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LAND POLICY INITIATIVE

AU Agenda on Land: Response to the Challenges of Land Tenure Security and Governance in Africa

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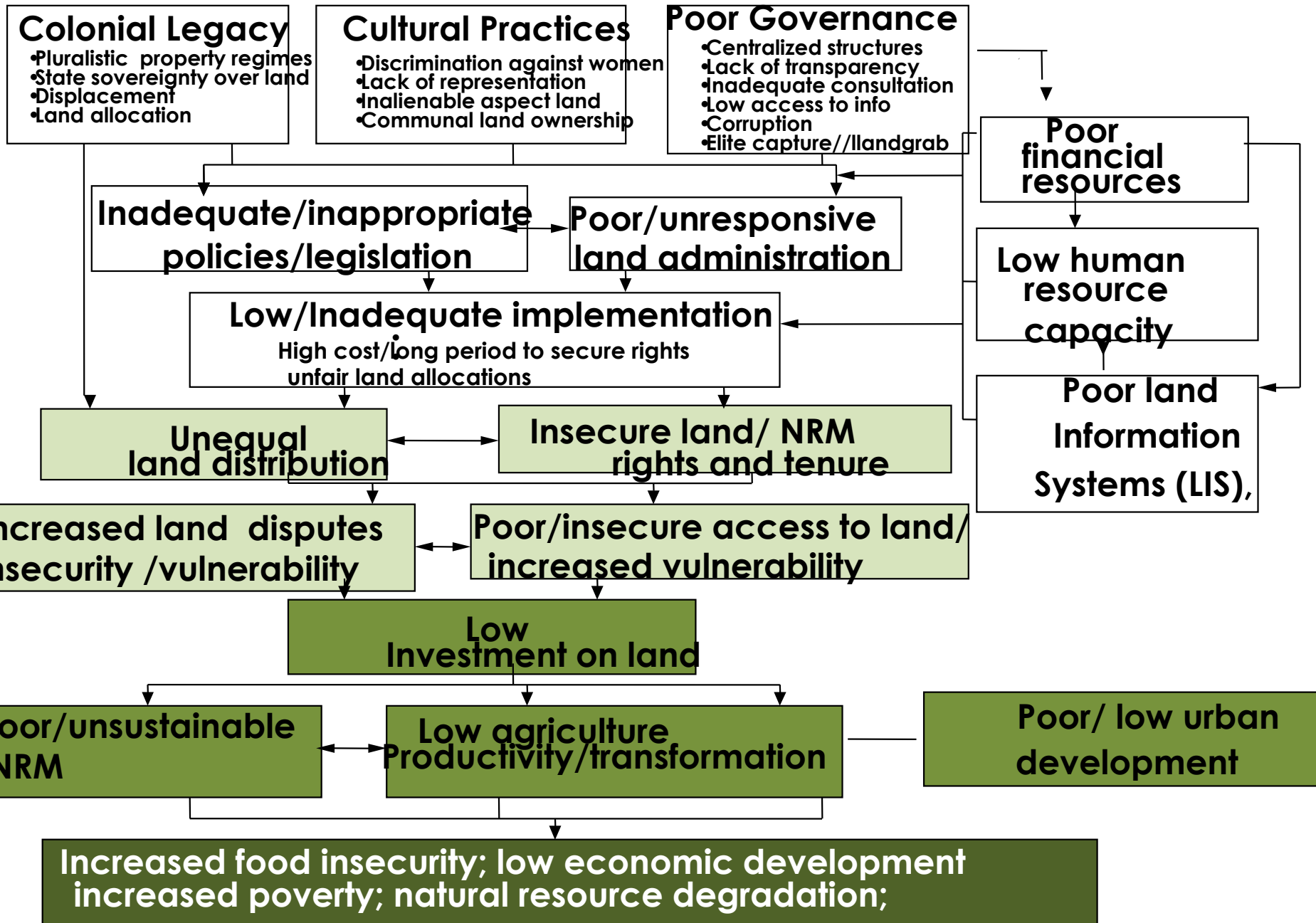
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Why Land Governance?

