



Implementation of the VGGTs in LDN programmes. Insights from Benin, Madagascar, Malawi, Kenya

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Land Degradation Neutrality: Beyond hopes

- From the **129 countries** that committed to Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN), over **100** set their targets at national level
- A key principle in LDN implementation: **protect human rights and enhance human well-being**

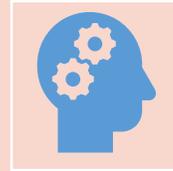
*“Actions taken in pursuit of LDN **should not compromise the rights of land users** (especially small-scale farmers and indigenous populations). These actions should support livelihoods, and should not diminish the productive capacity or cultural value of the land” UNCCD*

Decision 26/COP.14 a landmark Decision that encourages parties to **recognize legitimate tenure rights** and follow the **principles of the VGGTs** in LDN initiatives

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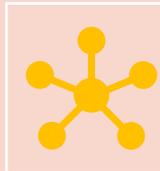
Analyze tenure rights in LDN



Explore safeguards



Co-develop approaches



Inform global processes

A project designed to support the implementation of **UNCCD Decision 26/COP.14** that encourages parties to *recognize legitimate tenure rights* and follow the *principles of the VGGTs* in LDN initiatives

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Findings

- A lot of planning instruments and management mechanisms, **limited implementation** on the ground
- Communities lack institutional and technical capacities to **claim and safeguard their land rights**:
- Municipalities need **institutional and technical capacities** to uptake tenure right formalization processes
- **Limited awareness and participation**:
Municipalities are often not aware of countries' commitments and not associated in the formulation of policy measures



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