



**From global observatories to fostering transparency at national level and informed local decision making**

**Decentralising the Land Matrix**

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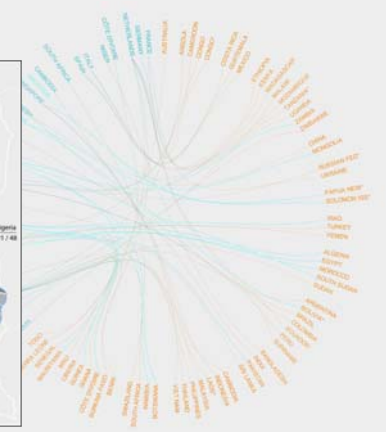
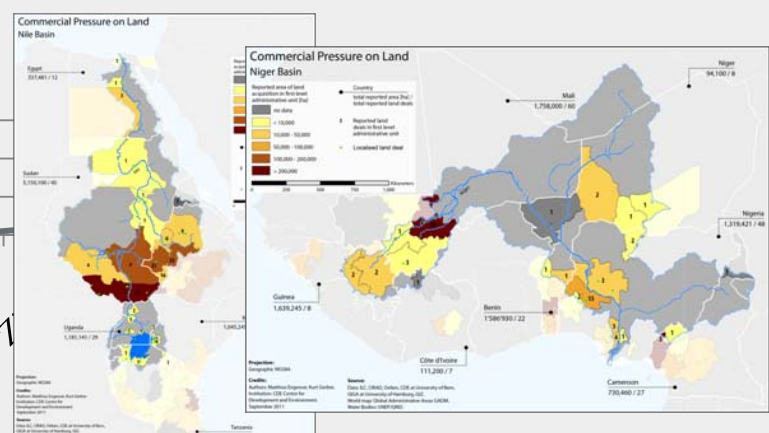
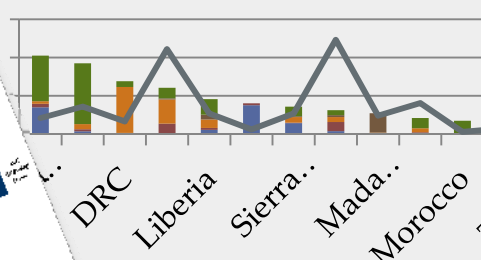
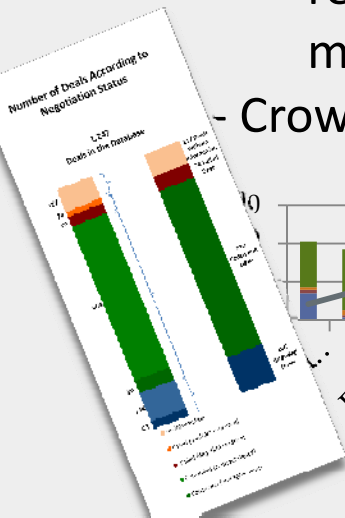
# PROMOTING...

- Open data: Making the data visible and understandable
- Transparency in decision-making over land and investment, as a step towards greater accountability
- Public participation in building a constantly evolving database on large-scale land deals

Launched in April 2012 –  
World Bank Land and Poverty Conference

# A global database...

- \* Global database for monitoring of land deals
- \* Information on investor (origin, type), deal (production intention, size), target region (former land use), & attempt to capture dynamics (Negotiation status, Implementation status)
- \* Sourcing:
  - Data entry/checking through LM partners/networks based on research/policy reports, official government records, company websites, media reports and personal information
  - Crowd sourcing



# CHALLENGES

- DATA
  - Data availability and reliability remain problematic – dynamic (status of deals), specificities of countries
  - Processes
- POLICY
  - Transparency / accountability
  - National jurisdictions



Need/necessity to decentralise

# TOWARDS OPEN SOURCE...

- Support the establishment of Land Observatories that concentrate on a specific area of interest (geographical/Thematic)

LM Open Data/source ...

- Promotion of use/participation to data

But also

- Adapt software and approach to support infra-global initiatives: All data AND software available for anyone to use, for any purpose

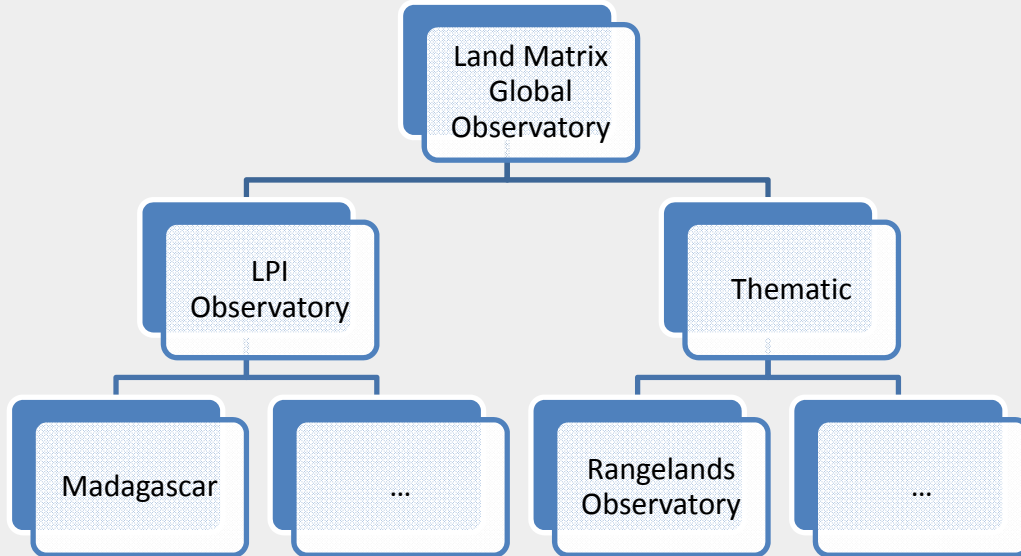
Twin goals:

