Woman’s Access to Land

Developing gender evaluation criteria for large scale land tools

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The cross-cutting gender issue
Women’s Access to Land – FIG Guidelines 2001

**Formal Legal System**
- property rights
- inheritance
- divorce and marital property rights
- land use control
- access to legal enforcement of rights

**Custom and Religion**
- division of labour
- extended family support/ responsibilities
- inheritance
- traditional rights of use
- social structure of community

**Women’s Access to Land and Housing**

**Status within the Domestic Unit**
- decision-making power
- community/household support systems
- extended family responsibilities
- family structure

**Economy and Education**
- access to basic education
- access to credit and other inputs
- access to supplemental wages

*Komjathy & Nichols 2001*
A partnership approach

- GLTN is setting the agenda and push for developing gendered land tools
  Facilitating a gendered approach through global networking
- Grassroots organisations push for equity and human dignity at local level – the social lens
  Making Change agents understand the consequences of current social arrangements and the options for change.
- Land professional push for sustainable and gendered land governance in support of the MDGs – the technical lens.
  Making change agents understand the consequences of current institutional arrangements and the options for change.

This may be achieved in a partnership.
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- FIG is strongly committed to the GLTN gender agenda
- The process of developing gender responsive criteria through workshops - with first the grassroots organisations and then the land professionals - has been encouraging
- The e-forum for developing the criteria has been challenging and demanding for producing an outcome.
- This outcome is now ready IN the GLTN flyer on “Gender evaluation criteria for large scale land tools”.

Implementation is urgent
The future belongs to our children