Plenary Session 2 – Co-operation between Land Administration and SDI Keynote presentation

Encouraging the Development of Cross Disciplinary Land Sector Tools to Improve the Security of Tenure of People in Slums

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SUMMARY

UN-HABITAT has identified the fact that, to implement the MDG Target 7 on slums and to go forward with tenure security for slums in the developing world, affordable land tools have to be developed. Tools are defined as a resource for understanding how to carry out and perform actions. These tools have to be developed in an integrated fashion in a way that is cross disciplinary. To this end UN-HABITAT is presently involved in the design of a global network of inter-disciplinary land tool developers in the hope that such a network can be launched in 2006. This paper will discuss some of the findings of the consulting team currently designing the network.

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

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