- Improving the quality and inclusiveness with regards the data
- Involving stakeholders in the dialogue and decision-making processes through active participation



Participation  
Ownership

# Land Matrix Initiative



## Land Observatories

- Each Observatory – Independent, managed by own interest group
- Based on multi-stakeholder platforms

## Software

- Adapted to local needs

## Land Matrix Global Observatory

- LM partnership provides development support, linking to the global database



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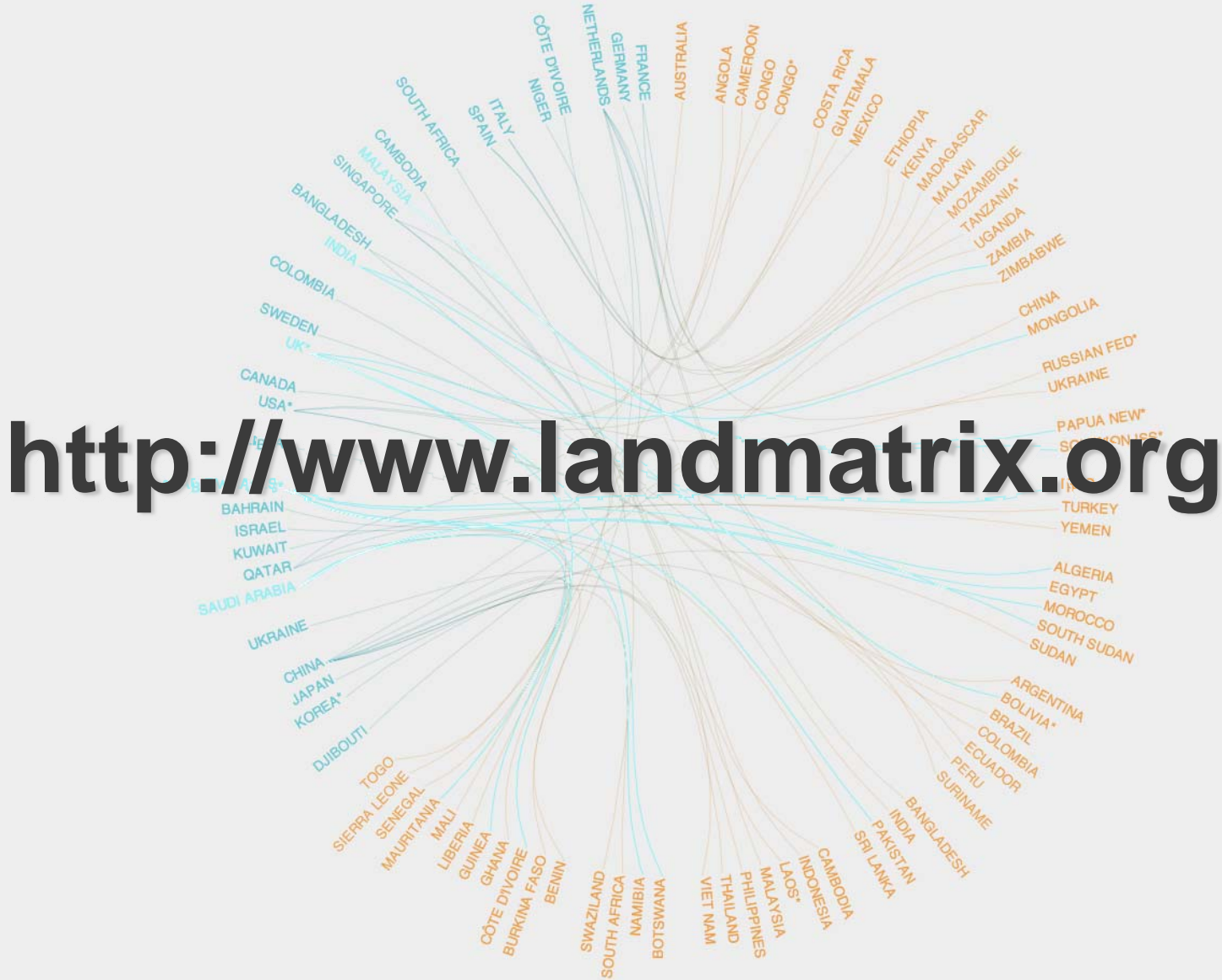
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# Conclusion

Linking GLOBAL to LOCAL

Flows-actors-places

Contribution to broader objectives ...Beyond data and assessment, ownership, policy dialogue



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