



Draft
African Land Policy Centre Steering Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2017

United Nations Conference Centre
Addis Ababa

Participants

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Ms. Fatma Ben Rejeb, Pan-African
Farmers Organization
Mr. Ladislaus Kyaruzi, EAC
Mr. Galal Nasser, Pan-African
Parliament
Mr. Alex Banda, Southern African
Development Community
Mr. Hammadi Benhabtali, Arab
Maghreb Union
Mr. Remy Mukongo, Economic
Community of Central African States
Mr. Rudo Makunike, New Partnership
for Africa's Development
Mr. Pietro Nardi, EUD
Ms. Keymisrak Berhanu, ALPC
Ms. Wubit Girma, ALPC

1. Opening and welcome remarks

Ms. Janet Edeme, Chair of the African Land Policy Centre (ALPC) Steering Committee from the African Union Commission, welcomed the Steering Committee members and observers to the meeting. She extended an invitation to representatives of the tripartite partners to make opening remarks.

Mr. Karingi, on behalf of ECA, welcomed members and observers to the meeting and to ECA. He highlighted the significance of the week for land governance in Africa due to the upcoming Conference on Land Policy in Africa. He told the committee and observers that the ECA senior management had been briefed on the achievements, plans and challenges of ALPC, and expressed his hope that the senior management would provide guidance to the pressing needs of ALPC.

Mr. James Opiyo-Omoding, representing the African Development Bank (AfDB), briefed the committee and observers on the Bank's new five-year strategy which includes "feed Africa" and noted that land governance was one of the key priorities for this strategic programme. He informed the Committee that the Bank was undergoing restructuring and that implied that most of the investment decisions were to be handled by regional departments.

Ms. Edeme in her opening remarks, reiterated the significance of the week. She took the opportunity to congratulate the entire ALPC team for the successful organization of the conference. Finally, the Chair thanked ALPC staff for organizing the Steering Committee meeting alongside the Conference on Land Policy in Africa, and declared the meeting opened.

2. Introduction of participants

Following the opening remarks, the Chair requested members and observers in attendance to introduce themselves.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Chair presented the agenda (annex 2) for adoption, with a proposal to finish the meeting by 1 p.m. as ALPC staff needed to cater for the demands of the Conference.

Decision: Adopted the agenda of the meeting with the suggested modification.

4. Matters arising from the previous Steering Committee meetings

4.1 Summary of progress made in implementing previous Steering Committee decisions

Ms. Kagwanja, extended her appreciation to the Chair, members and observers of the Steering Committee for their continued commitment and gave a presentation of progress made in implementing the decisions of previous Steering Committee meetings.

Highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- The Joint Working Group on Land (JWGL) planned to deliberate on the reorganization of the ALPC Steering Committee membership, taking into account the ALPC Strategic plan, and would table it for a decision from the Steering Committee.
- The secretariat provided updates on the different decisions associated with funding gaps and related actions including on progress made in exploring avenues for sustainable funding of ALPC.
- The secretariat provided updates on the ongoing discussion with the NEPAD Programme Coordinating Agency (NPCA) and the AUC to finalize the joint ALPC-NPCA programme to support the AU agenda on land.
- The secretariat provided brief updates on progress made in organizing the Conference on Land Policy in Africa (CLPA) 2017.
- The secretariat updated the Committee on the progress made in finalizing the study on land, conflict and ethnicity.
- The secretariat reported that the study on customary land rights was deferred until 2018.

Status of progress in implementing the decisions undertaken by the Steering Committee

Table 1

Progress follow-up matrix in implementing decisions of the Land Policy Initiative Steering committee

