



Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure: Implications for Small Island Developing States

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Unprecedented global momentum to work on tenure



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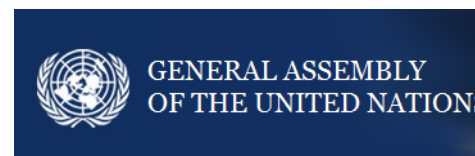
The Voluntary Guidelines: International recognition

“a milestone achievement.”

José Graziano da Silva, Director
General, FAO

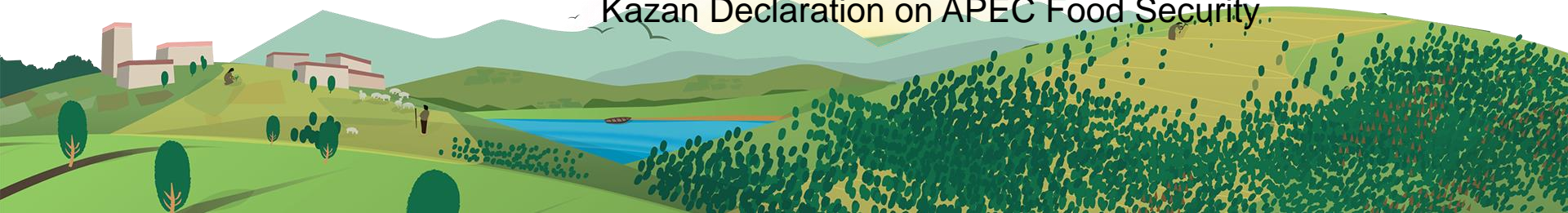
“An historical momentum.”

Alberta Guerra, Action Aid International



“We encourage private investment to be carried out in a responsible manner with VG and PRAI being taken into account.”

Kazan Declaration on APEC Food Security.



A true global multi-stakeholder consensus



RESEARCH AND NETWORKING

- 2000 onwards

CONSULTATIONS

- 2009 – 2010

DRAFTING

- 2011



NEGOTIATIONS

- 2011 – 2012

ENDORSEMENT by CFS

- 11 May 2012



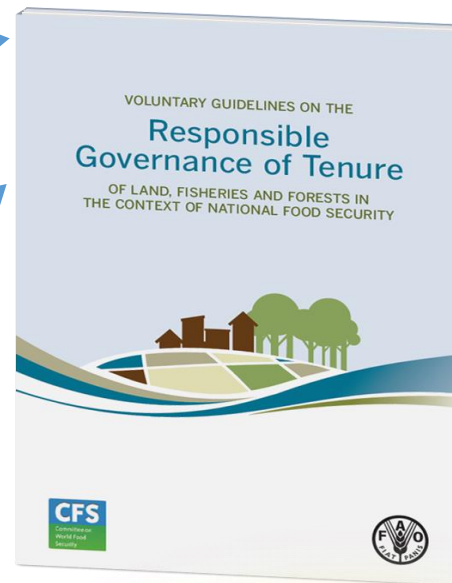
The international framework for work on tenure

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First **international
consensus** on
governance of
tenure

Cross-sectoral
approach: **land,
fisheries and forests**

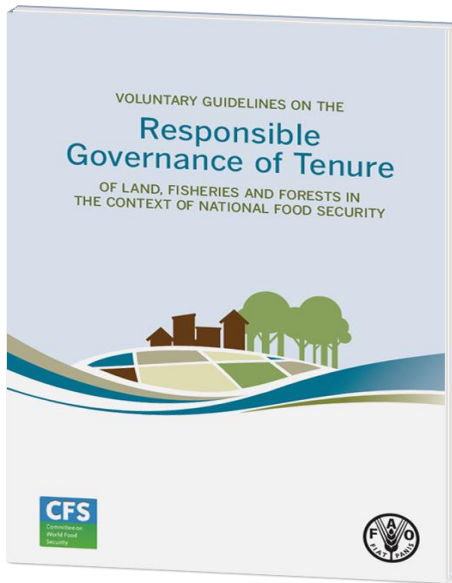
...to contribute to **food
security, sustainable
development** and
**environmental
management...**



Consider **all forms of
tenure**: Public, private,
communal, customary,
informal...



