

Terms of Reference for the S4ILUP Advisory Board

Background

Land use planning is high on the political agenda. Parties to multilateral environmental agreements recognize the importance of land use planning as a vehicle to reach biodiversity, food security and other environmental goals and to achieve land degradation neutrality (LDN). Integrated land use planning (ILUP) is a promising way towards a coherent approach across sectors and scales to implement different goals.

However, there are some challenges that prevent ILUP from being as effective as it could be. One possible entry point is harnessing the potential of the vast quantities of geospatial and economic data as well as information on sustainable land management to guide participatory ILUP processes.

Therefore, [WOCAT](#), [UNCCD](#), [FAO](#), [GEO-LDN](#) and the [ELD Initiative](#) aim to address these challenges through an integrative process called *Scenarios for integrated land use planning* (S4ILUP), by facilitating knowledge exchange among key stakeholders from the land use planning, environment and data communities. Starting with a series of workshops, S4ILUP will build a lasting network and facilitate capacity development for evidence-based decision making in ILUP.

The series will consist of three workshops:

- **WS 1: Land use planning expert side** - Identifying needs of users involved in ILUP processes
- **WS 2: Technical provider side** - Analyzing academia and data provider approaches and tools to support land use planning
- **WS 3: Joint opportunity scoping** – Identifying action points to support scenario development for ILUP

> An **advisory board** will be established to lay the foundation for a workshop design, which most adequately addresses current gaps and needs for actors in the land use planning field across the globe <

The Advisory Board

Profile

We are looking for about 11 experts:

- who have accompanied at least one land use planning process at the interface of policy and implementation
- who are open for or ideally have experience with the concept of integrated land use planning (ILUP)
- with intersectoral work experience
- with knowledge of land degradation neutrality (LDN) or related environmental targets
- with sufficient English skills

Composition of the advisory board:

The objective of the advisory board is to portray a holistic picture of the diverse perspectives on ILUP. Therefore, we aim for balanced representation of gender, regions and stakeholder communities including marginalized groups in the advisory board.

Tasks

The advisory board will guide the workshop organizers regarding:

- the thematic focus of the workshops
- the composition of the workshop participants
- the design of the workshop series

Expected workload:

- Time period: June-September 2022
- Tentative Dates for the advisory board meeting: 08 June 2022, 12-3pm CEST and 10 June 2022, 12-3pm CEST
- Max. 5hrs time-investment before the workshop series
- participation in the workshop series (approximately 3 half-day virtual workshops)
- Max. 6hrs of reflection and advice in between the workshops, possibly taking over roles within the advisory board as a group lead, speaker or coordinator

What are you getting out of it?

- You will be part of a global network of land use planning experts that will be maintained and moderated for at least 4 more years
- You will get access to targeted capacity development
- You will receive global recognition as a crucial pioneer at the interface of land use planning, environment and evidence-based decision making

You are interested to join the advisory board?

Please send an informal E-Mail to Rieke Schneider and Hanna Albrecht (eldinitiative@giz.de) until 7th of May 2022 (extended from 30th of April) stating your interest and answering the following questions:

- In the planning process of which country do you have work experience, or are you familiar?
- At which planning level do you work mostly? (e.g. national, regional, communal)
- Do you have experience working with agencies from different sectors? YES/NO
- Do you have experience with the concept of integrated land use planning? YES/NO
- Do you have knowledge about land degradation neutrality (LDN) or similar environmental targets: YES/NO
- Anything else you want to tell us about your motivation to join the process

We thank you in advance for your interest in this joint process and look forward to hearing from you!

Rieke and Hanna, on behalf of the organizing committee.