Task		Responsibility and deadline	Update
EA1. Enhance the capacity of the Land Policy Initiative secretariat			
1.	Finalize the ALPC business plan (5 April 2017)	LPI	In progress: firm being recruited by German Technical Corporation (GIZ)
2.	Clarify the role of the “African High Level Advisors” to strengthen synergy with the ALPC initiatives and avoid confusion (5 April 2017)	AUC/Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA)	DREA (of the African Union Commission) to give an update
3.	Approval of the ALPC 2017 work plan and budget was postponed to allow the secretariat to include the guidance of the Steering Committee, and JWGL requested to review and approve the ALPC 2017 work plan and budget (5 April 2017)	JWGL and LPI	Done: approved by JWGL
4.	Reorganize the Steering Committee in the light of the establishment of ALPC and its strategic plan and consider including bilateral development partners, such as GIZ and Swiss Agency Development Corporation (SDC) as observers (5 April 2017)	JWGL	Ongoing (on track): decision to be tabled at next Steering Committee meeting
5.	Civil society organization platform to be formally invited to join the LPI Steering Committee as an observer (November 2015)	AUC	Done: Civil society organization platform representative is part of the LPI Steering Committee as of 2016
6.	Prepare documentation on what the transition to ALPC will entail, the activities to be undertaken with proposed timelines supporting the transition to ALPC (December 2016)	LPI/JWGL	Done: Work plan prepared
7.	Consult and engage with partners in finalizing the ALPC strategic plan to ensure coordination and mobilize resources (December 2016)	LPI/JWGL	Ongoing (on track): regular meetings with the European Union, GIZ, and SDC are being held

Task	Responsibility and deadline	Update
EA2. Mainstream land issues in Africa's development		
EA3. Partnerships and resource mobilization		
8.	Expedite signing of Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the East Africa Community (EAC) (April 2016)	LPI Ongoing: seminar conducted in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania (December); EAC technical working group on land established and operational (working with ALPC); LOA signing on hold because of lack of funding
9.	Regional economic communities together with ALPC requested to explore funding possibilities to be extended by the European Union at the regional level (5 April 2017)	Regional economic communities and ALPC Ongoing (on track)
10.	Make a proposal for phase II of the European Union support with an emphasis on strengthening of ALPC (5 April 2017)	ALPC Done: indicative budget and proposal submitted as part of AUC submission to the European Union
11.	Initiate discussion with European Union to reconsider its decision not to fund ALPC (5 April 2017)	ECA, ALPC Done: discussion held at technical, director's levels
12.	The tripartite partners (AUC, ECA and AfDB) requested to enhance their support to ALPC to ensure sustainability (5 April 2017)	Done: issue escalated to the leadership of the three institutions; ALPC presentation to the ECA Senior Management Team (SMT) and the AUC Resource Mobilization support
13.	Put in place medium and long-term strategy to move away from donor dependency (5 April 2017)	ALPC Ongoing (on track): Specialized Technical Committee decision to institutionalize ALPC; presentation to the ECA Senior Management Team; plans for resolutions at the 2018 Conference of Ministers to make available core resources
14.	Convene meeting of development partners that are active in land governance in Africa (5 April 2017)	AUC, ALPC Done: Development Partners meeting convened by GIZ at CLPA-2017

Task		Responsibility and deadline	Update
15.	Mobilize resources from non-traditional donors, such as foundations	ECA, ALPC	Ongoing (on track): meetings held with foundations and concept notes prepared and shared
16.	Civil society organization platform LOA to be prepared, funds provided to implement various activities (November 2015)	LPI and civil society organizations platform	Not done — because of lack of funding, however joint activities are being implemented
17.	European Union Delegation to the African Union (EUD) and FAO to engage with LPI in development of next phase of country projects, enhance government involvement, political support to projects (May 2015) Clarify engagement of the European Union-FAO land governance programmers (November 2015) Initiate discussion and resolve the issues with European Union and FAO (December 2016)	EU, FAO, LPI	Not Done – no involvement of ALPC by European Union and FAO in development of second and subsequent wave of country projects
18.	LPI and NPCA requested to hold a discussion to finalize the joint programmes immediately (December 2016)	LPI and NPCA	Ongoing (on track): AUC-ALPC-NPCA held discussions in December
19.	Explore different avenues to ensure and raise sustainable funding to support ALPC, including through raising awareness of the Ministry of Finance and Development (December 2016)	LPI and JWGL, Steering Committee	Ongoing (on track): a side event organized in Dakar; STC decision to institutionalize ALPC
20.	Continue with the development of partnership strategies and step up efforts to raise the profile of LPI within the United Nations system (December 2016)	LPI	Ongoing: in addition to FAO and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), LPI engaged with United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo in validating a draft study on land and conflict
EA4. Communication, advocacy and outreach			
21.	Share the communication and advocacy strategy with members of the Steering Committee	LPI	Ongoing