Land Central to Africa's Economic Development

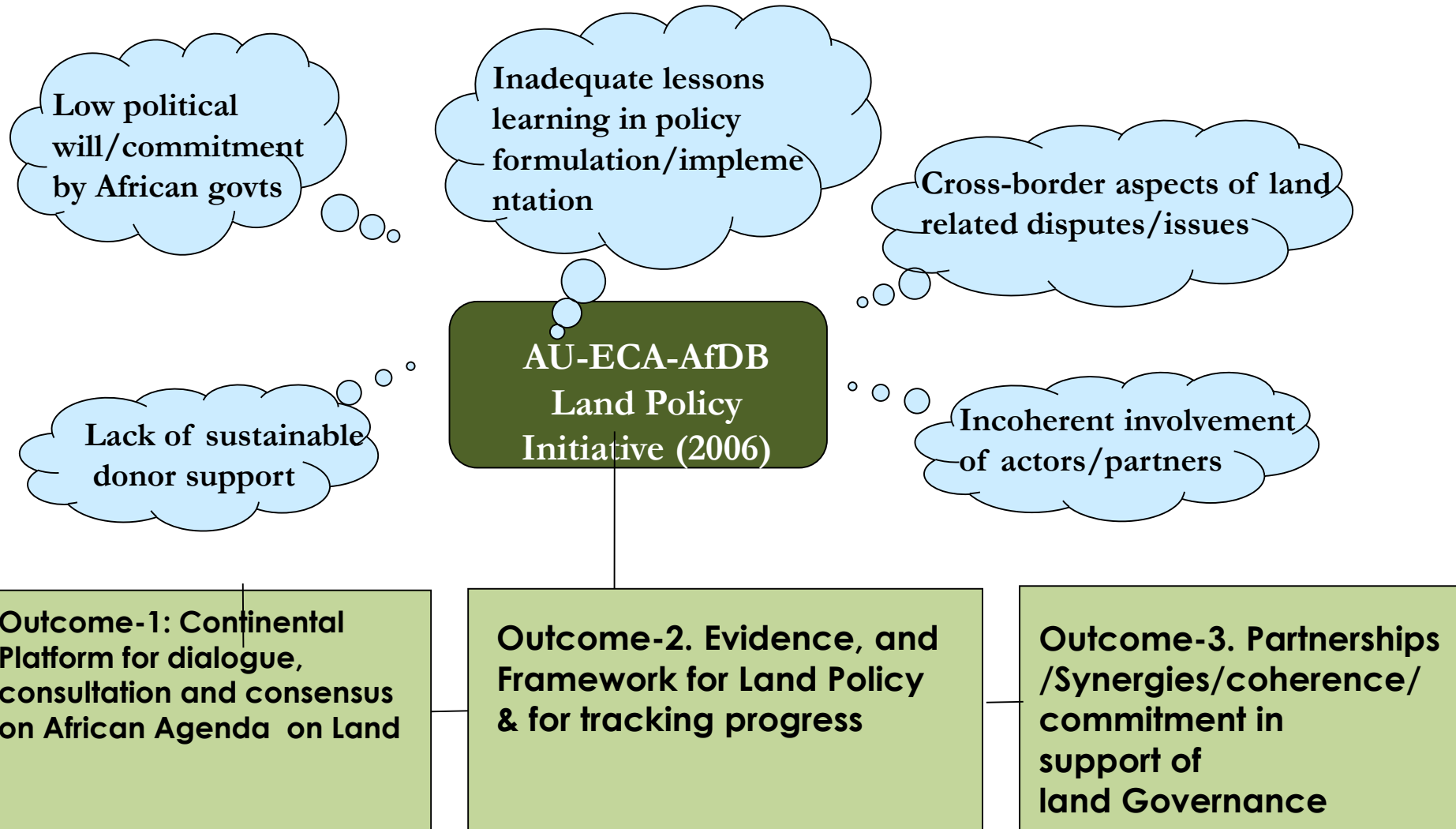
- **Land in Agriculture**
 - **Majority of Africans rely on access to land/ Natural resources for their livelihoods**
 - **Land is main factor for production**
 - **Secure Land Rights as means to access credit and long term Investment on land**
- **Increasing land needs in other economic sectors :**
 - **Conservation/ tourism**
 - **Manufacturing, mining**
 - **Settlement**
 - **Energy, infrastructure etc.**
- **Africa has abundant land resources**

Land related challenges -Africa

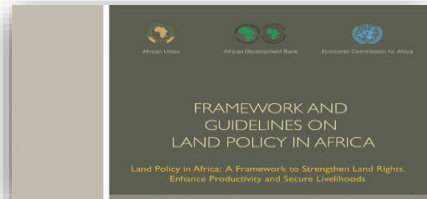


The AUC supports member states to improve land tenure and management through the LPI programs

Why LPI: A continental response to land challenges



AU commitments on Land Governance...