The international framework for work on tenure

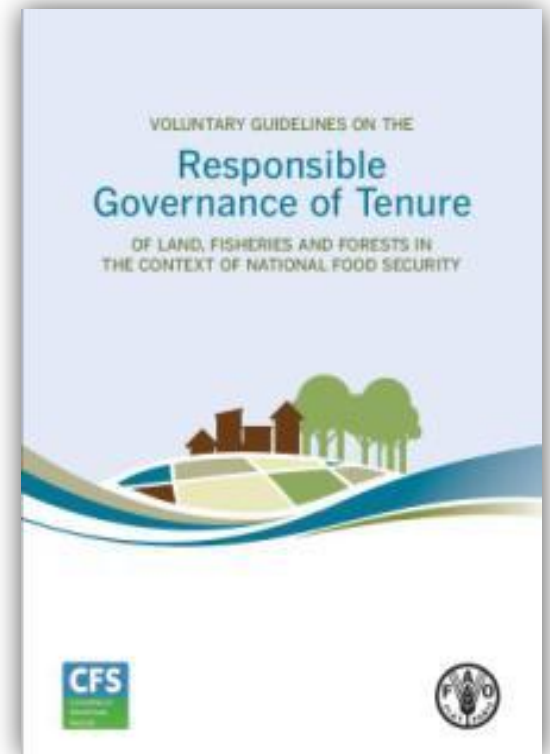


- **COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY**
- **VOLUNTARY**
- **MULTI-STAKEHOLDER**
- **REFERENCE DOCUMENT**
- **PRINCIPLES AND INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS**
- **FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPING STRATEGIES, POLICIES, LEGISLATION, PROGRAMMES**



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the information!



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Guidance which applies to all sections

Part 1: Preliminary

Sets the direction:

- Objectives
- Nature and scope

Part 2: General Matters

Provides overall guidance:

- Guiding principles.
- Tenure rights.
- Policy, legal and organizational frameworks.
- Delivery of services.



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Part 3: Legal recognition and allocation of tenure rights

- Safeguards
- Public lands, fisheries and forests
- Indigenous peoples and others with customary tenure
- Informal tenure

Part 4: Transfers and other changes to tenure rights

- Markets
- Investments
- Readjustments
- Restitution
- Redistributive reforms
- Expropriation

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Part 5: Administration of tenure

- Records of tenure rights
- Valuation
- Taxation
- Regulated spatial planning
- Resolution of disputes over tenure
- Transboundary matters



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Part 6: Responses to climate change and emergencies