Task	Responsibility and deadline	Update
EA5. Knowledge dissemination		
22.	Organize the next Conference on Land Policy in Africa, in Addis Ababa, 14-17 November 2017	LPI Done: preparation for the conference finalized; about 400 participants expected to attend
23.	Elaborate the link between migration and land tenure and governance and consider presenting it at the upcoming African Development Forum	Ongoing (on track)
24.	Take part in three high-level platforms to be developed by the Capacity Development Division of ECA in the area of conflict and development	ECA, LPI Ongoing (on track)
25.	Have clear timeline and finalize the study on land, conflict and ethnicity and present the findings in the high-level forums being organized	LPI Done: study completed, findings presented to both STC and tenth session of the Committee of Regional Cooperation and Integration
26.	Proposal of the secretariat to conduct a study on customary land rights under the auspices of traditional leaders is approved	LPI Ongoing (on track): consultants being recruited
27.	Work closely with the ECA Capacity Development Division on producing the study on land, conflict and ethnicity to ensure complementarity (December 2016)	LPI and ECA, Capacity Development Division Done: the Capacity Development Division focal points reviewed the draft and contributed to the inception and validation of the meetings
28.	Set clear target date and urgently finalize the Capacity Development Framework (May 2015)	LPI Not completed
29.	Organize regular platform for discussion and exchanging lessons learned on thematic land issues (April 2016)	LPI, regional economic communities Done: A ministerial dialogue was organized under the theme “Invest in Africa’s land to catalyze economic growth and prosperity” in Dakar alongside the Conference of Ministers in March 2017 IGAD platform (side event of CLPA) held 10 and 11 November 2017

Task		Responsibility and deadline	Update
30.	Explore possibilities to outsource the publication of LPI documents (April 2016) Committee members strongly urged the LPI secretariat to expedite the finalization of LPI publications of documents (December 2016)	ECA/LPI	Done: some publications are printed at ECA; others were printed outside the United Nations as per guidance from the ECA publication unit (CLPA material)
31.	Seek ways to improve LPI website and its reach including by increasing its autonomy and linking it to the websites of AUC, AfDB and regional economic communities (May 2015)	ECA/LPI	Ongoing (on track): FAO component up and running; ALPC platform is being developed
EA6. Capacity Development			
EA7. Monitoring and Evaluation			

4.2 Committee observations and recommendations

Following the presentation, the Chair opened the floor for additional inputs and observations. Accordingly, the Committee made the following observations:

- Engagement with the European Union to be ongoing and at all levels of the tripartite partners;
- The study on land, conflict and ethnicity complements ECA undertakings in the IGAD and Sahel regions;
- Requested for regular ALPC updates with regard to the development of its strategic plan in order to enhance synergy and complementarity;
- Requested ALPC to share its report on land, conflict and ethnicity in Africa.

Underscoring the positive feedback of the European Union-led Result Oriented Monitoring (ROM), Ms. Kagwanja reported that ALPC had regular engagements with the European delegation at the African Union.

4.3 Decisions

- ALPC
 - To seek opportunities to engage with the European Union, including at higher levels;
 - To share its report on land, conflict and ethnicity in Africa after it is completed;
 - To provide regular update to members on the development of its strategic plan.

