



# Instituting Governance in Land

- **Initiatives on Land Policy and Governance**
- **Specific Initiatives for Large Scale Agricultural Investments**
- **Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure**



## Global pressure on natural resources

- Further population growth
  - **by 2050 9.1bn 34% more than today**
- Urbanization, changing food production, distribution and consumption
  - **by 2050 70% urban (50% today)**
- Increased mobility of goods, capital and labour in countries and across borders
  - **by 2050 50% increased investment in agriculture required for food security**
- Climate change
  - **major food security risk**
- Increasing demands on agriculture to provide food and energy resources
  - **international large scale agricultural investment**



## The broad response: what initiatives?

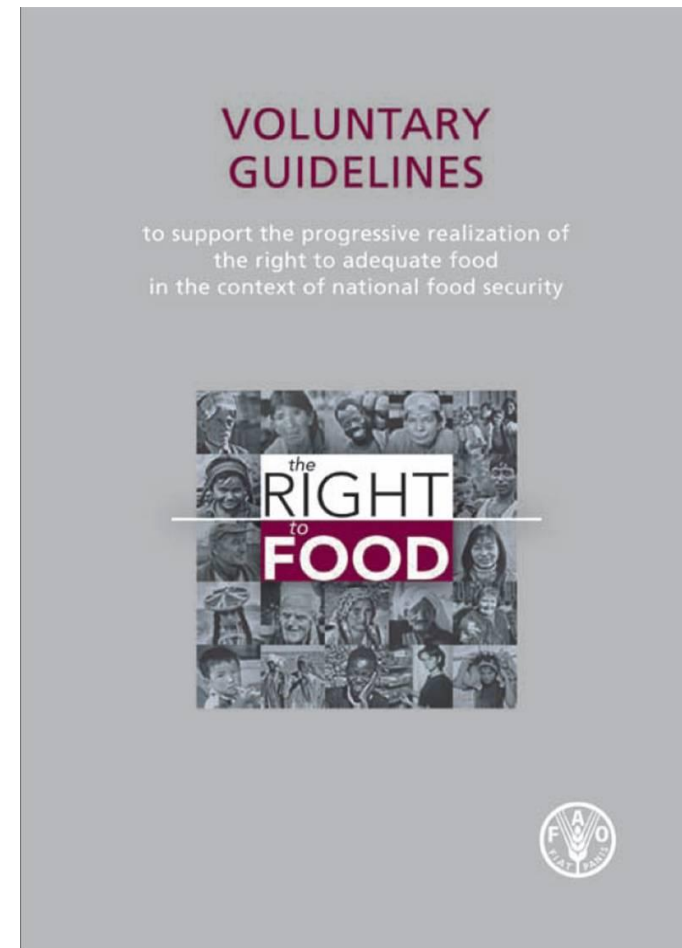
- **UN and IFI initiatives** (World Bank-led Land Policies for Growth and Poverty Reduction, Land Governance Assessment Framework; FAO-led Right to Food, ICARRD; Habitat-led Global Land Tool Network; UN Special Rapporteur on Right to Food; etc)
- **Regional initiatives** (African Union/UNECA/AfDB; Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat's Pacific Plan includes land policy concerns; etc)
- **Bilateral initiatives** (including EC Guidelines on Land Policy; UK; France; Sweden; etc)
- **NGO initiatives** (FIG Policy Series, etc)
- Many **country initiatives**
- **The importance of partnerships**



## UN Special Rapporteur on Right to Food “Principles”

Olivier de Schutter

- Large-scale land acquisitions and leases: A set of minimum principles and measures to address the human rights challenge (December 2009)
- Minimum human rights law-based principles
- Relationship with Voluntary Guidelines initiative: “Fully supportive” of FAO and partners’ process

