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The Social Tenure Domain Model – A Pro-poor Land Tool is a FIG publication written by Christiaan Lemmen. The publication dates from 2010 and is a co-production between FIG, UN-Habitat and the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN).

Low cadastral coverage in many developing countries causes enormous problems – especially in the world's cities, for example, where over one billion people live in slums without proper water, sanitation, community facilities, security of tenure or quality of life. This has also caused problems for countries with regard to food security and rural land management issues.

The Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) is a pro-poor land information management system that can be used to support the land administration of the poor in urban and rural areas. The security of tenure of people in these areas relies on forms of tenure different from individual freehold. Most off-register rights and claims are based on social tenures. GLTN partners support a continuum of land rights, including rights that are documented as well as undocumented, of individuals and groups, of pastoralists and in slums – whether legal or illegal and informal.

Over recent years GLTN and FIG, primarily FIG Young Surveyors, have held STDM workshops around the world to encourage and instruct (young) surveyors in the use of the STDM model. Another STDM workshop will be held during the FIG Working Week in Helsinki, Finland, on 29 May 2017.

The Social Tenure Domain Model – A Pro-poor Land Tool has now been translated into Arabic, French and Japanese. The Arabic version was translated by GLTN and reviewed by Ms Kholoud Saad, Egypt. The French version was also translated by GLTN and reviewed by Ms Claire Galpin, France. The Japanese version was translated by Mr Kazuaki Fujii, Japan, and confirmed with the Japan Federation of Surveyors.

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Member in the Spotlight: GeoCat Strives to Make Geospatial Data Sharing Easier

GeoCat, a valued GSDI Association member, helps governments to create and maintain a spatial data infrastructure (SDI). GeoCat was established in The Netherlands in 2007 by GeoNetwork founder Jeroen Ticheler. Since then, the company has thrived on offering software and services which make geospatial data sharing easier and more efficient than ever. Its solutions are based on international standards and proven open source software.

The adoption of free and open source software (FOSS) has led to the creation of sustainable applications, while the focus on open standards has enabled the easy combination of applications with proprietary GIS software, supporting the development of hybrid infrastructures. Following this approach, GeoCat has provided successful consulting services and products to the development of organisational, national and international SDIs for The Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, Canada, Germany, Scotland, Belgium, Turkey, EEA, EuroSTAT, JRC, ESA and many others around the world. More specifically, it has supported organisations in publishing data to a FOSS server platform, in accordance with ISO/OGC/INSPIRE regulations, and other relevant country regulations.

Apart from consulting services around GeoNetwork Opensource, GeoCat also invests its time and experience in developing products which focus on simplifying the implementation of SDIs. GeoCat Bridge is an extension for Esri ArcGIS Desktop, designed to make the process of publishing geospatial data on the internet as easy as hitting the