

LAND GOVERNANCE; BUILDING TRUST

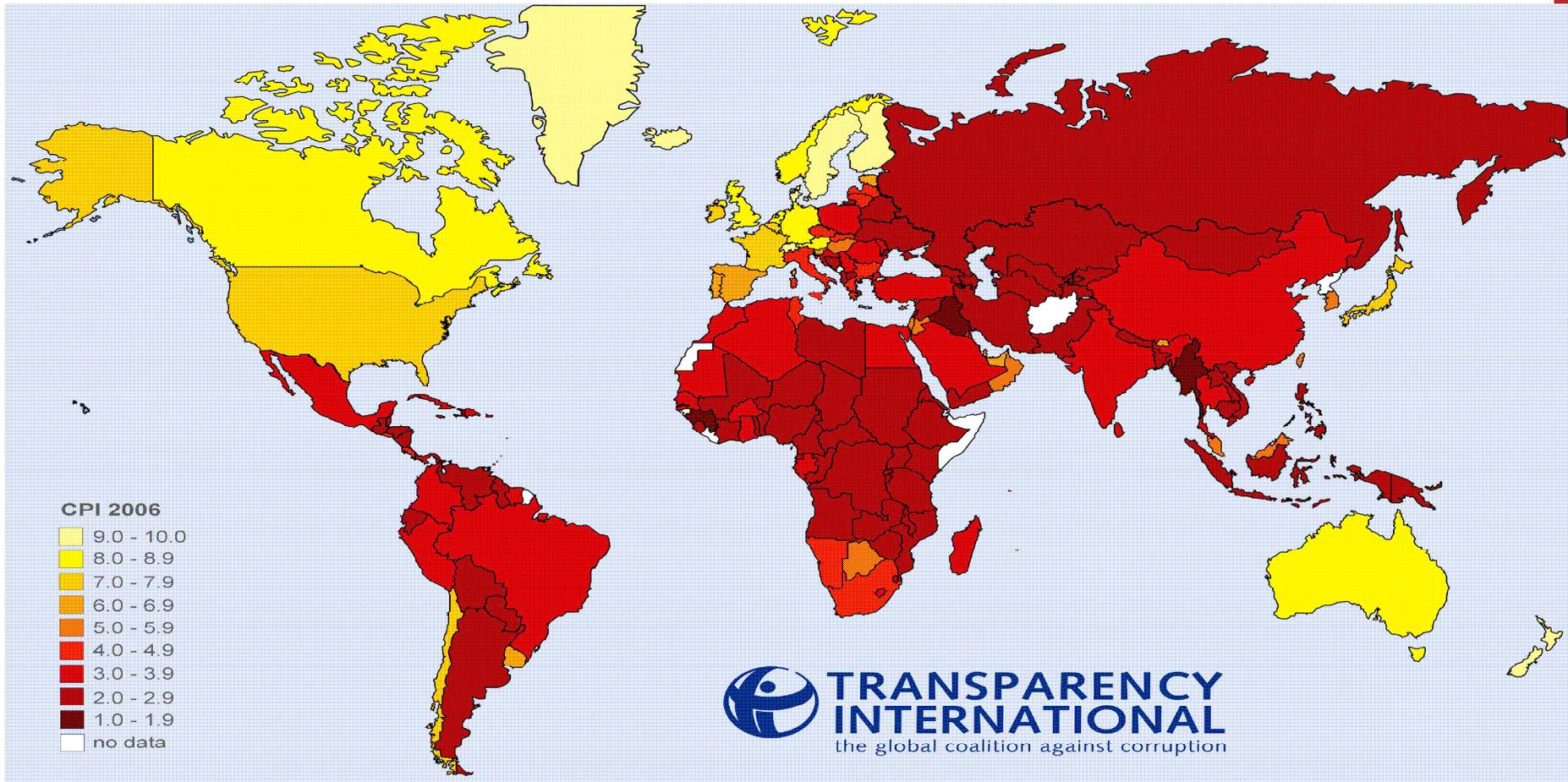
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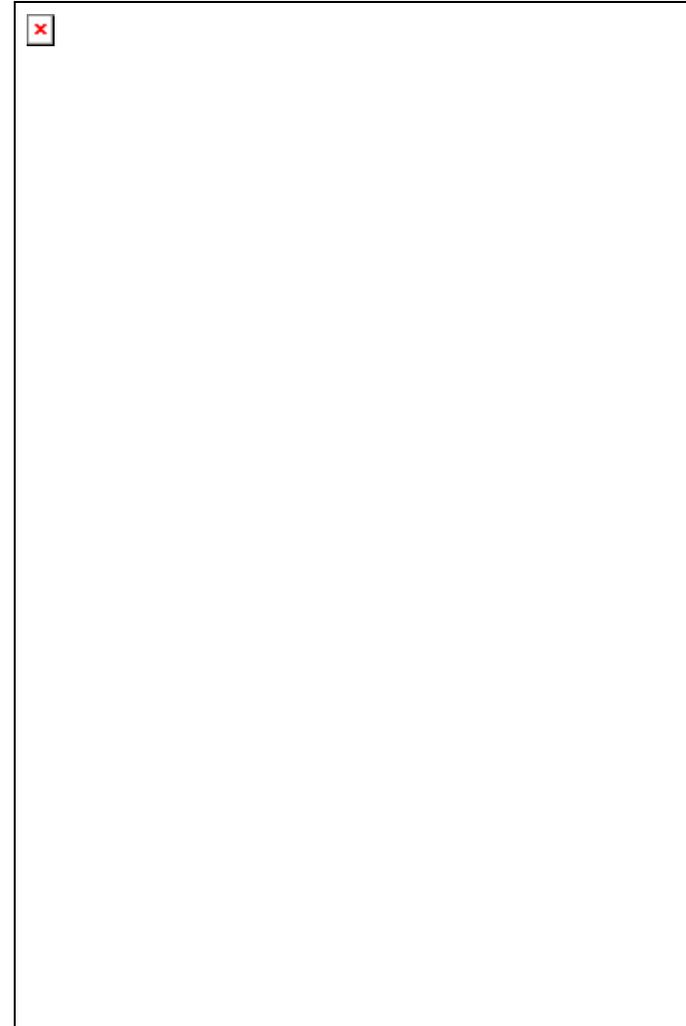
International index of corruption