5. Progress in implementing LPI activities as guided by the African Union Declaration on Land

5.1 Summary of progress in implementing the 2016 work plan

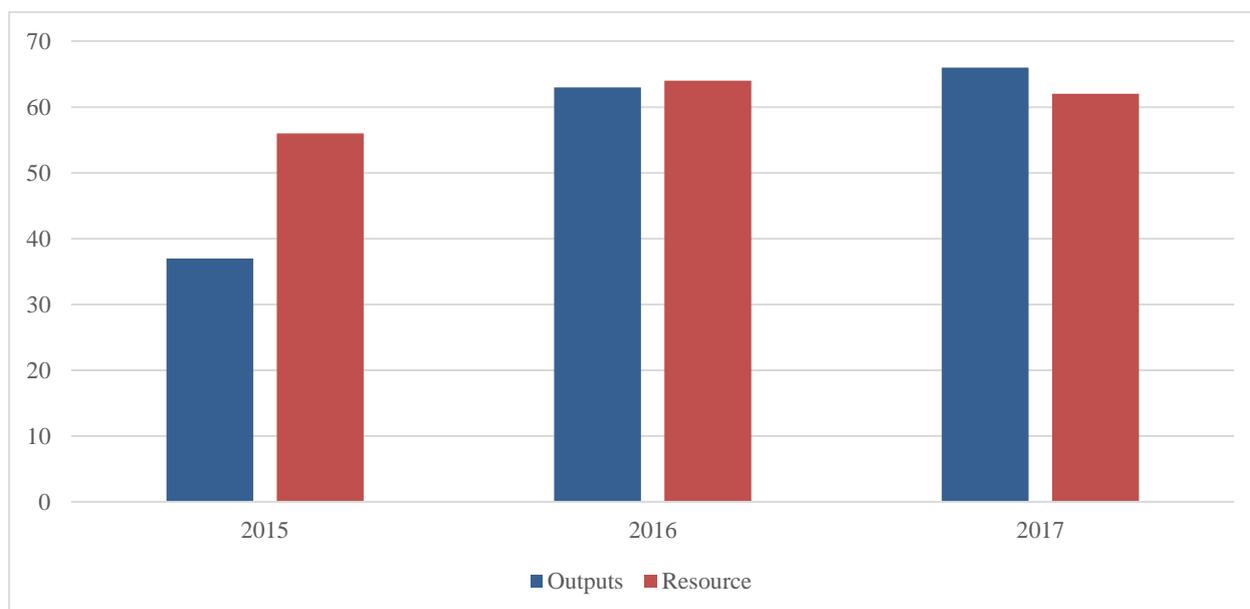
Mr. Tameru, representing the secretariat, presented the report on progress in implementing the 2017 work plan and resource allocation. He highlighted achievements in the delivery of the work plan covering the period January–October 2017.

The following achievements were highlighted:

EAI-Enhanced capacity of the LPI secretariat to plan and manage the LPI programme:

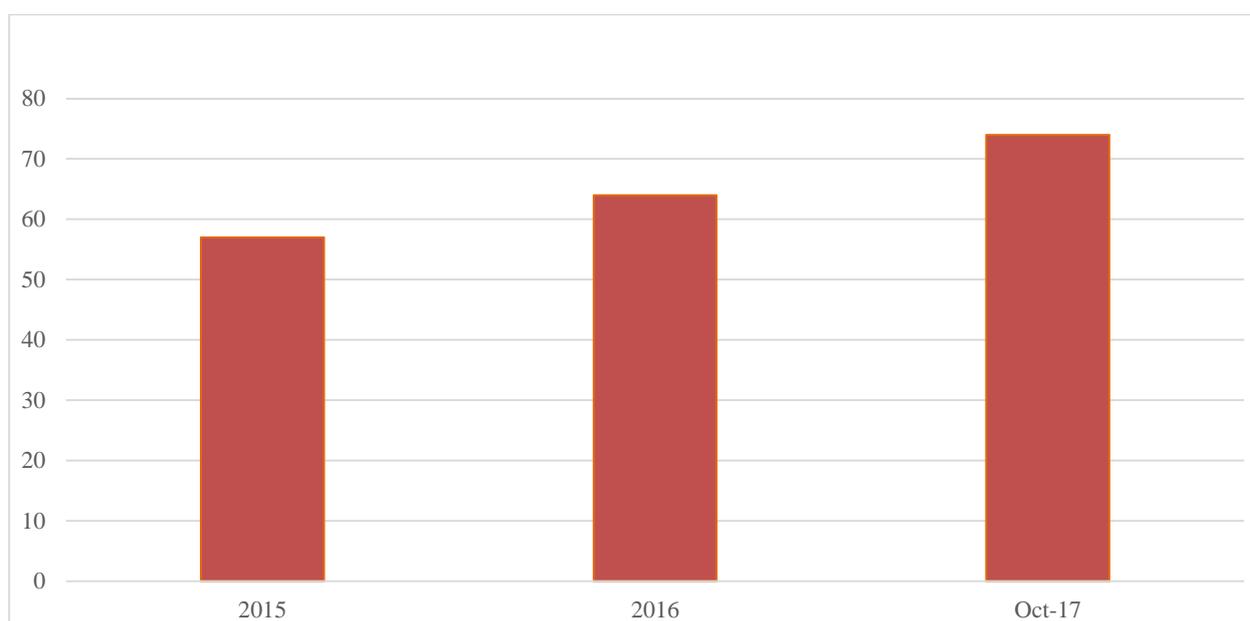
The following two graphs were presented to show the level of improvement in the capacity of ALPC to plan and manage its programmes and resources:

