

# NEWSLETTER: LAND MANAGEMENT AND LAND TENURE

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## GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE PROGRAMME 2010 THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Every year, Awards are given for outstanding performance and the best Thesis. In this regard, Ms. Rita Esinu Sewornu (Ghana) and Mr. Mabikke Samuel (Uganda) won the best student and the best Thesis awards respectively. The awards were handed to the students by Prof. Stilla



Prof. Stilla looks on, as Ms. Rita Esinu Sewornu holds her best students award



Mr. Samuel Mabikke receives the best Thesis award from Prof. Stilla

## AWARD OF MEDALS

At the ceremony, medals were awarded to key personalities "For a Fair World" 2010 of the Förderkreis Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung München e.V. They included outstanding persons and professionals, namely; Prof. Dr. Michael Kirk, Dr. Peter Jahnke and Sparkassen director Mr. Georg Bromme. This was in recog-



Prof. Kirk holds a Medal with Mr. Hess (BBIV) & Prof. Magel

nition of their outstanding support to the programme and their valued participation in the achievement of the Master's Programme goals.

The 2010 Graduation Ceremony was an exciting event for the Master's Programme Land management and Land tenure. It was held on March 22nd 2010 at the headquarters of the Bavarian Construction Industry Association (BBIV) in Munich.

It comprised of key speakers, and was a reminder to the audience of the critical global challenges and the opportunities available as the ceremony portrayed. Speeches were delivered by Prof. Holger Magel (Programme Director), Senator E.h. Gerhard Hess (Managing Director BBIV), Vice Dean Prof. Uwe Stilla (TUM), Mr. Christian J. Hegemer (Hanns Seidel



Mr. Mabikke

Foundation), Mr. Bodo Richter (GTZ Sector Project Land Management) and Mr. Willi Zimmermann. On behalf of the graduands, Mr. Samuel Mabikke

delivered a lively speech complete with the appreciation for the work done by the Chair of Land Management and its partners.



The Graduates and Lecturers

## SUPPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hess (BBIV) and Mr. Hegemer (HSS), made important announcements on behalf of their institutions, and pledged to continue supporting the Land Management programme



Mr. Hess (BBIV)

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- Graduation Ceremony 2010
- Summer School
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- Guest Lecture by the Korean Minister of Environment

## INSIDE STORY: SPECIAL FEATURES

Land Management and Land Tenure Graduate, Eugene Chigbu from Nigeria (2007-2009 participant) has been accepted into the African Good Governance Network (AGGN).



Mr. Chigbu Eugene

Under the auspices of the German Federal President, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) created the AGGN in early 2007. By initiating this network, the DAAD wants to make a contribution to the broadening and deepening of academic collaboration between Africa and Germany and promote future key players in the domain of Good Governance. The Network comprises of a group of highly educated African academics who have either studied in Germany or are still studying in Germany. Due to their qualifications they can be numbered among the future decision makers dedicated to Good Governance principles in sub-Saharan Africa. AGGN fellows promote the ideas of Good Governance and help to further the process of democratization in their home countries. They consider it their duty to actively promote the values of Good Governance and thus accompany the economic and political transformation process in sub-Saharan Africa; and their activities are fully funded by the DAAD. Mr. Chigbu is the first graduate of our Chair who has successfully undergone the competitive selection process to join this network.

Candidates to the Network have to be nominated by a German university or a renowned research institution and a DAAD-organized selection committee will decide on the applications by conducting personal interviews.

The nomination process takes place once a year and starts around the month of September. We call on all our alumni and current participants from the Sub-Saharan Africa to apply for membership of this network as it offers life-time prospects for networking and skills development. Further information can be accessed at [www.aggn.org](http://www.aggn.org)

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Alumni Summer School, 11-16 October 2010 in Munich

We are very pleased to announce that the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Bayerische Staatskanzlei (Bavarian State Chancellery) will support the organization of an Alumni Summer School of the Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure in Munich this year. The event will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of October at TUM and the programme will include a two-days training on a topic related to land management to be determined very soon. The primary objectives of the Summer School are:

- To further develop and consolidate regional groups/clusters of the Alumni Network
- To further develop and consolidate the cooperation between TUM (Chair of Land Management and Alumni Network), and German and international development cooperation institutions.
- To develop and strengthen capacities (training) on subjects of high international relevance in the context of land management.

