

NEWSLETTER: LAND MANAGEMENT AND LAND TENURE

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OPENING CEREMONY 2008

More than four billion people all over the world are presently affected by the land issue!

Hernando de Soto

The Millennium Development Goals are still achievable if we act now. This will require inclusive sound governance, increased public investment, economic growth, enhanced productive capacity, and the creation of decent work.

Ban Ki-moon, UN's Secretary General

With two quotations Prof. Dr. Holger Magel opens his welcome speech to the 12 new students joining the Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure for the Academic Year 2008 - 2010: "This is the time to act actively to change the situation. We need to build institutional capacity, policies and programme at local, national and regional level to achieve the Millennium Development Goals" emphasized Prof. Dr. Magel: in its currently implementation the rate of its failure is higher than its success. Furthermore he mentioned the growing number of over one billion people living in slum conditions and the present world food crisis as two essential global problems to solve with suitable instruments and policies in managing the scarcely amount of land.



The new students of the Master's Programme



Dipl.-Ing. MSc Jorge Espinoza, Ms. Dorith von Behaim (GTZ), Prof. Dr. Holger Magel and Dean Prof. Dr. Norbert Vogt

Beside the speeches of Ms. Dorith von Behaim (GTZ, Sector Project Land Management), Mr. Willi Lange (Hanns Seidel Foundation), Prof. Dr.-Ing. Norbert Vogt (Dean, Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geodesy, TUM) and Mr. Bruce Rukundo (on behalf of Alumni of the Master's Programme) the new students from 10 different countries were introduced by the new Programme Manager Mr. Jorge Espinoza.



Senator E.h. Gerhard Hess, Dr. Michael Klaus and Ms. Fahria Masum (MSc)

He and the Programme Director Prof. Dr. Magel were both delighted to welcome the new master course. It will be a "very hard but at the same time wonderful journey". With all the resources that the TUM will offer, all the skills of thinking, analysis, teamwork and international experience the students will learn, the "professional path after being graduated will be diverse and enriched if they make use of the opportunity". Finally, the world is passing through a hard time and "needs people like you".

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- Committed to a sustainable future for Cambodia
- Workshop in Palestine

ACADEMIC YEAR 2008–2010: THE NEW STUDENTS PARTICIPANTS OF THE MASTER'S COURSE

12 Students from the following countries:

Cambodia, Chile, China, Ghana, Jamaica, Mexico, Mongolia, Philippines, Russia and Uganda.

NEW IN MUNICH IMPRESSIONS & EXPECTATIONS

Recently we asked two students of the new Master's Course to talk about their decision to come to Munich, and their first impressions and expectations for the next months here in Munich. Here are their responses.



My name is **Uch Sophâs**, did a BSc in Land Management and Land Administration from the Royal University of Agriculture in Cambodia.

After my graduation in 2006 I worked with the GTZ until July 2008 as Technical Assistant in Land Allocation for Social and Economic Development Project which grants state private land to the landless and land poor families for residential and agricultural purposes.



Cambodia used to have decade's long civil war which destroyed the foundation of land management system. As a result, land sector has been seen as a crucial factor to country's development which needs strong technical and financial support particularly human resources.

Hence, it touches my sense to extend my knowledge and professional background by taking part in this Master's program Land Management and Land Tenure. I believe that through this Master course I can gain good inputs and a wide range of land management from professors who have practical experiences in many countries.

And on my return, it will allow me to bring the knowledge acquired in Germany and contribute to the land management sector's development in order to find a suitable and

practical model for Cambodian context.

I have been in Munich since August 2008. It is my first journey to Europe and I think it is a big change in my life.

Munich is a beautiful and a planned city. Every thing is under control and is properly managed by the government of city. The best is the public train that enables me to easily and cheaply travel inside the city and go to school everyday. It really saves people economically.

People here have high respect to the rule or law. For example in the public transportation, even policemen not so often come to check but they are by their conscience buying the ticket. Another, my friend had lost her money bag 2 times with 300 Euro and another 40 Euro but after that she had

been given back her bag without losing even 1 Euro. She said it would not happen in her country.

Since 15th October our Master's course has started with 12 students from 10 countries. It is really a multi-culture program that I never experience with. Until now we have learned about different countries' cultures and exchanged experiences with each others.

It is a good experience in my life to adjust with the new environment and living together here with other friends for the next 3 semesters far away from my country, my family and my friends. Anyway I enjoy the life here in Munich and I commit myself to get a fruitful result from this Master's course.

