



# **FAO's land tenure activities in Southern and Eastern Africa**

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# 1. FAO - context

- FAO's strategic concerns
- Improving access to land and other resources
- Includes several areas of activity related to land reform and redistribution
- How FAO works



## 2. Sustainable development and land tenure

- FAO's Sustainable Development Department ([www.fao.org/sd](http://www.fao.org/sd))
- Sustainable development and land tenure
- The Land Tenure Service
- FAO and FIG



## 3. The Land Tenure Service

- Normative activities
- Field activities
- Integrated approach towards normative and field activities
- Integrated approach within FAO's technical divisions



## 4. Normative activities

### Information

- Contributions to information - WB regional land policy meetings - FIG/FAO meetings - Lusophone meetings on land issues - Land Reform Bulletin  
([www.fao.org/sd/ltdirect/landrf.htm](http://www.fao.org/sd/ltdirect/landrf.htm))
- Technical issues - land access; common property; gender; HIV/AIDS; peri-urban tenure; rural land tax



## **5. Normative activities cont'd**

### **Guidelines**

- Land leasing
- Land tenure and rural development
- Gender and access to land
- Rural land taxation
- Land conflict management
- Peri-urban land tenure regularisation
- Capacity building



## 6. Example: Land conflict

- Rationale for development
- National case studies
- Framework papers and consultation (Rome)
- Regional conferences (Pacific; Latin America) - partnerships
- Training materials - sustainable livelihoods framework - piloting
- Guidelines, dissemination, workshops, field programme



# 7. Field programme activities

## Field programme

- Examples of current field activities in the sub-region
- Lusophone countries land law development
  - Mozambique; Angola; Guinea Bissau
- Namibia commercial farms land tax



## 8. Future approaches

- Increase in land tenure related demand
- Improving capacity and decentralisation
- Reinforcing existing and developing new partnerships
- Co-operation with NGO/CSOs



# 9. Summary

- Information
- Advice to Governments
- Neutral forum
- Development assistance