April 2009



July 2009



October 2011



May 2014

30 % documented
land for women

2015

- **Land Matters at AU**
 - **AU Assembly adopted a declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa in 2009**
- **Key resolutions in the AU declaration:**
 - **Ensure land laws provide for equitable access to land and related resources**
 - **Strengthen security of land tenure for women**
- **Expectations of the Commission working with RECs, UNECA, AfDB and partners:**
 - **Coordinate activities and facilitate Member States to develop/review their land policies**
 - **Establish mechanisms for tracking and reporting progress by member states**

- **AU Agenda 2063 adopted in 2013 calls for:**
 - **Sustainable land management practices**
 - **Reversing land degradation and desertification**
 - **Equitable access to land by all**
 - **Security of land tenure for women**

- **Agenda 2063 also calls for implementation of:**
 - **AU Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa**
 - **Guiding Principles on Large Scale Land Based Investments in Africa**

- **In June 2014, African Heads of State and Government adopted the Malabo Declaration on “Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Share Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods”**

Land in SDGs

- SDG Goal 1 (Eliminate poverty in all its forms everywhere)

...access basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of inheritance by 2030

Proportion of total adult popn. with secure tenure rights to land

- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agric.

Double agric. Productivity and incomes of small scale food producers including through secure and equal access to land.....

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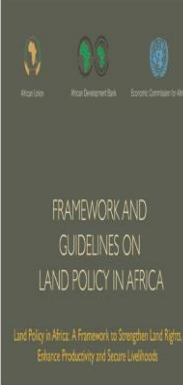
Land in SDGs

- Achieve Gender equality and empower all women and girls


Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources as well as access and control over land.

Propn. of agricultural popn. with ownership and secure rights over agricultural land and share of women among owners or rights-bearers of agricultural land.

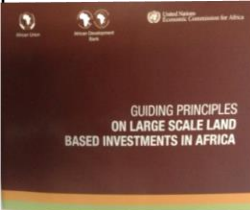
Commitments & Guidelines to address land challenges in Agriculture

Commitments and guidelines	Security of the tenure	Equal access to land	Managing land based agricultural investments	Land disputes and conflicts	Land and natural resource degradation	Peri-urban development
	Enhance women's land rights	Ensure equitable access to land	Prioritize land policy development/ implementation	Establish an appropriate institutional framework	Allocate adequate budgetary resources to the national land sector	Ensure equitable access to land
	Integrating land issues in policy and decision making	Strengthening the land rights of women	Enhancing access to land through tenure reform	Clarifying property rights in agriculture	Clarifying property rights in agriculture	Promoting the development of land rights transfer systems and markets
	Developing effective land administration systems		Clarifying property rights in agriculture		Protecting natural resources and ecosystems	Land needs for sustainable urbanization

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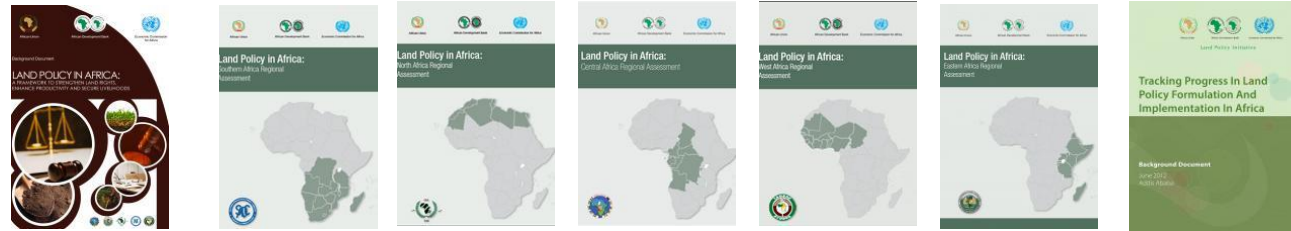
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Achievements...

Evidence, commitments, frameworks

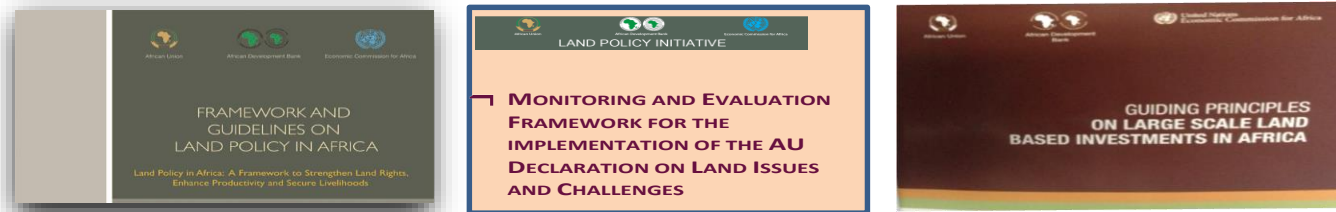
Evidence ...



Commitments...



Frameworks...