- Climate change
- Natural disasters
- Conflicts

Part 7: Promotion, implementation, monitoring and evaluation

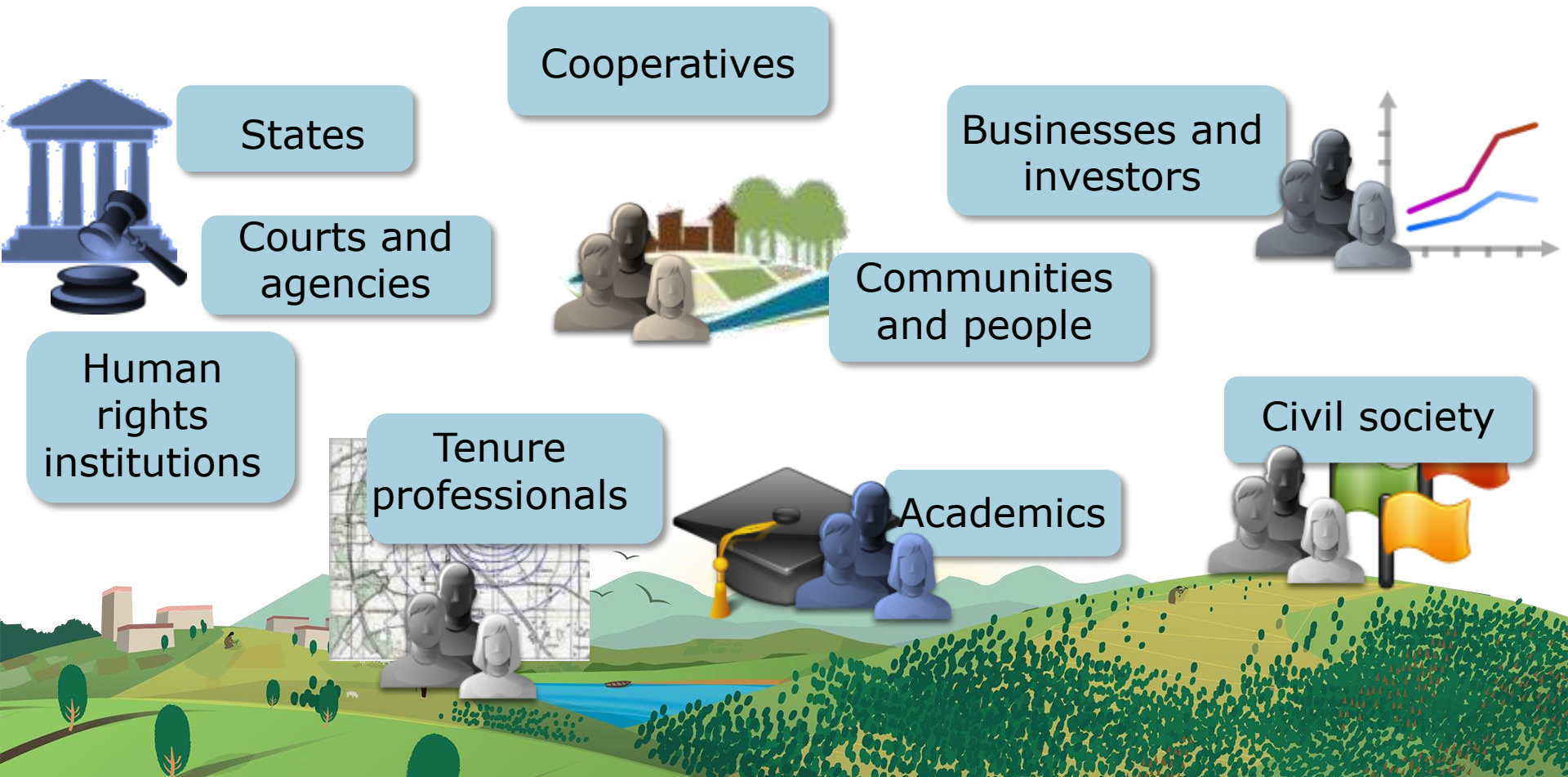


Putting the Voluntary Guidelines into action



Who do the Voluntary Guidelines apply to?

The **whole of society** needs to be involved because tenure of land, fisheries and forest affects everyone in some way.





Global support to implementation:

Countries and governments;

Global Donor Working Group on Land;

Coalitions (GLTN, ILC);

CSOs;

Private sector;

Academia, and;

Professionals (FIG and member associations)

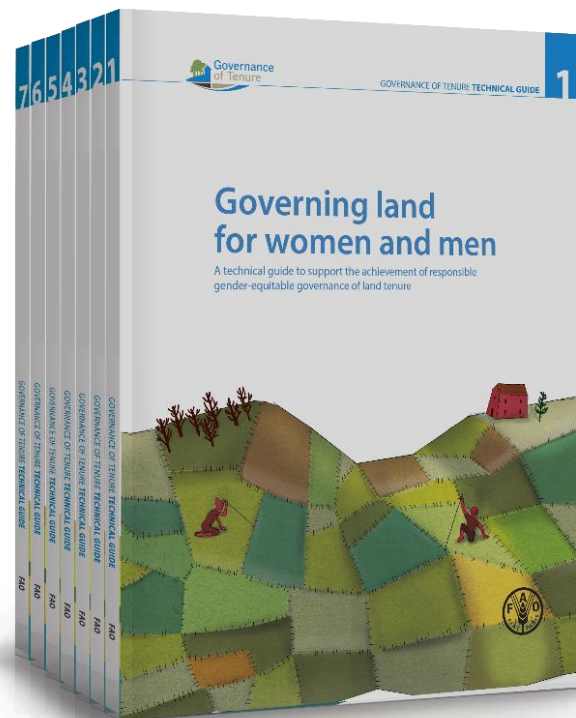


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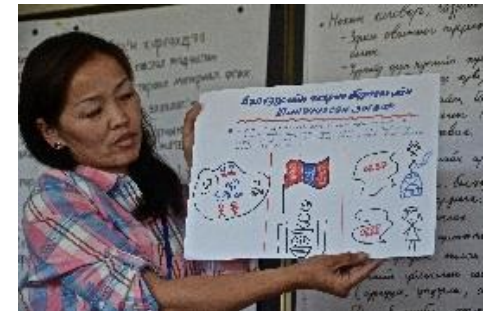
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E-learning modules:



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Learning programmes:



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Welcome to the online workshop "Governing land for women and men".