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NEW IN MUNICH IMPRESSIONS & EXPECTATIONS

My name is **Samuel Mabikke**. I come from Uganda, a small country located in East Africa. I hold a Bachelor of Environmental Management Degree from Makerere University. My interest in Sustainable Land Management and Natural Resource Conservation dates way back in 2003 when I joined a Non Governmental Organization called Conservation Trust-Uganda as the Executive Officer.

In 2004, I was appointed a National Focal Point person for the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to spearhead the development of an Africa Environment Outlook (AEO) youth version project through out Africa. This report provides information on the status and dynamics surrounding natural resources and the linkages with poverty. I was also appointed by UNEP on the Expert Consultative panel for preparation of the Global Environment Outlook (GEO-4).



Königsplatz, close to TUM

I was motivated to join this course because I want to deepen my knowledge and experience in Natural Resource Management with special interest in Land Resource because Land is the foundation of most development programs in Africa yet it faces several challenges that compromise sustainable development.

Particularly, I was attracted to TU München because of its great reputation and the professional and practical approach given in this masters program. The diversity and experience of our Professors and fellow students from over 10 countries is a great opportunity towards my career prospects.



TUM Campus

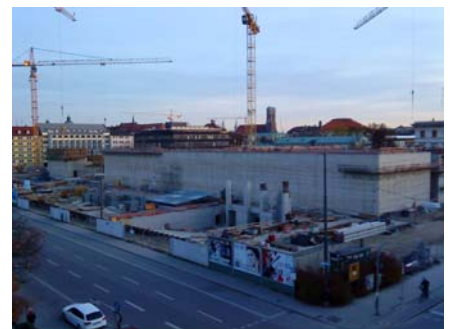
I was also very attracted to study in one of the Top World's City (Munich). This city is so beautiful and its history is awesome. Coming to Germany, has also exposed me to another culture and learning a new Language (German) which I have always loved to learn. I have travelled to several European and Asiatic cities, but Munich is exceptional. It's a very beautiful city where public transport and the entire infrastructure are excellent.

On my first day in Munich, I had challenges of finding where I wanted to go. I remember the first day at the Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) where I could not locate where my Language Institute was situated. I could hardly pronounce the street names despite having the Munich Map. The beauty of Munich is that you can easily get help even though you can't speak German unlike other cities. I asked someone where my Language institute could be located but unfortunately, he could not respond to me in English other than German. By showing him the city map and name of street, he explained to me in German but I could not understand however, I tried to figure out

what he meant and somehow, I found Arnulf Straße which actually was very near but because I was new, I could not get the orientation. The only German words I knew were "Hallo, Danke and wunderbar". These magic words helped me a lot in my first days.

I also had the opportunity to attend the famous Oktoberfest. I just used to hear about this world festival before I came to Munich. My staying in Munich gave me the opportunity to experience the feeling of Oktoberfest.

My expectations are that at the end of the Masters program, I will be in better position to handle various development programs and challenges related to Land Management. I am optimistic that the program will equip me with relevant skills to handle Land issue in any part of the world because of its content.



*Becoming a new neighbour:
University of Television and Film*

This program offers a wealth of knowledge and practical skills in Land Management. I therefore hope to become a Land Management Specialist.

I also expect to learn a lot more about German culture and visit various historical places in Germany during my free time. I am convinced that my coming to Germany will be a turning point in my entire personal life and professional career.

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SUMMER SCHOOL IN PHNOM PENH (SEPTEMBER 14TH – 26TH 2008) COMMITTED TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR CAMBODIA LAND MANAGEMENT FOR THE PEOPLE, FOR THE COUNTRY

As one result of a meeting in Munich in April 2008 the Chair of Land Management was invited to the first joint Summer School at the Faculty for Land Management and Land Administration of the Royal University of Agriculture (RUA) in Phnom Penh in September 2008. Beside the TUM, students and teachers from the RUA also members of the Cambodian Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction and the GTZ took part.

The objective was to train the participants on the topics concerning faculty



Prof. Magel, H.E. Dr. Chan Nareth (Rector of RUA), Dr. Franz Volker Müller (GTZ), Mr. Jorge Espinoza and Dr. Michael Klaus

development and comprehensive Land Policy for a sustainable Cambodia. Representing the TUM, Prof. Dr. Holger Magel, Mr. Jorge Espinoza and Dr. Michael Klaus gave lectures and participated in workshops on Land Administration including Cadastre, Registration, Land Conflicts and Spatial Data Infrastructure, especially to give the audience inputs and expertise in the Cambodian way of sight.