Figure 1
Rate of outputs implemented and resources utilized



Source: ALPC Steering Committee documents (November 2017).

Figure 2
Progress in implementing the ALCP Steering Committee decisions



Source: ALPC Steering Committee Documents (November 2017).

Meetings of the JWGL and LPI Steering Committee were conducted as planned. It was noted that 57 per cent of the Steering Committee decisions were implemented in a timely manner. Regular review of the implementation of the LPI work plan was undertaken during multiple sessions, including at a retreat, during quarterly review meetings and at monthly team meetings. The secretariat submitted more than five progress reports on the implementation of the ALPC work plan and projects. Recipients of those reports were AfDB, the European Union, GIZ, IFAD, SDC and ECA.

EA2- Mainstream land in Africa's development agenda:

The tripartite institutions high level platforms featured land issues in their agendas. The AU Ministerial Summit (STC) featured land governance commitments and resolutions. ALPC gave a presentation on the implementation of the AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa during the tenth session of the ECA Committee on Regional Integration and Cooperation. Six Governments had adopted ALPC guidelines to mainstream land in their respective agricultural investment strategies and programmes, 12 countries had commenced the monitoring and evaluation of land in Africa pilots and 14 countries programmes integrated the principles of the framework and guidelines and the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT).

EA3-Partnerships, synergies, coordination; and resource mobilization:

ALPC continued to benefit from its partnership with FAO, SDC, GIZ, IFAD, IGAD and Landesa. ALPC mobilized resources for supporting the Conference on Land Policy in Africa (2017) from ECA, AfDB, SDC, GIZ, the Global Tool Land Network (GLTN), civil society organization platform members, and the French Embassy in Addis Ababa. ALPC organized five side events in partnership with different organizations; and ALPC also capitalized on opportunities, as indicated through the presentation on its progress in implementing the AU Declaration on Land.

EA4-Communication, advocacy and outreach:

Regular updates were provided as part of the ECA Executive Secretary's briefing to the ambassadors. More than 2,200 advocacy materials were disseminated at different events.

EA5-Enhanced knowledge generation and dissemination:

The study on land, conflict and ethnicity in Africa was completed and the findings were shared at the STC and tenth session of the Committee on Regional Cooperation and Integration Committee, held in October 2017 and November 2017, respectively. More than 1,730 copies of the research reports on land policy were disseminated during the reporting period. Preparation for servicing of the Conference on Land Policy in Africa were finalized. The meeting was to be held from 14 to 17 November 2017.

EA6-Capacity developed and skills enhanced:

Guidelines produced for the development of curricula by tertiary institutions was adopted by STC at its second ordinary session, held from 2 to 6 October 2017. Accordingly, requests for technical support were made by institutions, including, Ardhi University of the United Republic of Tanzania. During the reporting period, ALPC further refined its assessment of capacity needs and gaps of land professionals by organizing consultations in North and Central Africa. Twenty-four senior lawyers (33 per cent females) from 10 countries received training on negotiation skills and the guiding principles of large-scale land based investment in Africa.

The Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA) was established. The proposed regional centres for the network were at: Hassan II *Institute* of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine (North Africa), Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

(West Africa), University of Yaoundé 1 (Central Africa), Namibia University of Science and Technology (Southern Africa), and Ardhi University (East Africa).

Six country-level pilot projects targeted to mainstream land in their agricultural investment plans, concluded their respective country assessments, developed business plans and established national task forces.

