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### ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS

AfDB African Development Bank

APRM African Peer Review Mechanism

AU African Union

AUC African Union Commission

AWF African Wildlife Foundation

CBOs Community Based Organizations

EC European Commission

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

GIS Geographic Information System

GLTN Global Land Tool Network

GRET Professionals for Fair Development

IDLO International Development Law Organization

IEC Information, Education & Communication

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development

ILC International Land Coalition

IRLADP Irrigation, Rural Livelihoods and Agricultural Development Project

IUCN International Union for the Conservation of Nature

KM Knowledge management

LDGI Land Development and Governance Institute

LGAF Land Governance Assessment Framework

LPI Land Policy Initiative

LUSIP Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project

MKEPP Mount Kenya East Pilot Project for Natural Resources Management

NEPAD The New Partnership for Africa's Development

NGOs Non-governmental organizations

NR Natural resources

PIGEPE Projet d'Irrigation et de Gestion de l'Eau

PLUM Participatory Land Use Mapping

PRA Participatory Rural Appraisal

PTRPC Programme Transitoire de Reconstruction Post-Conflit

RCMRD Regional Centre for the Mapping of Resources for Development

RISD Rwanda Initiative for Sustainable Development

RLEEP Rural Livelihoods and Economic Enhancement Programme

SECURE Securing Rights to Land and Natural Resources for Biodiversity and Livelihood in Kiunga-Boni-

Dodori Reserves and Surrounding Areas in North Coastal Kenya Project

SRMP Sustainable Rangeland Management Project

STDM Social Tenure Domain Model

TA Technical assistance

TSLI-ESA Land and Natural Resources Tenure Security Learning Initiative for Eastern and Southern

Africa Project

ULA Uganda Land Alliance

UNECA United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

UN-Habitat United Nations Human Settlements Programme

VODP Vegetable Oil Development Project

VLUP Village Land Use Plans

WISP World Initiative for Sustainable Pastoralism

WUAs Water Users' Associations

### INTRODUCTION

UN-Habitat, through the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) and IFAD, has entered into a partnership to implement the Land and Natural Resources Tenure Security Learning Initiative for Eastern and Southern Africa (TSLI-ESA). The initiative aims to improve knowledge management strategies and approaches for strengthening pro-poor and gender-sensitive land and natural resource tenure rights in selected Eastern and Southern African countries.

A Regional Learning Workshop on Land and Natural Resources Tenure Security held from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012, at the United Nations' Gigiri complex in Nairobi, Kenya, marked the start of this knowledge management initiative. It was attended by 78 people from 20 countries, mainly in East and Southern and West and Central Africa, but also from various

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global organizations (see Annex 2 for details). The overall objective of the workshop was to deepen the understanding of land and natural resources tenure security issues and to identify opportunities to strengthen land tenure security and land access of the rural poor and marginalized groups in sub-Saharan Africa.



Workshop participants gather for a group photo.

In this initial phase the TSLI-ESA is focusing primarily on the following five themes:

- MAPPING: Using technically advanced geographic information technologies, such as aerial photography, remote sensing technology and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for mapping land and natural resource rights, use and management.
- LAND & WATER RIGHTS: Recognizing and documenting small-scale farmers' land and water rights in irrigation schemes.
- GROUP RIGHTS: Recognizing and documenting group rights, focusing on range/grazing lands, forests and artisanal fishing communities.
- WOMEN'S ACCESS: Strengthening women's access to land.
- INCLUSIVE BUSINESS: Documenting best practices in securing land and natural resource rights

through business partnerships between small-scale farmers and outside investors.

The expected outputs of the workshop were:

- To identify and share challenges, as well as innovative approaches, for strengthening security of land and natural resource tenure of poor people and vulnerable groups;
- To strengthen lessons sharing and knowledge exchanges among various stakeholders and programmes.

Although the focus was on East and Southern Africa (ESA), key projects from West and Central Africa (WCA) and key GLTN partners also participated, allowing for wider learning exchanges, the bringing in of new perspectives and for strengthening linkages.

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