



Global Donor Platform
for Rural Development

“LAND, INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT”

FAO/SDC/IFAD hosted Platform Event

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Venue : FAO, Via delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome, Italy

Context and Objectives

Context

In recent years, issues of access to land and natural resources have been of growing concern to developing country governments and donors. Land tenure is a key point of entry to a number of rural development issues. Access to land is linked to some basic economic and social human rights, such as the right to food. Land tenure has strong linkages to, *inter alia*, poverty reduction and food security, economic development, public administration and local government, private contract law, family and inheritance law and environmental law. An evolution in experience and thinking is taking place, with several multilateral and bilateral donors drawing up new policy papers on land security and agro-enterprise investment. Additionally, over the past 12 months, acquisitions of farmland in Africa, Latin America, Central Asia and Southeast Asia have made headlines across the world. With land so central to identity, livelihoods and food security, this is an important topic for the Platform.

The **Land Day** will therefore aim to put some of the recent and new land and associated agro-industry related global challenges and new topics “in context” and, considering linkages, in a perspective of long-term rural development. The Land Day shall give an opportunity to highlight the diversity of ongoing initiatives related to land policies and land governance in relation with investment and rural development, share knowledge and provide the ground to move toward identifying a “tool kit” for improved coordination among stakeholders.

Objectives:

- To share knowledge on the diversity of ongoing initiatives related to land tenure and land-extensive agro-enterprise policies;
- To put some of the recent and new land-related global challenges in context and in a broader perspective, considering linkages in a perspective of long-term rural development;
- To improve collaboration and cooperation and establish a process of knowledge exchange among a broader group of stakeholders and identify a possible role for the GDPRD in that process.

Session 1: Global challenges with land investment, tenure & secure land rights :

Land access, land procurement, land rights, security and legalization of land rights, women's rights, land governance and land policies in a diversity of regional contexts.

8:30-9:00	Registration and coffee
9.00-9.10	Welcome remarks by Brian Baldwin (IFAD) - Platform Co-Chair
9:10-10:10	<p><u>Presentation 1: Overview of principles proposed for Investment</u></p> <p>a) Human rights principles in the elaboration of transnational large-scale land acquisitions and leases; b) Voluntary guidelines on governance of land tenure and other natural resources; c) Principles for Large scale investment.</p> <p><i>Focus: What are the proposals for minimum guidelines and principles on the table, where do they converge, what are differences (A minimum a set of human rights principles in the elaboration of transnational large-scale land acquisitions and leases).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Olivier De Schutter – UN Special Rapporteur (TBC) • Paul MunroFaure - FAO • Klaus Deininger – World Bank
10:10-10:25	Q&A
10:25-10:55	<p><u>Presentation 2: Land access for rural development and poverty alleviation</u></p> <p><i>Focus: New opportunities, challenges, initiatives and conceptual advancements. Cross-linkages of land tenure and poverty reduction and food security. How have development partners dealt so far with land access / tenure questions and with which results?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harold Liversage - IFAD
10:55-11:10	Q&A
11:10-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:00	<p><u>Presentation 3: Types of large-scale land sales & leases by foreign investors - Country evidence</u></p> <p><i>Focus: Stating the issues: Assessment of recent international investment in a range of African, Asian and Latin American countries; who invests, scale and types of leases.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Klaus Deininger – World Bank
12:15-12:30	Q&A
12:30-13:00	<p><u>Presentation 4: Best practice in non-land agro-enterprise development</u></p> <p><i>Focus: Alternatives to land purchase and lease for agro-enterprise development; best practice contractual arrangements for contract farming and out grower schemes; successful outcomes, notably in Africa.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the IIED Study
13:00-13:15	Q&A & Session 1 wrap-up
13:15-14:15	Lunch break

Session 2: Land tenure security and sustainable commercial agriculture - roles and nature of international "regulatory" instruments:

14:15-15:15	<p>Round Table: Land tenure security and sustainable commercial agriculture - roles and nature of international "regulatory" instruments:</p> <p>Guiding Questions: What are the roles and nature of international regulatory instruments (codes of conduct, voluntary guidelines, principles and agreed actions, international legal instruments (trade, human rights - right to food)? How should they be prepared and who should be involved? How to link global regulatory initiatives with regional and country level activities? How to link approaches with the private sector? What can we learn from previous resource governance regimes?</p> <p>Key note speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lessons learned - Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI);TBC ○ Lessons learned - Forestry and Financial Sector : Bernd Schanzenbächer, EGB Capital ○ Lessons learned from the Plantation Sector
15:15-15:30	Q&A
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-16:45	<p>Round Table (continued): Round Table Discussions.</p> <p>Round Table members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paul Mathieu (FAO Voluntary guidelines); ○ Klaus Deininger (World Bank - Principles for responsible agro-investment); ○ Madiodio Niassé (ILC Secretariat); ○ Nancy McCarthy, TBC ○ Andrea Ries - SDC; ○ Representative of the SWAC/OECD ○ Ruth Meinzen-Dick (IFPRI) TBC
16:45-17:30	<p>Wrapping up and conclusions:</p> <p>Strategic mapping of interventions, ways forward, commitments, coordinated positioning and/or actions. Focus on a strategic discussion of Platform members on the activities at different levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do global initiatives, such as the voluntary guidelines, link with regional or national level activities? ○ How do we (as donors and members of the Platform) link approaches with the private sector and in dialogue with governments. ○ Is there the need/opportunity to develop a "tool kit" to guide farmers, civil society, investors and government on sustainable and equitable land-based agro-enterprise development – if Yes, what steps can be taken for its development? ○ What is the role of the GDPRD in promoting principles and good practice?
17:30-17:45	Concluding remarks
18:00-19:00	Wine & Fingerfoods