In addition to the objectives stated above, this event should also create an enabling environment for the development of mid- and long-term measures to be implemented in the future by the Alumni Network of the Master's Programme including the concrete steps to take in order to actively participate in DAAD's newly developed "Alumni Portal".

The intention of the Chair of Land Management is to invite as many Alumni as possible to come back to Munich to take part of this important meeting. The financial support provided by our sponsors allows for financing a limited number of participants, but the Chair is already trying to mobilize further financial sources in order to increase this number. More information on this and the programme will be communicated as soon as possible

## LINKS TO THE WWW:

Prof. Magel has got a personal blog, which is hosted by the GIM International websites. GIM is a global magazine for Geomatics. Prof. Magel has often published comments including but not limited to rural Capacity Building as a strategy for engaging rural people for development and to do the right things at the right time: Building up a Global Academic Partnership (GAP). You can visit the Blog at [www.gim-international.com/weblog](http://www.gim-international.com/weblog) and leave a comment.

## INSIDE STORY: RURAL DEVELOPMENT FIELD STUDY TRIPS

### FRAUNBERG, KIRCHDORF 6<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2009

Our MSc. Land Management students visited the municipalities of Fraunberg (district of Erding) and Kirchdorf (district of Freising) on a rural development excursion, which is part of our Land management module.



Dr. Stumpf, Mr. Weismaier and the MSc. Students in Freising

The trip started at 8:00 am and the students were at the Town hall of Fraunberg where they were welcomed and addressed by Mr. Hans Wiesmaier (the mayor of the municipality), Dr. Johan Lex (a councilor) and Ms. Anni Gfirtner who is a councilor, deputy chairman of local association for "Local Development" and head of the municipality's coordination unit. The mayor, spoke to the students about the municipality with emphasis on the economy, social life, nature and tourism, the problem of urbanization and the prospects of the future of the municipality. After being treated to a traditional Bavarian lunch at the "Maria Thalheim" on the invita-

### WEYARN AND FISCHBACHAU 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010

Again, early this year, the students set off again for another round of trips, but this time, they headed to Weyarn and Fischbachau, all in the district of Miesbach. Also a visit to the Kreissparkasse Bank in Miesbach, provided additional colour to the whole excursion. In Weyarn, the mayor, Mr. Michael Pelzer briefed the students on the importance of running effective local government administration based on good governance principles. In addition, Prof. Dr. Franz Demmelmeier, a councilor in the municipality, provided our students with an interesting insight on his municipality's Village Renewal Project, as well as the municipality's specific approach towards sustainable future.

In Fischbachau, the mayor of the municipality, Mr. Josef Lechner, presented our MSc. Students with the overall management of affairs of the municipality –with emphasis on

tion of the municipality of Fraunberg, the students set off for the trip to Kirchdorf for a similar experience.

At the town hall of Kirchdorf, district of Freising, Mr. Konrad Springer (the mayor) and Josef Haller (the deputy mayor) welcomed our students to their municipality. The mayor presented a lecture on the integrated regional development of nine municipalities –focusing on urban issues, traffic/infrastructure, agriculture, land use/landscape/water management and outdoor recreation. The case study of Hirschbach's small scale project for land management was presented by the deputy mayor who is also a resident of Hirschbach. The trip, which ended in Kirchdorf, gave our students the opportunity to learn more about the Bavarian rural areas and understand their cultural and political landscapes, as well as interact with the various decision makers and stakeholders met during the course of the trip.



Dr. Stumpf, Mr. Josef Lechner Mayor Fischbachau, Mr. Chigbu, and the MSc. Land management students in Fischbachau

natural resource management, local government administration and the different problems encountered in municipal management. Every one was treated to a good lunch at the Berg-hotel Sudelfeld (in the municipality of Bayrischzell), courtesy of the management of the Kreissparkasse (Regional Savings Bank) Miesbach-Tegernsee. After lunch, the Bank's head of Press, Mr. Hans Schmid, briefed our students on the bank's operations in the rural enclaves of Bavaria. It was interesting to learn about the bank's involvement in rural development and its promotion traditional cultural governance and sustainability in Bavaria through its rural financing schemes.

