).

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Dr. Zevenbergen will be a key GLTN liaison point for you and is therefore copied this letter. In the GLTN Secretariat, based in UN-Habitat in Nairobi, your contact person will be Jean du Plessis, our Capacity Development specialist ([jean.duplessis@unhabitat.org](mailto:jean.duplessis@unhabitat.org)). With regard representation from your side, we take note that your two liaison persons will be James Duminy, the AAPS Secretary-General ([jamesduminy@gmail.com](mailto:jamesduminy@gmail.com)) and the AAPS Coordinator, Nancy Odendaal ([nancy.odendaal@uct.ac.za](mailto:nancy.odendaal@uct.ac.za)).

It is a great pleasure to welcome your association to the Global Land Tool Network. We look forward to meeting your team members in person and to ongoing collaboration with your organisation. An important event on our calendar is the biennial GLTN Partners' meeting, the next of which has been tentatively scheduled for 11-15 November 2013. We will let you know as soon as the date, venue and agenda for this important gathering have been finalised. We will also inform you of other upcoming events in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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