

# Capitalization on the EU Land Governance Programme

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## Concept note

### 1. BACKGROUND

The **European Union Land Governance Programme** funds 18 individual country-level projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, all of which address tenure issues, and are implemented alongside various partners, among which are government agencies, civil society organizations, bilateral and multilateral organizations and private contractors. All project activities are carried out within the framework of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT), and, in the African context, the African Union Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa (AU Declaration) and its Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa (F&G).

By means of a **Transversal Project**, co-funded by the EU and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)** coordinates, supports and consolidates the implementation of the EU Land Governance Programme in ten African countries (Angola, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Niger, Somalia and South Sudan) and has extended its support to eight additional countries located in Africa, Asia and South America (Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Pakistan, Sudan and Uganda) since 2015.

This Transversal Project supports the country-level projects and provides the implementing actors and their partners with a platform to exchange, collect and communicate to a wider audience the wealth of lessons learned in project implementation. It also supports the organization of capacity development programmes for the implementers, who can benefit from technical guidance from FAO's interdisciplinary task force on governance of tenure. The project also provides readily available tools for the implementation, as well as support to monitor the results at country and global-level.

All activities in Africa related to land are conducted in partnership with the African Land Policy Centre (ALPC), a consortium of the African Union (AU), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

Capitalization meetings are a cornerstone in FAO's **Transversal Project "Support to and capitalization on the EU Land Governance Programme"**. The objectives of these meetings are to assess progress in implementation, develop capacity of project teams, share experiences and lessons learned, and provide a platform for networking and deepening interaction among country level project implementers to improve performance.

Capitalization meetings have been held every six months in Addis Ababa since 2014. As of 2018, the gathering will be held annually, and for the first time, the Capitalization Meeting will take place at FAO headquarters in Rome from 26 to 29 June 2018.

## 2. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Expected outcomes of capitalization meetings include:

- Implementation of country level projects reviewed;
- Technical and soft skills of project staff relevant to improving governance of tenure increased;
- Experiences in project implementation shared and lessons learned;
- Good practices experienced by projects collected and included in communication products;
- Inputs to improve the global processes provided.



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## 3. DATE AND VENUE

The 7<sup>th</sup> Capitalization meeting of the European Union Land Governance Programme will take place at **FAO headquarters**, Rome (Italy), **from 26 to 29 June 2018**.

## 4. PARTICIPATION

Participation in capitalization meetings is recommended for the full in-country implementation teams of the country-level projects under the EU Land Governance Programme. In-country implementation teams include: staff recruited by the project, focal points from relevant governmental institutions, EU delegations, FAO representations, civil society organizations and other stakeholder groups. **FAO highly encourages gender-balance in participating implementation teams.**

## 5. RESOURCES

Costs associated with the participation of in-country project teams (flights, accommodation, DSA) are to be borne by the country-level projects, or by their respective governments. All other costs will be covered by the funds available under the Transversal Project.

## 6. LANGUAGES

Simultaneous translation services (**English-French** and **French-English**) will be available.

PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION REVIEWED

KNOWLEDGE ON TENURE ISSUES DEEPENED

EXPERIENCES SHARED

LESSONS LEARNED FROM PEERS

INPUTS FOR GLOBAL PROCESSES PROVIDED

## 7. SUMMARY AGENDA: 7<sup>TH</sup> CAPITALIZATION MEETING

<b>26 June 2018</b>	<b>Registration</b>
	<b>Opening</b>
	<b>Transversal Project updates</b>
	<b>Country updates and discussions</b>
	<b>VGGT in practice: Sierra Leone</b>
	<b>Legal recognition, recording and protection of tenure rights</b>
<b>27 June 2018</b>	<b>Country updates and discussions</b>
	<b>Tenure of fisheries</b>
	<b>Multi-stakeholders platforms</b>
	<b>Putting the VGGT into practice. CSOs learning guide</b>
	<b>Pastoralism and tenure</b>
<b>28 June 2018</b>	<b>Country updates and discussions</b>
	<b>Addressing climate change impact on tenure</b>
	<b>Migration and Land</b>
	<b>Using enabling technologies to improve governance of tenure</b>
<b>29 June 2018</b>	<b>Country updates and discussions</b>
	<b>Designing monitoring mechanism for capacity development</b>
	<b>Knowledge Management Platform (KMP)</b>
	<b>Participatory action planning</b>
	<b>Closing</b>

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