These trips gave our students a first-hand experience of land management, rural development, rural banking and village renewal in Bavaria. It was all guided by Dr. Michael Stumpf, a director in the Upper Bavarian Office for Rural Development at the State's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

## THE TUM PARTNERSHIP WITH GLOBAL LAND TOOL NETWORK (GLTN)

**GLTN Partner's Meeting "Enriching Partnership and Increasing Activities for Land Reform" Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2009, Nairobi,**

"In 2006, UN-HABITAT facilitated the establishment of the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN). GLTN is a global partnership of key global actors (now at least 40) consisting of professionals, development partners, research and training institutions, technical and civil society groups, to address land tenure and land reform issues, among others. GLTN was launched in June 2006 at the World Urban Forum in Vancouver" (GLTN 2010).

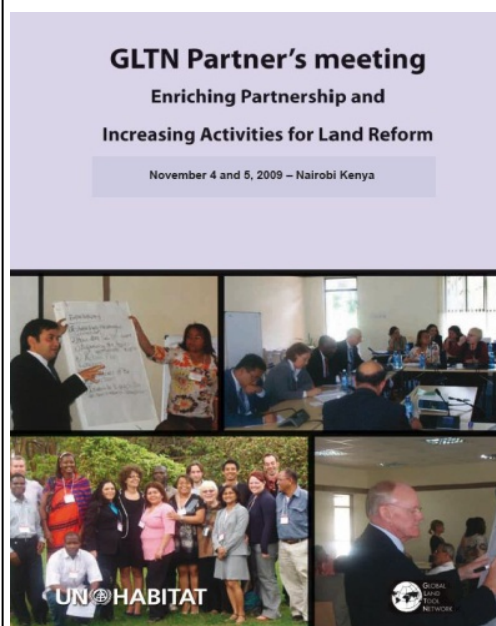
As mentioned in our previous Newsletter, TUM's Chair of Land Management has become a proud partner of GLTN within its cluster "International Training/Research Institutions". Most importantly, the alumnus of the Master's Programme of Land Management, Mr. Danilo Antonio who is the coordinator of the Global Land Tool Network Work with the UN-Habitat is our main partner in this important partnership.

In November 2009, GLTN organized a Partners' Meeting at the headquarters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) in Nairobi, and the Chair of Land Management took part of this meeting represented by Jorge Espinoza, the Manager of our Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure. The meeting was attended by representatives of the clusters Rural/Urban International Civil Societies, International Training/Research Institutions, International Professional Bodies, Bilateral Organizations and Multilateral Organizations.

The meeting was very successful in providing the participants with an enabling environment for networking and strengthening of collaboration. As a result of the numerous

workshops held during the two days, a number of tasks were defined for the future. Some of these tasks are to strengthen the promotion of GLTN's Agenda at country and institution levels, exchange experience about tool implementation and establishment of improved and target oriented communication mechanisms such as newsletters, telephone conferencing, and networking tools like Facebook and Twitter.

In the context of this partnership, a number of Alumni of our master's programme are currently participating in this very project coordinated by our Chair, GLTN and GTZ. The purpose of this project is to produce papers on Status of Land Tenure Security in selected countries. More information on this initiative will be included in the next issue of this newsletter!



Documentation of GLTN Partner's Meeting. Available in [GLTN Website](#)

## PROFESSOR HOLGER MAGEL PARTICIPATES IN AN EGYPTIAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Chair of Land Management and Land Tenure has for a long time participated in diverse global land management programs. In the retrospect, Professor Holger Magel embarked on the preparation of proposals for the rural development of Kom Lolah Village of Habu in Egypt with a clear emphasis on the concept of public participation.



At the Workshop in Habu, Egypt

He participated in an important workshop under the auspices of the Nile Center for Information

on the "Rural Development for Habu Village in Luxor".

This has been an important meeting organized in partnership with Ambassador Ismail Khayrat, the Head of the State Information Service and the Governor of Luxor, Dr. Semir Farag. Other key figures at this fundamental workshop included experts from the Local Center for Rural Development in South Upper Egypt, Civil Society representatives, the representatives from Luxor, Qena and Aswan Nile Centers. Ambassador Khayrat as quoted by Egypt's popular Al-Gumhureya Newspaper on 27-01-2010, specifically noted that the workshop aimed to support the rural development for Habu Village with focus on the public participation and training on planning to develop local communities. This should apply in Habu during the Rural Development Plan for Luxor, he added

**THE FIRST ZAMBIAN STUDENT TO JOIN THE TUM'S LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM** **IMMERSION VISIT: THE DELEGATION FROM THE PHILIPPINES AT TUM & ITC (02-27/ 11/2009)**



Mr. Mushing Anthony

I am a Zambian aged 30. I have a Bachelor of Science in Land Economy attained at The Copperbelt University Zambia, in 2004. I work for Zambia National Service as a Trainee Valuation Surveyor. I joined this government institution in October 2007. Prior to joining the institution, I was working in the private sector.