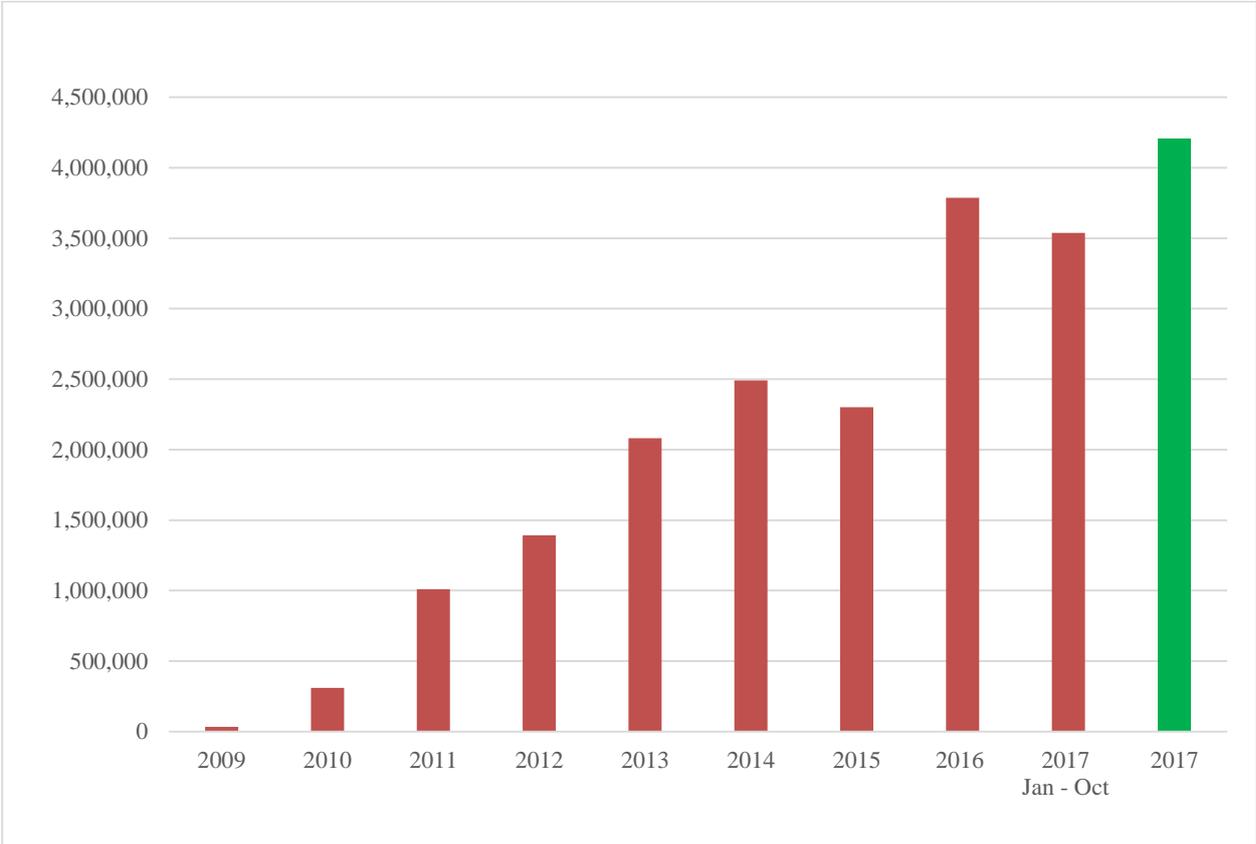
EA7 – Monitoring and Evaluation Piloted:

Piloting of the Monitoring and Evaluation of Land in Africa (MELA) project commenced in 12 countries. Some of the critical milestones in the piloting of the project accomplishments were as follows: the selection of indicators and proxies; the launching of the project in four countries: Madagascar; Malawi; Nigeria; and the United Republic of Tanzania; and revision of the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. In addition, progress made in implementing the AU Declaration on Land in Africa was presented to the STC and tenth session of the Committee on Regional Cooperation and Integration.

5.2 Fund utilization

Mr. Tameru presented the status of the fund utilization. He reported that for the period January–October 2017, \$3.5 million was utilized, 64 per cent of the planned budget and that the forecast based on the progress being made in the last two months of the year that would help implement would lead to the utilization of an additional \$670,000 (figure I).

