



Landmines and Land Rights in Conflict-Affected Contexts

List of organisations to contact

- **Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE)** examines eviction guidelines, housing rights, and has legal resources on housing, land, and property rights. www.cohre.org/
- **Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA)** focuses primarily on issues of governance and conflict resolution in Sri Lanka, CPA is committed to programmes of research and advocacy through which public policy is critiqued, alternatives identified and disseminated. www.cpalanka.org/
- **Displacement Solutions (DS)** works on issues of restitution of homes, land and properties to the displaced. DS works with and on behalf of people who have been displaced by conflict, forced eviction or other human rights abuses. DS also assists in finding alternative solutions such as compensation or resettlement. <http://displacementsolutions.org/>
- **Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)** has three resources:
 - o FAO Legal Office includes **FAOLEX**, a searchable database of treaties, laws and regulations including land legislation www.fao.org/Legal/index_en.htm
 - o Its **land tenure unit** works with land governance, land rights, and post natural disaster land tenure guidelines www.fao.org/nr/tenure/lt-home/en/
 - o **Sustainable Development Department**, assists member nations in restructuring rural institutions and in the identification and preparation of projects on land tenure institution building. Support is provided in developing and adopting policies, programmes, best practices and tools for land tenure. www.fao.org/sd/IN1_en.htm
- **Foro Internacional Ordenamiento de la Propiedad y Sistemas Catastrales**, engages in regularisation of property rights, rural cadastres and land markets. www.forinta.gob.mx/
- **Foro Mundial sobre la Reforma Agraria (FMRA)** is a space for dialogue, exchange of experiences, and construction of proposals and processes among agricultural and social organisations, experts, NGOs, and government institutions, with regard to land issues. www.fmra.org/
- **Global Campaign for Secure Tenure**, facilitated by UN-HABITAT, is designed to take forward the commitment of Governments to providing adequate shelter for all, one of the two main themes of the Habitat Agenda. www.unchs.org/campaigns/tenure/introduction.asp
- **Housing, Land and Property Working Group (HLP)** based in Geneva, provides assistance and information for organisations not yet on the ground, do short mission assistance in particular countries, conduct studies <http://oneresponse.info/GlobalClusters/Protection/LHP/Pages/Land%20Housing%20and%20Property.aspx>
- **Indian Law Resource Center** includes land rights as a major focus, particularly with regard to the recovery and legal recognition of indigenous land. www.indianlaw.org/



- **International Federation of Surveyors**, Commission 7 works on issues of cadastre and land management. Its focus areas include, land administration, cadastral reform, multi-purpose cadastral, parcel-based land information systems and computerisation of cadastral records, cadastral surveying and mapping, land titling, land law and land registration among other topics. The Commission works with codified law, common law and customary law, and with both market driven and planned economies. www.fig7.org.uk/
- **International Land Coalition** has as its objective to increase the rural poor's secure access to land. It has a wide variety of resources, experts, and experiences. www.landcoalition.org/index.htm
- **International Land Systems, Inc.** (ILS) specializes in creating customized software and Internet solutions for geospatial and land-based applications, such as Land Information Systems (LIS), land records, deeds, registers, and title registration. www.landsystems.com/
- **International Organisation on Migration** (IOM) works on IDP and refugee issues, property restitution processes and strategies, and provides technical assistance to land commissions post-war www.iom.int
- **Land Policy Network**, as part of the World Bank, focuses on policy related to land tenure, land access, land titling, and administration. www.worldbank.org/landpolicy
- **Land Tenure Center**, (LTC) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is a large library, much of which is online, devoted to land policy and land rights in the developing world. <http://www.nelson.wisc.edu/ltc/index.html>
- **LandNet Americas** focuses on property registration in Latin America. This tool includes an electronic bulletin board, document database, project database, discussion forum, calendar of events, and links to other websites. <http://www.landnetamericas.org/>
- **Norwegian Refugee Council** (NRC) conducts systematic work on land issues, provide legal aid, conduct advocacy, strong think tank, organise conferences and conduct research www.nrc.no
- **Overseas Development Institute** (ODI) UK-based think tank, policy research specifically in relation to land tenure in conflict and post-conflict situations www.odi.org.uk , <http://www.odi.org.uk/work/projects/details.asp?id=346&title=land-tenure-conflict-post-conflict-situations>
- **Oxfam** present in many countries, conduct indepth studies on land issues, undertake advocacy www.oxfm.org.uk , <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/learning/landrights/index.html>
- **Rural Development Institute** is a nonprofit organisation of attorneys helping people in developing countries obtain legal rights to land. They deal with land law and policy and work with governments of developing countries, foreign aid agencies, and other partners to reform land law and consult on land policy. Many of its publications are available on line. www.rdiland.org/HOME/HomeOne.html
- **Terra Institute Ltd.** is a private, non-profit organisation that focuses on issues concerning land use and land policies. It undertakes evaluations of public and private policies relating to land www.terraininstitute.org/
- **UN HABITAT** has a very wide variety of projects and programmes on housing land and property rights. They work in a variety of crisis and non-crises situations. (www.unhabitat.org), facilitates the **Global Land Took Network** (GLTN), produce studies and toolkits World Bank provide



support to land titling, have a justice for the poor programme which undertakes research on land issues www.glt.n.net

- **USAID** works systematically on land issues at a global level, focus on land registration, claims collection, development of policy and legislation, undertake studies and develop toolkits www.usaid.gov
- **World Bank, Justice for the Poor:** www.worldbank.org/justiceforthe poor
- **World Bank's Law and Development Program** has a land law unit, which looks at how land law structures the land tenure systems of the countries in which the World Bank works. <http://web.worldbank.org/>