I came to Munich in August 2009. Although this is the first time to be in Europe, it is the second time to be away from home, having worked in Swaziland (Southern Africa) from 2005-mid 2006.

My stay in Munich has been sometimes difficult and yet very exciting. The first few weeks in Munich were really difficult for me because having come from an English speaking country, speaking the German language was rather an uphill task for me. This was, despite the online Deutsch language course we did prior to our coming here in Munich. Nonetheless, having done a two months Deutsch language (August-September) last year, I am able to speak few German words.

With respect to the academics, I have been and continue to be exposed even more to the dynamic global and country specific aspects of land management. I am getting experiences worth carrying back home to Zambia with me. Besides academics, I have learnt a lot in 8 months I have been in Munich such as team work with classmates from different countries and Germany culture - including the Oktoberfest experiences. In addition to the freezing winter season, Weather in Germany and especially Munich can change so suddenly; in the morning it would be snowing and afternoon will be sunny. Nonetheless, it is so interesting to see snow for the first time. There is still a lot more to enjoy and I am surely all eyes.

The Chair of Land Management has become a global partner in land management programmes. This critical step entails partnership with the International Faculty for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) in supporting institutions in the development of modules for their academic programmes on Land Administration and Management. The two institutions have merged efforts to support the Visayas State University. Mr. Jorge Espinoza (MSc.) and Dr. Michael Klaus at the Chair of Land Management are coordinating the programme.

To the effect of the ongoing collaboration project, TUM's Chair of Land Management hosted the delegation of academics from the Philippines. The group of guests was composed by a group of Professors from the Visayas State University and the University of the Philippines Diliman in Manila and a representative of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippine Government.



Participants of the Immersion Visit from the Philippines, TUM-ITC Team

The purpose of the 4-weeks Immersion Visit (2 weeks at ITC and 2 weeks at TUM) was thus to work on the development of the specific academic modules which are to be implemented in the mentioned universities in the near future.

At TUM, the principal objective of the immersion visit was to continue the discussions which had previously begun at ITC, to agree on the structure of VSU's academic programme and to further develop as far as possible the curriculum in terms of its consistency, efficiency and effectiveness. In order to do this, considerable work was devoted to defining and structuring the objectives of the different courses as well as their target groups, requirements and the specific contents.

More activities were organized in order to extend the understanding by the participants of TUM's approach to Land Management and Administration, which included attendance to lectures by Prof. Kirk, Mr. Willi Zimmermann, as well as Dr. Michael Klaus and Mr. Jorge Espinoza (MSc.). This was all at TUM's Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure, which later included a visit to the Cadastral Office in Munich .

**GUEST LECTURE: THE KOREAN MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT  
DECEMBER. 2009**

The 14th December 2009 was a crucial moment when the S. Korean Minister of Environment gave a public lecture on “Green Growth” at the Technical University of Munich. Attending the presentation was a largely international audience comprising both students including the Land Management Master’s students, and the high profile staff of the University such as Prof. Meng – the University Vice President, and Professor Holger Magel, the Director of the Land Management Programme among others. The minister noted that his country has developed wide scale strategies with set targets to achieve green growth. In retrospect, he (the Minister) noted that Korea has embarked on a Buses, Bicycle, Metro and Walking (BBMW) campaign to achieve the valued targets. Green growth is generally a policy focus for the Asia and Pacific region that emphasizes environmentally sustainable economic progress to foster low-carbon



Prof. Magel looks on as the Korean Minister of Environment delivers a public lecture

and socially inclusive development.

He highlighted the position of S. Korea as an emerging powerful country with the fastest economic growth not only in the Asia and Pacific region but generally internationally. This, according to the minister, pressed the country’s environmental carrying capacity, but has also elevated Korea as a bridge between the developed and developing countries in the mitigation and adaptation to the challenging effects of global warming. At the local level, the country boasts of greening its mountainous landscapes that had been barren following the Korean war of the 1950s. Environmental impact assessments, technological advancement and enabling policy frameworks are part of the critical tools that couple with the unwavering commitment of the Korean society and its leadership towards achieving the “Green Growth”

policy

Professor Magel who moderated the occasion offered the gathering of intellectuals a chance to sound their views and raise questions to the minister. This opportunity was seized by the land management students who asked questions ranging from local participation in policy processes in Korea, to the country’s active assistance to the developing world.

