The Land Tenure Center’s 50th anniversary provides an opportunity to recall experiences of the past and explore new directions for work involving land tenure in the future.

Friday evening, April 27 – 7-9 pm – Weekend opener: get-acquainted reception for Land Tenure Center visitors and friends, Kollage Klub Bar&Grill, 529 N Lake St, 1 blk from Memorial Union.

Saturday, April 28, 2012 – Panel Discussions of Contemporary Land Tenure Issues

Union South: Northwoods and Landmark rooms, 3rd floor.

8:30 - 9:00 – Sign-in & Name Tags: David Stanfield, panel host
9:00 – 9:15 – Welcome: Kathryn VandenBosch, Dean, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences

9:15-10:30 –Panel 1: Large Scale Land Concessions & Acquisitions

This panel will focus on large-scale land concessions/acquisitions in mainly tropical and sub-tropical regions around the world by large corporations and other investors, including sovereign wealth funds. These groups often seek land for large plantations to produce food to feed their own populations and to supply products designed to meet international market demand. Often these ‘land grabs’ as they are called, dramatically change the control of local people over their lands and other resources, frequently displacing them into cities or into wage-labor employment. Ian Baird and Laura German will present summary statements from their research on large-scale land concessions/acquisitions. Jeff Dorsey will present recent findings about how water rights fit into land rights acquisition. Susana Lastarria, Heliodoro Diaz, Allan Williams, and Steve Lawry will add comments from their work.

10:30-11:00 - Coffee Break and Conversation. LTC photo/video history displays.

Poster sessions concurrently throughout the day.

11:00-12:15 - Panel 2: Community Land Recovery: Native American Experiences,

This panel and discussion will address reactions of local communities to losses of land, and specifically the efforts of Native Americans in the US to recover control over land rights lost to large scale concessions/acquisitions. The focus will be on Native American experiences with the recovery of rights over land and associated natural resources. We have talked with Cris Stainbrook at the Indian Land Tenure Foundation about giving an overview of Indian land recovery, with Chaz Wheelock giving the Oneida experience with tribal land recovery, and Glen Reynolds to talk about the Tribal "recovery" of treaty rights over water with the status of a Nation.

12:15-12:45 - Pick up Bag Lunch (with prior request). Also open food court on first floor.

12:45 - 2:15 - Roundtable: Land Tenure & Development students, alumni and friends discuss the Wisconsin experience and their own varied pathways. Burt Swanson, moderator.

2:15 - 3:45 – Panel 3: Land Tenure and Environmental Protection: A Look at REDD+
This panel discussion will explore the proposition that clarifying tenure and carbon rights will be necessary for effective REDD+ implementation. REDD stands for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation. The form and strength of land tenure will significantly shape the flow of benefits from, and feasibility for, forest conservation. Discussion will include resilience of community tenure, customary rules and those introduced by REDD+ programs to remediate the shocks of REDD+ including gender inequities. Lisa Naughton will summarize conclusions from the October 2011 Madison workshop on Land Tenure and Forest Carbon Management. Barney Barnes will summarize findings from research on community tenure resilience and their relevance to shocks produced by REDD+ implementation. Jon Unruh will summarize land tenure obstacles to the implementation of carbon sequestration programs in an African context.

**Saturday evening – Reception & Dinner at University Club**

4:30 - 6:00 –Reception with cash bar. Poster session and LTC photo/video history displays.

6:00 – 9:00 –Buffet Dinner with After Dinner Welcome and Anniversary Remarks. John Bruce, M.C. Lighting of the candles. Light hearted remarks: Land Tenure Center origins and legacy.

**Sunday morning, April 29, 2012 – Memorial Union**

9:00 - Noon: Breakfast &Panel 4, Organizing for the Future: Moving from Centers to Networks

The purpose of this discussion is to explore new models for supporting land tenure research and training in the future. A single Center such as the LTC seems to be an anachronism after years of investments building capacities around the world for conducting training and research on land tenure and related issues. What is the demand for land tenure expertise? Mark Freudenberger will present the perspectives of private companies. Steve Lawry will speak about private philanthropic perspectives. Malcolm Childress and Jolyne Sanjack will present development agency perspectives. John Becker will discuss the evolution of USAID in requiring land tenure expertise. Gordon Straub will bring USAID and private company experiences into the discussion.

Can Universities respond to these demands? Joe Elder will summarize his conclusions regarding "The quixotic history of U.S. university-based national regional resource centers." Matt Turner, Lisa Naughton, John Bruce and Harvey Jacobs will outline priority activities of a Land Tenure unit at the UW which could attract sustainable funding. Barney Barnes will explore the idea of incorporating land tenure expertise into a global Masters in Sustainable Development Practice (MDP) based on U of Florida experiences. Bev Phillips, former LTC and Steenbock Librarian, and Jean-Ruenger Hanson, Steenbock Library liaison to the Nelson Institute and LTC will explore the potential roles of “knowledge management in the cloud” for supporting global training, research and action.

What could a private organization offer for preparing future generations of land tenure specialists? Malcolm, Jolyne, Kevin, and John Bruce will lead a discussion of future networking and other ways to sustain global land tenure research and training. <v 2Apr2012>

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