



Technical Thematic Forum to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the VGGT

FAO HQ, Rome, Italy | 5 - 6 October 2017

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2017

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome refreshments**

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9:30 – 11:00 **Opening of the Technical Thematic Forum**

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- Remarks by Mr Daniel Gustafson, Deputy Director-General, FAO
- Remarks by His Excellency Jan Tombinski, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to the Holy See, to the Order of Malta and to the UN Agencies in Rome
- Overview of the progress made in the last 5 years regarding the implementation of the VGGT: accomplishments, lessons learned, challenges and the way forward, by Mr Paul Munro-Faure, former Deputy Director, Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development Division, FAO
- Open discussion

11:00 – 12:30 **Thematic Sessions**

IRAQ ROOM
A235

COMMUNITY BASED GOVERNANCE AND TENURE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND OTHER COMMUNITIES WITH CUSTOMARY TENURE SYSTEMS (ILC, FAO)

The session will address how community based governance may be strengthened through the implementation of the VGGT. There will be presentations of concrete experiences and studies from Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean. An open discussion will follow in order to address emerging issues on collective rights to land and territories.

MALAYSIA ROOM
B227

LAND AND CONFLICT (FRENCH MOFA, UN-HABITAT)

The session will provide the opportunity to reflect on the changing role of different stakeholders in the implementation of the VGGT in conflict affected contexts. The opening remarks will be followed by statements and presentations of five speakers who will discuss the different aspects of the land and conflict theme. An open discussion will follow with comments and questions from the floor. The session will then close with key messages and recommendations that emerged during the forum.

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DISCOVERY DAY 2017: MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Discovery Day 2017 is focused on technology's contribution to the implementation of the VGGT and on addressing some of the world's most pressing tenure related issues, resulting from the negative impact of climate change, violent conflicts, mass migration, and growing urbanization. Bringing together speakers from the government, the private sector, FAO, World Bank, European Commission Joint Research Centre, the Discovery Day 2017 aims to demonstrate how technology could contribute to improving governance of tenure through transparency, accountability, and gender equality in land administration.



12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Thematic Sessions**

IRAQ ROOM A235 **EFFECTIVE NATIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PLATFORMS TO ADVANCE TENURE SECURITY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE VGGT (ILC, FAO)**

The session will see the exchange of experiences from different actors in relation to the formation and effective functioning of national multi-stakeholder platforms to successfully implement the VGGT, with a specific focus on lessons learned, successful factors and challenges in their operation. Based on these experiences the participants, through working groups, will discuss and suggest recommendations for future actions related to sustainability, promotion, and roles of the different actors in national multi-stakeholder spaces.

MALAYSIA ROOM B227 **TENURE, VGGT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT (FAO)**

The thematic session will highlight how the sustainable management of natural resources, including land, forests, and water, can contribute to address climate-change related issues (i.e. soil degradation, desertification, and deforestation), focusing on how the VGGT, by improving tenure security, help create the incentives for the implementation of such sustainable practices. Emphasis will be made on how tenure security can enable rural populations and indigenous communities to apply climate smart natural resource management practices, which allow to adapt to climate change effects, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

LEBANON ROOM D209 **STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION ON VGGT AND RAI IMPLEMENTATION: INCREASING RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENTS IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS**

The thematic session will focus on how the VGGT and the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (RAI) can help improve the institutional framework to promote and increase responsible investments in agriculture. Some private sector experiences regarding responsible investments in agriculture will be analyzed followed by a discussion.

15:30 – 17:00 **Plenary**

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- Wrap up of the discussions of the day by having brief presentations on the outcome of the thematic sessions, and then comments/reactions from the floor



FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2017

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome refreshments**

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MEXICO ROOM
A235 D211

09:30 – 11:00 **Thematic Sessions**

IRAQ ROOM **UNLOCKING DATA FOR LAND GOVERNANCE PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND LAND POLICY DIALOGUE (WORLD BANK)**
A235 *The session will begin with a brief introduction presenting the experiences in Ukraine, Rwanda and Zambia with establishing a land governance monitoring system, subsequent to the completion of the Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) and VGGT sensitization. A panel discussion will follow, and a question-and-answer session will end the discussion.*

MEXICO ROOM **IMPLEMENTING TENURE REFORMS IN FORESTRY IN LIGHT OF THE VGGT: SUCCESS, CHALLENGES, AND THE WAY FORWARD (FAO)**
D211 *The thematic forum will provide a platform for partners and stakeholders to share experiences, reflect on accomplishments, challenges, and identify next steps for strengthening responsible governance of tenure to forests in the coming years based on the VGGT. Brief presentations of work on promoting forest tenure reforms by three institutions will take place, followed by a discussion session. The last half hour of the forum will be dedicated to group work and forming key recommendations for the CFS.*

11:00 – 12:30 **Thematic Sessions**

IRAQ ROOM **MONITORING OF VGGT FROM A LAND GOVERNANCE PERSPECTIVE (ODI, ILC)**
A235 *The session will highlight the importance of monitoring the VGGT and the potential contribution of existing initiatives including land governance monitoring. The discussion will map and highlight key issues that require monitoring in the implementation of the VGGT, and identify the opportunities and the limitations of doing that.*

MEXICO ROOM **IMPLEMENTING THE VGGT IN EUROPE. BEST PRACTICES AND THE WAY AHEAD (FIAN, EUROPEAN COORDINATION OF LA VIA CAMPESINA)**
D211 *The session will reflect on the past initiatives and achievements and discuss follow-up activities that will support the implementation of the VGGT in the European Union – by the EU itself, the Member States and by local governments. The forum will consist of a panel discussion on the process towards the implementation of the VGGT analyzing key issues and action points for the coming years.*

KING FAISAL ROOM **IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT WATER TENURE (FAO)**
D263 *This session will discuss how the concept of water tenure and the recommendations of the CFS can be put into action. For this it is critical to understand the linkages with the VGGT and ongoing work on water resources assessments, notably water accounting and auditing. Water and land go together and hence, tenure rights and governance of tenure over these resources are key to promoting food security and achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals.*



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IRAQ ROOM **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE VGGT (FAO)**

A235 *The interactive session will review the findings of the needs assessment and then demonstrate how FAO is deploying learning programs at national level. The session will include videos, participatory activities, interviews from the field and testimonials. Examples specific to gender and land, responsible investments, and capacity development for Civil Society Organizations will be highlighted.*

MEXICO ROOM **TENURE IN FISHERIES: MAKING THE VGGT WORK FOR FISHERIES STAKEHOLDERS (FAO)**

D211 *The objective of this session will be to analyze/explore how the VGGT can be used in tangible terms to address some of the challenges faced in the fisheries sector, particularly when fishers are facing loss of access to land and water. Formal recognition of small-scale, artisanal, traditional and/or customary tenure systems can help ensure fisheries stakeholders to benefit from fisheries management initiatives and in this regard, mainstreaming the VGGT in the fisheries sector is fundamental.*

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- Wrap up of the discussions of the day by having brief presentations on the outcome of the thematic sessions, and then comments/reactions from the floor
- Present/discuss/endorse the outcome of the Forum that will be reported at the High-level event on Tuesday 10 October 2017
- Closing remarks

The proceedings will be summarized and made available to the public.

