# Landscape Governance Assessment – Green Livelihoods Alliance

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Landscape:

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## List of Acronyms

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| Acronym | Meaning |
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## Introduction

This report presents the results of the landscape governance assessment in the [name of landscape]. The assessment was done as part of monitoring and evaluation of the [name of project/programme, if applicable]

The aim of the assessment is to identify changes in landscape governance, through a status assessment at the start and the end of the programme. This report presents the baseline assessment. The assessment was done in a two-day participatory workshop with stakeholders from the landscape. During the workshop, participants discussed and scored the indicators for a number of landscape performance criteria. In addition to establishing a baseline on these criteria, this process enabled a dialogue among stakeholders about various aspects of governance at the landscape level and the identification of possible strategies towards improved landscape governance.

This report

* + Chapter 1: Landscape context  
    The first chapter provides a quick overview of the landscape, include its geography, land-uses and recent and upcoming developments.
  + Chapter 2: Landscape governance baseline

The second chapter presents the results of the landscape governance assessment. It includes the scores and summaries of the discussions around a set of predetermined indicators. This part of the report is written as the landscape governance baseline for the GLA but will also be of interest to the stakeholders in the landscape.

* + Chapter 3: Vision, priorities and next steps

In the final chapter of the report we present an overview of the priorities that were identified by the workshop participants and the recommendations for improvements in landscape governance.

### The landscape governance assessment workshop

The workshop in [name of landscape] was organised according to the guidelines provided by the GLA[[1]](#footnote-1). During the two-day workshop, participants discussed and scored four landscape governance performance criteria.

Criterion 1: Inclusivene decision-making   
When rules and decision-making processes are designed and implemented to ensure fair and equitable participation by all groups of actors with stakes in the landscape we can say that landscape governance is inclusive. This applies to rules and decision-making processes by government (public), business (private) and society (civic) sectors.

Criterion 2: Culture of collaboration  
Rules and decision-making processes in a landscape are embedded in the social context, involving the relationships and interactions among different groups of people. The outcomes of landscape governance are influenced by this social environment and vice versa.

Criterion 3: Coordination across sectors, levels and actors  
Coordination between various actors and institutions in the landscape can help ensure that the social and ecological interactions at the landscape scale are taken into account, allowing for the identification of synergies and to eliminate unintended negative interactions that can arise when multiple, sometimes opposing, rules and decisions are implemented.

Criterion 4: Sustainable landscape thinking and action  
The formal and informal policies and decision-making processes of public, private and civic sector actors all contribute to an orientation toward or adverse to sustainable practices. The extent to which incentives and regulations that foster sustainability, including nature based approaches, are recognized and promoted will positively affect the inclination of actors towards landscape-friendly practices.

#### Changes in the methodology

* Indicate any deviations from methodology as written in the guidelines.
* Indicate whether there is anything that influences the reliability of the results
  + e.g. uneven distribution of representatives, misunderstanding of indicators, lack of scoring results, calculation mistakes, etc.

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| GLA - Landscape governance assessment in [Name of landscape] | |
| Dates, location: | … |
| Organised by: | [Name of GLA partner(s)] |
| Facilitator: | [name of facilitator] |
| Documenter: | [name of documenter] |
| Participants: | [number of participants] |
| Sectors represented: | …(include number of representatives per sector) |

## Chapter 1: The landscape

Write a summary based on the information from the ‘Landscape description template – Part 1

## Chapter 2: The Landscape Governance Baseline

### Criterion 1: Inclusive decision-making

The following indicators were used to assess the status of this criterion:

* 1. Transparency
  2. Participation
  3. Equity
  4. Accountability

The participants of the workshop scored these indicators as follows:

Insert figure of scores for the first criterion

#### Transparency

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well is information about rules and decision-making processes shared with stakeholders in the landscape?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Participation

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well are stakeholders able to participate in decisions that affect the landscape?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Equity

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well is influence in decision making shared among stakeholders in the landscape?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Accountability

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well-functioning are mechanisms to ensure that public and private actors fulfil their duties and responsibilities towards relevant stakeholders in the landscape?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

### Criterion 2: Culture of Collaboration

The following indicators were used to assess the status of this criterion:

* 1. Sense of community
  2. Knowledge and learning
  3. Conflict resolution
  4. Resilience and innovation

Insert figure of scores for this criterion

#### Sense of community

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How strong is the sense of community in the landscape?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Knowledge and learning

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well do stakeholders share knowledge and learn together?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Conflict resolution

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well are conflicts among stakeholders addressed in the landscape?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Resilience and innovation

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well do communities respond to change in the landscape?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

### Criterion 3: Coordination across sectors, levels and actors

The following indicators were used to assess the status of this criterion:

* 1. Integrated planning among actors
  2. Horizontal coordination
  3. Vertical coordination
  4. International linkage
  5. Coordination between formal and customary governance

Insert figure of scores for the criterion

#### Integrated landscape scale planning

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well do stakeholders coordinate across the landscape to identify synergies and opportunities for collaborative action?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Horizontal coordination

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well are rules, plans and decision-making processes coordinated across government agencies at the landscape level?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Vertical coordination

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well are decision-making processes coordinated between national, regional and local levels of government?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Connectivity

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well are stakeholders connected to international developments that affect the landscape?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Coordination between formal and customary governance

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well are the customary and the government-led governance systems coordinated?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

### Criterion 4: Sustainable landscape thinking and action

The following indicators were used to assess the status of this criterion:

* 1. Perceptions and knowledge of landscape-friendly practices
  2. The use of landscape-friendly practices
  3. The presence of enabling rules
  4. Implementation and enforcement of the rules
  5. Promotion of landscape-friendly practices

Insert figure of scores for the criterion

#### Perceptions and knowledge

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well do stakeholders perceive and understand the concept of landscape-friendly practices?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Landscape-friendly practices

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well do stakeholders implement landscape-friendly practices?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Presence of enabling rules

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well do the policies and procedures promote landscape-friendly practices?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Implementation and monitoring

Participants scored this indicator number out of 5. The variation in scores was high/low.

**How well are landscape-friendly policies and practices implemented and enforced and how is their impact monitored?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

#### Promotion of landscape-friendly practices

Insert figure showing the distribution of scores for this indicator

**How well do the conditions in place to promote landscape-friendly practices?**

Write a summary of the discussions (0.5 – 1 page per indicator)

## Chapter 3: Vision and next steps

The stakeholders in [name of landscape] collaboratively developed a vision on the future of governance in the landscape. This chapter gives a summary of that vision and presents an overview of the first steps to be taken towards achieving that vision.

The participants suggested that the following stakeholders could be involved in these steps:

[Give an overview of the stakeholders, in bullets]

### The vision for inclusive decision-making

[Give a short summary of the vision]

#### Next steps

[Give an overview of the next steps, in bullets]

### The vision for a culture of collaboration

[Give a short summary of the vision]

#### Next steps

[Give an overview of the next steps, in bullets]

### The vision for coordination across sectors, levels and actors

[Give a short summary of the vision]

#### Next steps

[Give an overview of the next steps, in bullets]

### The vision for sustainable landscape thinking and action

[Give a short summary of the vision]

#### Next steps

[Give an overview of the next steps, in bullets]

## Annex: List of participants

Include a list of the participating organisations (only name of organization, not personal names of the participants)

1. For more information, see: Guidelines - Assessing Landscape Governance: A Participatory Framework [↑](#footnote-ref-1)