One important point to strengthen the RUA Course of Land Management is the development of the curriculum, e.g. in creating a study handbook and to enhance the lectures: more practical work, the instruction of soft skills and the implementation of certain subjects as concrete courses.

Furthermore the future organisation of the faculty with staff, teachers and partners was discussed in order to improve the national and international position of the Land Management Pro-



Discussions in the workshop

gramme: qualified alumni are an important contribution to the competitiveness in a global context and to ensure a sustainable future of the country.

In conclusion the Summer School presented a good combination and insight of all subjects, the reality of daily life and the challenges of Cambodian Land Management. It enables both local and external experts to exchange the experiences and to develop suitable solutions in a collaborative manner. At the request of GTZ, this qualification measure should be established as a continuous series.

COOPERATION BETWEEN BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY AND TUM CHAIR OF LAND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP IN PALESTINE (OCTOBER 25TH - 27TH 2008)

Additional institutional and human resources development in terms of formal education and training are required in Palestine in order to support reforms in the government and the private sector in the context of land administration. Therefore the TUM's Chair of Land Management, has been chosen to participate in a cooperation programme with the Palestinian National Authority and Birzeit University.

In the Land Administration Project the role of the Chair of Land Management is to assist Birzeit University in the development and implementation of a Master's Programme in Land Management and Land Administration, especially to transfer the academic and administrative



Prof. Magel, Dr. Samir Abdullah (Minister of Planning), Dr. Nabeel Kassis (President Birzeit University), Ms. Nabila Assaf (World Bank) and Dr. Faisal Awadallah (Dean Faculty of Engineering)

nistrative knowledge. It is the way to contribute directly and effectively to the attainment of sustainable development and the achievement of the UN-Millennium Development Goals.

As first cooperation activity Prof. Dr. Holger Magel and Dipl.-Ing. MSc Jorge Espinoza took part in a workshop organized by the Birzeit University with the objective to develop the structure of the curriculum of Birzeit's new master's programme in close collaboration with the university and the Palestinian Ministry of Planning.

As Prof. Magel mentioned, the education is the best investment a country can do. It needs continuous efforts to establish the necessary professional capacity building to face all the challenges about land but equally, by building up a stable framework for the cooperation, it is a great honour to be part of such initiative.

SOME KEY FACTS ABOUT LMLT

Programme started: 2001

Number of batch graduated: 6

Number of alumni: 72

Present number of students: 23

Countries represent: total 37

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, China, Croatia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Libya, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Palestina, Phillipines, Russia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, United States of America, Uganda and Vietnam.



NEW AND FEATURE TITLES:

GLOBAL CHANGE AND REGIONAL IMPACTS

WATER AVAILABILITY AND VULNERABILITY OF ECOSYSTEMS AND SOCIETY IN THE SEMIARID NORTHEAST OF BRAZIL

GAISER, T.; KROL, M.; FRISCHKORN H.; DE ARAUJO J.C.; (EDS.)

Global climatic change will most likely affect natural resources and human living conditions in semiarid regions. This volume presents disciplinary as well as integrative methods to assess these impacts considering the interactions between climate variability and change, water availability, land-use systems, and quality of life.

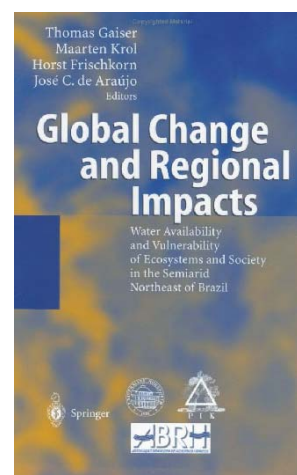
Taking the semiarid northeastern area of Brazil as an example, a wide range of expertise and knowledge (from integrated water analyses to transregional migration) is necessary to

understand the complex relationship between natural and socio-economic systems. Tools to integrate this knowledge and make it available for the strategic planning of sustainable development are described.

This book, divided into eight parts, is a summary of the main research results and the presentations given at the final conference of the WAVES Program (Water Availability and Vulnerability of Ecosystems and Society) on June 2001 in Fortaleza (Brazil). It focuses on the

results to assess the socio-economic impacts that global change will have on northeast Brazil.

Many factors were described that should be included in developing scenarios for future planning purposes. It provides considerable useful background information concerning the complex multidisciplinary task of developing scenarios that can aid decision makers in formulating plans for sustainable development in an area that is highly vulnerable to climate variability and change.



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