Figure 3
Progress on fund utilization from 2009 to March 2017 (in US dollars)



Source: ALPC Steering Committee documents (November 2017).

5.3 Committee observations and recommendations

Following the presentation, the Steering Committee members commended Mr. Tameru for the comprehensive report and made the following comments:

- Mr. Sylla applauded ALPC for study on land, conflict and ethnicity and expressed his organization's willingness to work with ALPC in reaching out to member States on issues related to land and conflict.
- Members requested that an explanation be given on why some of the resource utilization rates were 2 per cent and 30 per cent.
- Members congratulated ALPC for the work being done to pilot MELA at the country level and requested that ALPC share the results of the pilot, as they had strategic interests and would be interested in learning more about the pilot.

The Chair thanked members of the Committee for their active engagement and invited ALPC staff to provide additional information, as requested.

In response to the Committee questions, Mr. Tameru explained that the 2 per cent rate can be attributed to the receipt of additional support from GIZ to support the development of ALPC strategic business plan; while the 30 per cent utilization rate was mainly because the expenses incurred in servicing the CLPA-2017 had not been finalized and accordingly were not reflected in the report.

5.4 Decision and recommendations

- ALPC to maximize the utilization of its resources;
- ALPC to share the results of MELA project and regularly update the Committee.

Decision: The Steering Committee approved the report on progress in implementing LPI activities, including fund utilization.

6. Updates from regional economic communities and development partners

6.1 Regional economic communities updates and development partners

- Mr. Dejen, representing IGAD, provided the following updates: the IGAD strategy on mainstreaming land in its programmes and strategies was carried out; mid-term evaluation of the joint programme was underway; two studies, one on "the nexus between land governance and migration" and the other on "the nexus between natural resources degradation and migration in the three clusters of IGAD" were being carried out; and IGAD organized its first regional dialogue on land governance.

Mr. Makwiramiti, representing the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), provided an update on the status of the joint project with ALPC and provided an explanation for the delay in the implementation of it.

- Mr. Sylla, representing UN-Habitat and GLTN, provided an overview of accomplishments in Africa. Those included supporting land reform and policy work at the country level in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Namibia, Uganda and Zambia; pilot testing and implementation of pro-poor and gender-responsive land tools at the country level; and progress being made in relation to Global Land Indicators Initiative (GLII). He highlighted some of the areas for future engagement, including continued support to GLII and MELA; replicating the LPI model in sub-Saharan Africa; and proposed a joint activity with ALPC in the upcoming World Urban Forum (February 2018).
- Mr. Liversage, representing IFAD, updated the committee on some of the highlights of the work of IFAD in Africa. He reported that his organization was working with GLTN in addition to extending support to ALPC.
- Mr. Opio-Omoding, representing AfDB, reported that the Bank as part of a restructuring, focused on regions and that each region was tasked with coming up with a strategy. The key issue for ALPC and regional economic communities was to explore avenues to establish linkages with AfDB regional offices. AfDB had been requested to support member States, with one such request coming from the Government of Liberia. He called on ALPC to support that request.
- Representing FAO, Mr. Egiashvili noted that FAO had engaged in multi-country and country focused land governance interventions. Those included support to the joint implementation of the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa and VGGT and transversal support to 14 African countries. Regarding the country-focused response of FAO, he reported that more than 12 countries in Africa were benefiting from FAO technical and financial support to improve their land governance programmes.

6.2 Committee observations and recommendations

The Committee took stock of progress made by all parties in implementing the AU Declaration in Africa.

6.3 Decision and recommendations

- The committee requested the session analysed through a dedicated agenda item for regional economic communities to accommodate adequate discussion and reflection.

7. Emerging land issues

The ALPC team, led by the Coordinator, Ms. Kagwanja, made presentations covering the different thematic areas of the ALPC draft strategic plan. The following areas were highlighted in the presentation:

- Land issues in Africa and reasons for ALPC involvement.
- LPI and ALPC achievements in each thematic area since its establishment, including some achievements at impact, outcome and output levels.
- Way forward focusing on the implementation of decisions and milestones towards the institutionalization of ALPC mandate, governance structure and, organizational and functional structures.