Before you start, please take a few minutes to check out our tutorials, where you can find support on how to navigate the course site.

Need support with your training? Write your question in this forum if you have any queries about the learning activities or about the content, or send a private message to Gaynor or Fatima, your facilitators.

Technical Problems? In case of technical problems, please contact our technical support:
✉ email: smartali@modatouch.it Skype: sara.mary

Where are we now? We are now in the mentoring phase of our learning programme. Please take advantage of this space to maintain an open channel of communication with your colleagues; keep sharing and learning from them, receive Gaynor and Maria's advice, and let us know how you are doing with the implementation of your action plan. Enjoy it!

GOVERNING LAND FOR WOMEN AND MEN

1. Introduction to gender-equitable governance of land tenure

The Responsible Governance of Tenure [Course Menu](#) [Additional Info](#)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Lesson 1 Introduction to gender-equitable governance of land tenure

At the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

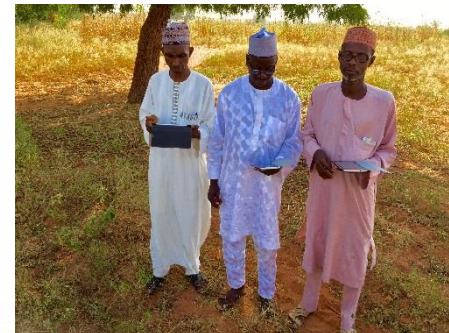
- understand the purpose of the *Voluntary guidelines on the responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests in the context of national food security*;
- identify the features of responsible, gender-equitable governance of land tenure; and
- understand the importance of rights to land for women.

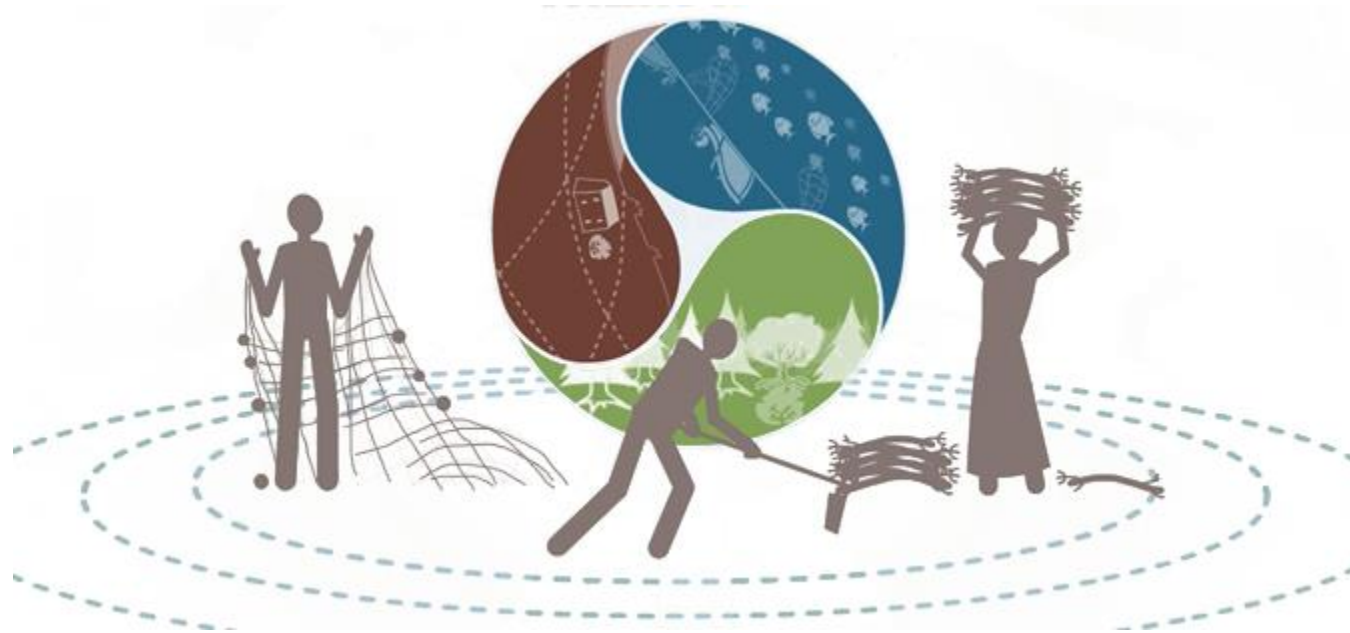
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FAO's work: Capacity development tools and approaches