Synergies, partnerships, coherence

a) African institutions



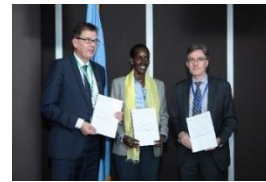
United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa



CSO Platform on
Land in Africa




Synergies, partnership, coherence; (b) international partners



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 Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Swiss Agency for Development
and Cooperation SDC



Snapshot of LPI projects

LPI/SDC funded project in Niger



- Reviewed progress in implementing rural code
- Developed guideline for land use planning
- Mainstreamed land governance in Development Plan
- Developed M&E framework to track land governance

LPI/ECA/EU supported pilot to support land policy development in Zambia



- Reviewed/ revised draft land policy
- Established multi-stakeholder platforms
 - Multi-sectoral Platform
 - Non-state actor engagement
 - Donor engagement
- M&E framework

LPI/EU mainstream land RCMRD secretariat/member states--ongoing

Objectives

Enhance capacity of RCMRD to facilitate and monitor implementation of AU Agenda in Member States

Mainstream land governance/administration in programmes of RCMRD

Strengthen capacity development of Member States and other stakeholders

Enhance RCMRD's platform for knowledge sharing to ensure dissemination of best practices

Improve partnerships, coordination, and alignment of land governance and policy-related programmes in RCMRD and Member States

Enhance monitoring and evaluation of land policies



Strengthening Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA)--ongoing

Objective

“The Human and institutional capacities for realizing sustainable land policies that pay particular attention to the rights of marginalized groups like small-scale farmers, pastoralists and women are strengthened across Africa.”

Expected outputs

- Training and education programs increased in quantity and improved in quality
- The NELGA is established under the leadership of LPI
- The analytical capacities of the African universities are strengthened



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Strengthening Capacities for Land Governance in Africa (SLGA)--ongoing

Functions of NELGA

1. Provide and facilitate academic education and training for African land professionals
2. Define an agenda for research working closely with the LPI, and conduct applied research on land related issues pertinent to the AU/Africa's agenda on land.
- 3. Develop a repository for data, indicators and information for improved land related data and statistics, as well as improved Land Information Systems (LIS);**
4. Promote knowledge management, dissemination and networking/Act as secretariat for the Conference on Land Policy in Africa/ establish a Journal for Land Policy in Africa,
- 5. Design appropriate monitoring and evaluation system; and implement pilots to facilitate tracking of land related initiatives, programs and projects**

LPI/IFAD supported project to mainstream Land governance in agriculture-- ongoing



- **6-country pilot**
 - **Cote d'Ivoire**
 - **DRC**
 - **Madagascar**
 - **Malawi**
 - **Rwanda**
 - **Tanzania**
- **Identify entry point to address land tenure/governance challenges facing Agric.**
- **Raise awareness and garner commitment**
- **Capacity building/TA**
- **Land data, monitoring**

LPI/EU mainstream land in COMESA secretariat/member states--beginning



- Enhance capacity of COMESA—staff, strategy, M&E
- Research to identify entry points
- Platform for knowledge exchange
- Capacity development
- M&E

LPI/AfDB project to implement the Nairobi Action Plan for LSLBI



Expected Results:

- Training module for legal professionals on LSLBI negotiations
- Training session for legal professionals
- Sensitization/training workshop for traditional leaders



LPI/EU/IFPRI MELA (Monitoring and Evaluation of Land Governance in Africa) Project...starting



Expected Results:

- **Comprehensive baseline database - basis for tracking of progress in implementing the AU Declaration**
- **Reports of progress made in policy development and implementation**
- **Compendia of best practices in policy development and implementation**
- **Enhanced/sustained capacity of member states for regular tracking and reporting of progress made in land policy development and implementation in Africa**

Conference on Land Policy in Africa

What: A policy and learning event

When: Nov. 14 – 18, 2017

Goal: To deepen capacity for land policy development and implementation in Africa through improved access to knowledge, networks and innovation

Audience: 400 Researchers, governments, intergovernmental organisations, parliaments, farmer, civil society, youth and women's groups, private, development/technical partners engaged in land policy





- Date: 14-17 November 2017 in Addis Ababa
- Theme: ***“The Africa We Want: Achieving socioeconomic transformation through inclusive and equitable access to land by the youth.”***
 - Aligned with AU designation of on 2017 as African’s year of youth as agents for socioeconomic transformation: *“Harnessing Africa’s Demographic Dividend through Investment in youth”*
 - Africa –most youthful continent -- 65% of persons between the productive and employable ages of 15 to 35 years
 - Enhancing equitable access to land by the youth will contribute towards realization of the *“Africa We Want”* as envisioned in Agenda 2063 .

FAO-LPI transversal project to support EU/SDC/GIZ land governance country Pilots



- **Phase I**

Angola, Burundi

Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia

Kenya, Malawi

Niger, Somalia

Swaziland

- **Phase II**

Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea

Bissau, Sudan, Uganda

Expected outcome:

Integrated application of
F&G in land reform
processes

Thank You!!