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Prior to joining Land and GLTN Unit, Oumar served as a Senior Advisor in UN-Habitat's Regional Office for Africa and focal point for francophone countries. Before that, he was Chief Technical Advisor for UN-habitat Land Program in DR Congo. He has experience with the European Union framework, which he gained as a Land Policy Advisor in South Sudan and Burkina Faso (2006-2008) and he was a Researcher Fellow within the Laboratory of Legal Anthropology in Paris 1 Sorbonne, mainly working on land and decentralization policies in West Africa (1999-2005). In Senegal, He operated as a junior researcher within ILRI/ ISRA institutional cooperation framework (1998-1999) dealing with land and natural resources. Oumar holds a Master's degree in Local Government Law from Saint Louis University in Senegal, as well as two other MA's: in African Legal studies and legal anthropology focused on land and natural resources from Paris 1 Sorbonne and in Territorial Project Management from Paris 13 Creteil.

Everlyne Nairesiae, Coordinator, Global Land Indicators Initiative



Everlyne is a social scientist. Under her coordination, custodian agencies were supported to develop global methodology for monitoring SDG indicator 1.4.2 on tenure security to successfully secured Tier II status; and promotes integration and harmonization with other land indicators included in SDG2, 5, 11, 15 and 16. She has previously contributed in designing several land and governance tools for securing women and local community's tenure rights including a joint tool by Oxfam and IISD on Gender and Responsible Large-Scale Land Based Investment in Agriculture; and community-led facility for monitoring and protection of public land to enhance access to basic services including health and education in Kenya.

Everlyne is well known for her work in research, advocacy, influencing policy and strategic contribution in development of gender responsive and transformative land governance tools, indicators and methodology for monitoring land governance issues and protection of natural resources. She has over 15 years work experience and consulting for various governmental, non-governmental and private sector organizations, including Population Services International, GROOTS Kenya, Huairou Commission, Oxfam, Church World Service, UNDP and the African Development Bank. She holds a Master of Philosophy degree in Guidance and Counselling Psychology and a Bachelor's Degree in Education with a major in Geography.