Context of capacity building programme



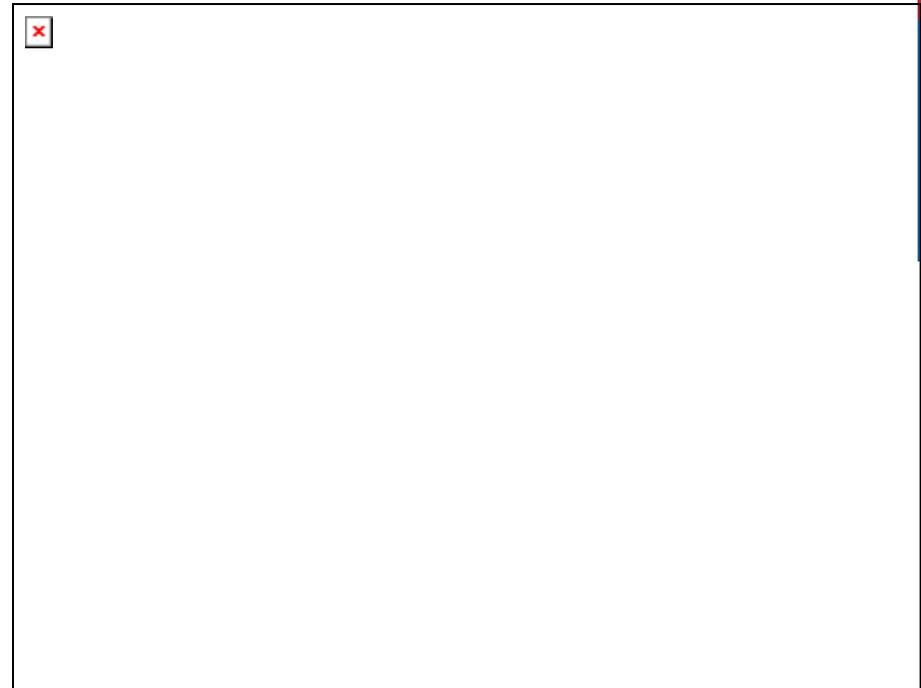
- Strong link between land and poverty: legal access to land is a prerequisite for provision of shelter
- The failure to adopt land policies remains a primary case of inequity and poverty. Land administration is a critical element in the wider development agenda



Transparency in Land Administration



- Transparency is a critical component of a well functioning land administration
 - Scarcity of clear and credible information on land and transactions
 - Poor dissemination of public information on land rights
 - Real risk of corruption



Consequences to the poor



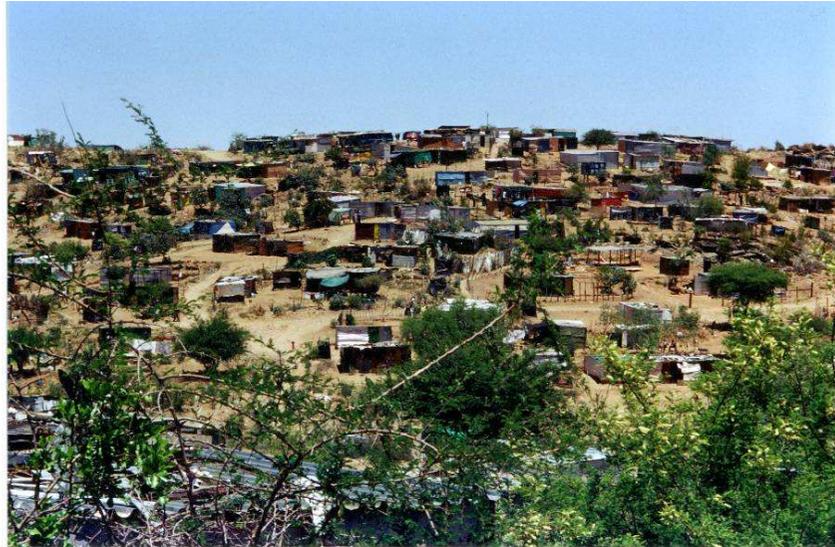
Takes the form of:

- Difficult access to land assets
- Unawareness of land policies
- Ignorances about land transactions and prices
- Misallocation of land rights
- Land grabbing

Capacity Building agenda



- Large demand for skills in Land Administration in Africa, including competencies to strengthen transparency



- UN-HABITAT and ITC joint venture to enhance capacity for *Transparency in Land Administration*, in GLTN framework

Activities 2007-2008

- Expert Group Meeting on “Transparency in Land Administration: A Capacity Building Agenda for Africa”; Nairobi, January 2007
- Pilot programme in Africa 2007-2008
 - Three-day curriculum
 - Four African regions: Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, Western Africa Francophone, Western Africa Anglophone
 - Four regional partners: UCLAS, PoN, ENDA and KNUST
 - Target group: upstream change agents



First pilot course: fall 2007 in Ghana



- Participatory methods and community knowledge
- Awareness and understanding of transparency



- Institutional and organizational ethics
- Innovative tools to achieve/improve tenure security
- Dispute resolution and conflict management

Thank you