7.1 Committee observations and recommendations

Following the presentation of ALPC staff members, the Chair opened the floor for additional input and observation:

- Members requested that the spirit of LPI, which brought different stakeholders together, needs to be maintained, and noted that the move to ALPC should not undermine the Initiative.
- Members requested for clarification on whether the presentation made was the new strategic plan.

Ms. Kagwanja explained that the areas covered were to constitute elements of the upcoming strategic plan. However, she explained that the ALPC strategic plan would be developed with assistance from external consultants hired by GIZ. She thanked members for their continued engagement and underscored that the ALPC strategic plan would be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting.

7.2 Decisions and Recommendations

- The Committee recommended that the ALPC strategic plan be presented in the next Steering Committee meeting.

8. Closing remarks

Ms. Janet Edeme, Chair of the LPI Steering Committee, thanked members and observers of the LPI Steering Committee for their active engagement and guidance. She invited Mr. Karingi and Mr. Opio-Omoding to join her in closing the meeting.

Mr. Karingi thanked the Chair for excellent work in facilitating the meeting, and expressed his appreciation to the members of the Committee for their continued participation and guidance. He also reaffirmed the commitment of the senior management of ECA to support the smooth transition of LPI to ALPC.

Mr. Opio-Omoding pledged to convey the message to AfDB leadership, as land continued to take central stage in the Banks strategic plan. Cognizant of the important role that land issues (including land tenure, young people and land and gender and urban development) were playing in the development of Africa, he reaffirmed that the Bank would continue to support ALPC.

In her closing statement, Ms. Edeme thanked ECA and AfDB representatives for their forward-looking closing statements. On behalf of the African Union Commission and the tripartite partners, Ms. Edeme extended her appreciation to members and observers for their commitment and thanked the ALPC Coordinator and staff for organizing a successful Committee meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1.30 p.m.

Annex 1

Decisions of the meeting of the Steering Committee held on 13 November 2017

Task		Responsibility
EA 1. Enhance the capacity of the LPI secretariat		
1.	ALPC to maximize absorption of resources	
2.	ALPC strategic plan be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting	
3.	The committee requested the session to be analysed through a dedicated agenda item for regional economic communities to accommodate adequate discussion and reflection	
EA2. Mainstream land issues in Africa's development		
EA3. Partnerships and resource mobilization		
4.	ALPC to seek opportunities to engage with the European Union, including at a higher level	
EA4. Communication, advocacy and outreach		
5.	ALPC to provide regular updates to members on the development of the strategic plan	
EA5. Knowledge dissemination		
6.	ALPC to share the report on land, conflict and ethnicity once it is finalized	
EA6. Capacity development		
EA7. Monitoring and evaluation		
7.	Share the results of MELA and regularly update the Committee	

Annex 2
Agenda

LPI Steering Committee- 13 November 2017

United Nations Conference Centre, Large Briefing Room (1st floor)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER/ SPEAKER
9.30 - 10 a.m.	Registration Tea/Coffee	LPI Secretariat
10 - 10.10 a.m.	Opening Session	
	Welcoming Remarks Introduction of participants Presentation and adoption of the Agenda	Steering Committee – AUC/ECA/AfDB Chair and Participants
10.10 – 11 a.m.	Session I: Matters arising from the last Steering Committee meeting	
	Progress made in implementing the decisions of the previous Steering Committee	LPI Secretariat
	Discussion	Participants
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Session II: Progress made in implementing LPI activities as guided by the AU Declaration on Land	
	Progress made in implementing the January-October 2017 Work Plan including fund utilization	LPI Secretariat
	Discussion	Participants
12 – 1 p.m.	Session III: Emerging issues and challenges	
	Presentation on emerging land policy issues and challenges	LPI Secretariat
	Discussion	Participants
1 – 1.20 p.m.	Session IV: Updates from the regional economic communities and partners	
	Updates	Regional economic communities and partners
	Discussion	Participants
	Emerging land issues	
	Presentations by LPI team on highlights/different thematic areas/ of the draft ALPC strategic plan	
1.20 – 1.30 p.m.	Session V: Closing session	
	Concluding remarks: Key decisions and recommendations	Chair