SOLA and Open Tenure software applications:



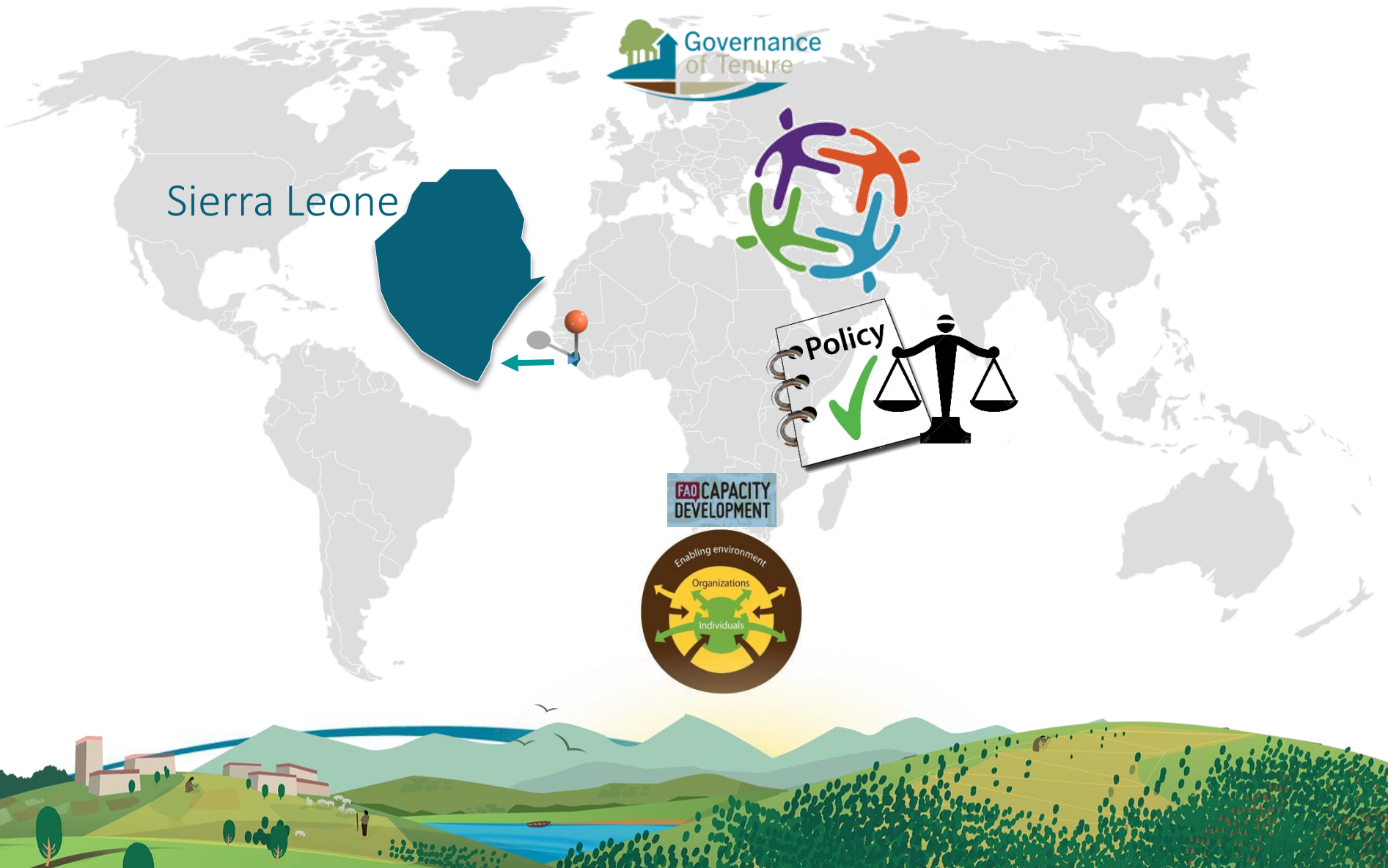


FAO's work: Progress at country level

Providing multi-tiered support



FAO's work: within countries



FAO's work: across neighbouring countries

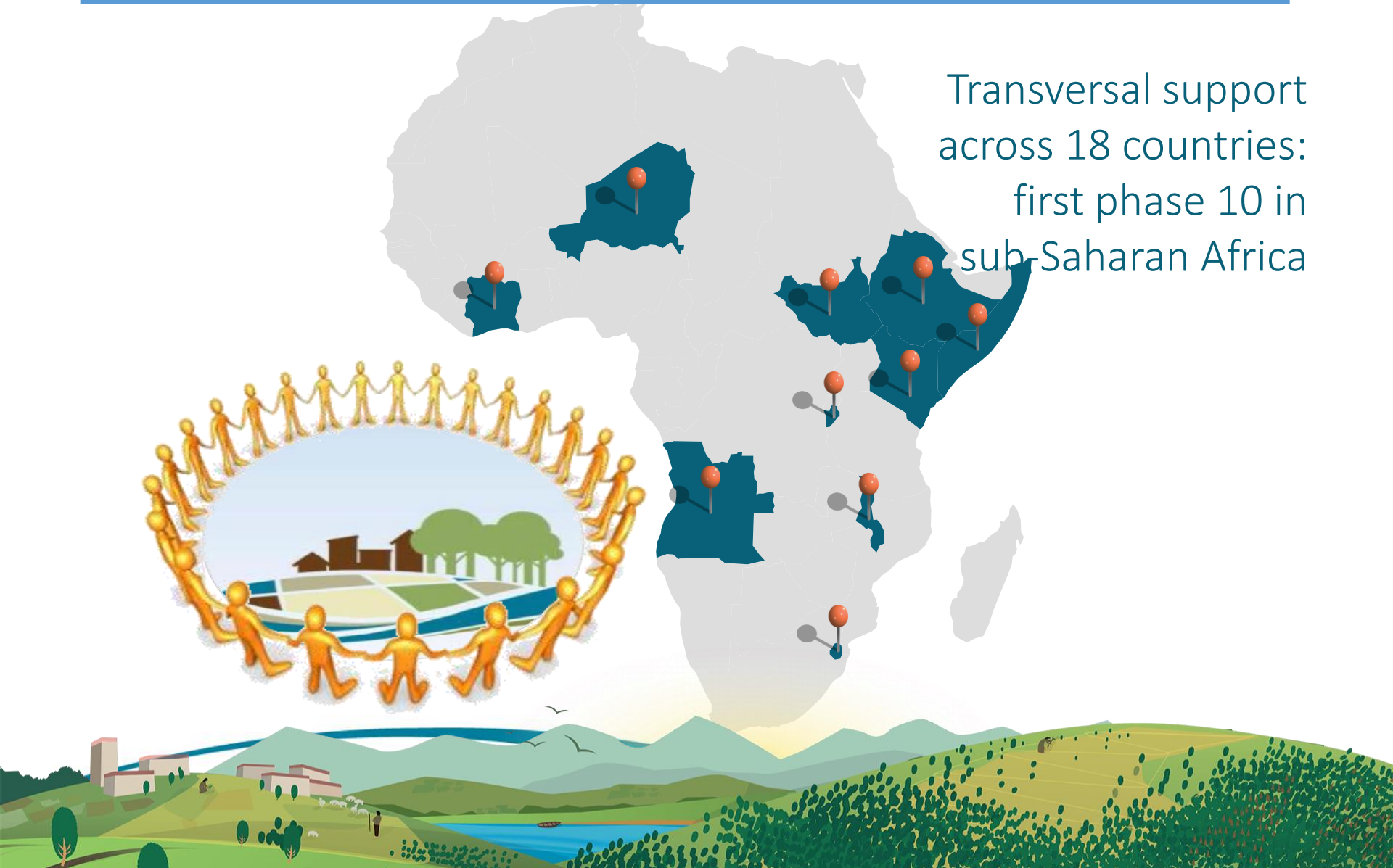


Senegal River Basin

Mekong Region

FAO's work: lessons learnt across multiple countries

Transversal support
across 18 countries:
first phase 10 in
sub-Saharan Africa



Voluntary Guidelines: Implications for SIDS and tenure professionals

Challenges from SAMOA, SDGs and others:

- Climate change and natural disaster risks
- Urbanization and informality
- Tenure governance

Tenure and access are cross-cutting themes in an era of increasing pressure on natural resources and access



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Opportunities:

- Technological change is a key enabler (even since 2010!)
- Political will, agreement and support
- Consensus on tenure as a key cross-cutting issue
- Recognition and support for key tenure initiatives





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What do you see as the key set of actions?

Thank you

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