After the lecture presentation, Professor Magel inquired of the possibility to realize the great policy dream of the environment Ministry in Korea in order to convert ideas into actions. He further asked of how influential the ministry (environment) is, in comparison with other sensitive ministries such as Finance that could determine the success or failure of several policies (through financial facilitation). To this, the minister noted that green & growth concept defines an economy. He stressed that a sustainable economy is the actual incorporation of the environment and economic development since environmental competitiveness is part and parcel of economic growth. He also noted that he enjoys the backing from country’s president, the National Leader of Commerce and Industry which puts his ministry in a good position. Nevertheless, he stressed that his ministry faces a level of opposition from a couple of business leaders less sensitive to environmental concerns.

Prof. Magel wished; “...hopefully Korea lives to its dream and helps the neighboring developing countries such as Cambodia, Mongolia, and Vietnam, among others”. He further observed that “achieving economic growth and then clear the damages later” is a very wrong perception. As the session closed, Professor Magel wowed the minister with a gift with which he noted, could be used in taking the Bavarian Beer in Korea. As the minister left in preparation for the Copenhagen conference –Cop 15, there was



Prof. Magel gives a gift to the S. Korean Minister

doubt that the intellectuals at the Technical University of Munich

**CONFERENCE: THE MUNICH DAY OF LAND READJUSTMENT AND LAND MANAGEMENT 2010 - (MÜNCHNER TAGE DER BODENORDNUNG UND LANDENTWICKLUNG)**

Population decline and aging, structural problems in agriculture, sustained financial and banking crisis, economic recession, climate change etc. are fundamental challenges of the rural areas in Bavaria. They require new demands on infrastructure and raise questions on aspects of accessibility to equal living conditions with regard to the development programs enshrined in the politically appraised objectives of the country'.

Thus, "New requirements for sustainable infrastructure. Country's development and policies for rural areas put to the test" has been the topic of a conference which took place on 15 and 16 March 2010 in the Conference Center of the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Munich. This yearly event was organized by Förderkreis Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung München e.V. in collaboration with Bund-Länder-Arbeitsgemeinschaft Nachhaltige Landentwicklung, and Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung, in partnership with the Chair of Land Management and Land Tenure - an arrangement by member institutions that have been supporting the TUM's International Master's Program of Land Management and Land Tenure.

The 2010 event included important speakers with diverse backgrounds namely; politics, administration, business, communities and academia. They discussed what developments to expect and the consequences to draw from, for the development of rural areas and especially for rural development.

The participants raised concerns over a wide range of problems, including areas of mobility and roads; communication and information, energy, health and education as well as possible remedial measures.



Dr. Uwe Brandl

Dr. Uwe Brandl, the President of Bayerischer Gemeindetag and the Vice President of German Association of Towns

and Municipalities posed questions with reference to politics and rural development and noted how the National Development Program (LEP) entails "a lot of poetry". Dr. Uwe wondered whether land development is taken for granted, and he echoed the need to be taken seriously, at a time when comunization, deregulation, and less bureaucracy are crucial.. He stresses that there is an "Executive Problem" being faced most especially with regard to the implementation on unpleasant programs before elections, but he quickly mentioned that "We need Courage".



Dr. Birgit Seelbinder

Other important speakers included, among others; Mayor Dr. Birgit Seelbinder, Ing. Mag. Werner Kreisl, Erwin Huber, MdL, Prof. Peter Weingarten, and Dipl.-Ing. Hartmut Alker, Professor Holger Magel echoed the consistency of National Development Program, and pointed to the fact, that land development is the one part of spatial planning system integrating planning- and development strategies for rural development. He observed (financial) weaknesses in the rural development programs and the need to embark on serious lobbying. The popular Professor tackled a wide spectrum of issues that ranged from the necessity of technical and social infrastructure; essential paradigms of growth especially the critically needed quantitative and a qualitative growth, as well as the important role of NGOs and the need for soft skills.



Prof. Holger Magel

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