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DISCUSSANTS AND QUESTIONS

Tanja Pickardt, GTZ

Land observatories could bring in relevant information and this could be fruitful to the guidelines on large scale land acquisition.

Recommend to link other initiatives to those processes, in particular, 2 more initiatives, Voluntary Guidelines on responsible land & resources governance (FAO) and the Principles on Agricultural Investment (WB, govts). There seem to be parallel initiatives that may have duplications or are not yet inter-linked enough

- Kagwanja: one vehicle to use could be link of observatories to the CAADP process.
On the issue of initiatives that need to be linked to CAADP process: AU land policy guidelines, need to be brought in to CAADP process—very important.

-On the issue of Capacity Dev: Rukuni, Kosura—strong link between Rukuni discussion of capacity needs and Kosura presentation of masters/research/training initiatives. Study programs are often not linked to their functions. Trained individuals leave their institutions if they can't make changed based on their new training. Need to think about how capacity development can better link to achieving real change in institutions. Need to build on institutions/systems already in place—these systems should be used and linked to modern law. Strong need for African experiences to help change in African situation. Zimbabwe is good example for high capacities in development capacities, good people can help to improve the situation.

-Capacity Development (continued): problem of departure of skilled land experts from Zimbabwe to Namibia, strong capacity, if opportunity to return to Zimbabwe, will be able to make a difference (may be relevant observation for other countries in Africa as well)

Questions / discussions

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

1. Willy Zimmermann, GTZ

Capacity Building: Lot of land professionals in Ghana and in Kenya, but only 2 in Angola... only 1000 / 2000 land professionals in Africa. Most of them are agronomist. Interdisciplinary trainings are needed for capacity building in land. It's a great challenge. How to mobilize resources for capacity building in Africa? How could we build systematic capacity building? Needs for master and medium level, enormous challenge

2. M. Shah, Qatar

Why not a Consultative research center for policy advice? Especially to respond to request/interest related to large scale land dealings?

3. ?? – Challenge of institutional change (*I didn't get it*)

4. Canadian development agency

Lack of national implement policy and Policy coherence on land issues in Africa: there is very high number of policy initiatives and policy guidance (AU, FAO, WB, etc, etc). Are we doing the issues a disservice by having so many initiatives? Links to aid effectiveness agenda—as donors are trying to make aid more effective, there is a parallel trend to increasing numbers of policy initiatives and policy guidelines being put forward. Donors have to coordinate their agenda, need for land policy to avoid guidelines in plenty.

5. Disillusionment by capacity building that we are required to do: key question is do we put our money where our mouth is? There are hardly any funds from African governments to actually finance and support capacity building.

RESPONSES FROM PANEL

Kagwanja— We do have expertise. Key issue is the disconnect from the expertise that DOES exist in Africa and the resources needed to get the expertise targeted to where it is needed.

Budgeting—need to link land initiatives to Ministries and Parliaments.

Donors agree to build this program of development capacity, but It takes time to build this expertise, 10 years.

Rukuni—CAADP and Capacity—AU depends on regional economic commitments. Like the suggestion of developing some interim capacity to address the investments currently going into Africa. As long as an issue represents a major security threat to US (energy?), it is important to be able to analyze these investments as they happen—but need to be analyzed at level of regional (AU?) economic commissions.

Kosura—to be effective, we need not just studies, but to assure demand for information in order to develop and implement good policies. Networking and knowledge sharing right solution, but it will take a while to develop the capacity that we need. We are not competitive yet but good thing is that we have started

Ouedraogo—Capacity building is the key thing that we need to address. Land policy initiative will have intensive training sessions. Like very much the idea of having a center. Links to CAADP—links are there, even if not enough, maybe we need to encourage this a little bit more.