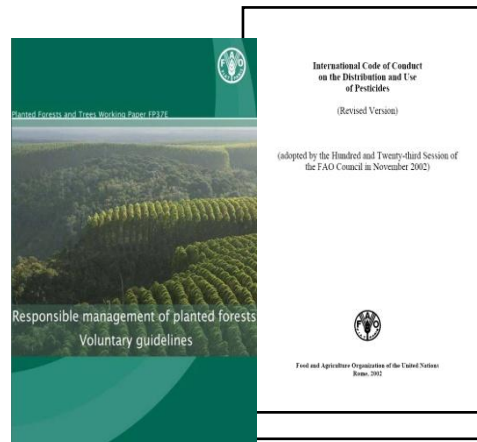


## FAO/IFAD/UNCTAD/World Bank “Principles” Discussion Note

- Global Donor Platform on Rural Development (GDPRD)
- Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment that Respects Rights, Livelihoods and Resources
- Presented as discussion paper at GDPRD in January 2010 and endorsed
- Voluntary Guidelines provide land governance related guidance through fully consultative political processes



# Voluntary Guidelines



## How are the Voluntary Guidelines being prepared?

- Through an **open partnership** process and with **wide participation**
- Developing core documentation
- Expert meetings
- Regional consultations
- Electronic discussion



## Consultation outcomes:

- **Southern Africa (Windhoek)** Link to regional/national initiatives; Customary and statutory tenure - common policy framework; Harmonize, simplify frameworks; Increase capacity building
- **Asia (Hanoi)** High level, capacity building commitment; Include natural resources; Support vulnerable groups; Important urban dimensions; Fair, considerate land markets
- **Private Sector (London)** Diversity of private sector; Stable framework - rule of law human rights; Making investments legitimate
- **Europe (Bucharest)** International/regional initiatives linked; Eliminate corruption, promote transparency; Improve land administration; Facilitate fair land management



# Voluntary Guidelines



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## Land Tenure

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### VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES

#### PARTNERS

FAO's partners in the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines include:

##### MAJOR FUNDING PARTNERS

- **GERMANY:** Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection and Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**
- **FINLAND:** Ministry for Foreign Affairs

##### PARTNERS

- GTZ
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- International Development Law Organization (IDLO)
- World Bank
- International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
- FIAN International and IPC (International NGO/CSO Planning Committee for Food Security)
- International Land Coalition (ILC)
- Transparency International (TI)
- Rural Development Institute (RDI)
- Ministry of Lands and Resettlement, Namibia
- Namibia Institute for Democracy (NID)
- National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registration (ANCP), Romania
- Birzeit University, Palestine
- Groupe de Recherche et d'Action sur le Foncier (GRAF), Burkina Faso
- Groupe de recherche et d'échanges technologiques (GRET)
- Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV)

#### Publications

For specific FAO publications on governance and tenure click here.

#### Next events

**Private sector consultation:**  
London, United Kingdom  
25-26 January 2010

**European regional consultation:**  
Bucharest, Romania  
22-24 March 2010

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## Purpose:

- Set out **principles and internationally accepted standards** for responsible practices. High level language.
- Provide a **framework** that States can use when developing their own strategies, policies, legislation, programmes and activities.
- Allow Government authorities, private sector, civil society and citizens to judge whether proposed actions constitute **acceptable practices**.



## But they are voluntary in nature:

- They **do not establish legally binding obligations** for States or international organizations
- They **do not replace existing national or international laws**, treaties or agreements



## Consultation Schedule 2010

- 25-26 January, **Private sector**, London, UK
- 22-24 March, **Europe**, Bucharest, Romania
- 2-4 May, **Near East and North Africa**, Amman, Jordan
- 20-21 May, **South America**, Brazilia, Brazil
- 23-25 June, **Francophone Africa**, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
- 14-16 July, **Pacific**, Alafua, Samoa
- September, **Russophone**, tbc
- September, **Central America and Caribbean**, Costa Rica
- September, **East Africa**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



## Programme for drafting and adoption

- **2010:** Report extensive consultation outcomes and way forward to FAO Governing bodies
- **2010-11:** Process of drafting. E-consultation. Process of negotiation. Member country consideration. Endorsement by FAO governing bodies
- **2012 on:** Implementation - following the example of other FAO Voluntary Guidelines and Codes of Conduct



## The preparation and adoption of Voluntary Guidelines will lay the foundation for further action through:

- A strategy for **implementation**
- Supplementary **technical** guidelines
- **Training and advocacy** materials
- Country **action plans**



## The future: A call for partnership

- Prospects for the future – resources for **implementation** are already being discussed and proposed
- Adoption by **all stakeholders** – governments, civil society, private sector, UN and IFI systems, bilaterals
- Country implementation - **A bigger future**





# **Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and other Natural Resources**

