Land Tenure in the Context of Sustainable Rural Development: the Contribution of the Land Tenure Service of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations

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ABSTRACT

The paper reviews the broad aims and objectives of the Food and Agriculture Organization in the context of the challenges for sustainable development. It identifies the Organization's structure and the mechanisms by which the Organization addresses these areas under its programme of research and field activities. Specific attention is paid to issues relating to land tenure in this context and the role of the Organization's Land Tenure Service.

Looking to the future the paper addresses how FAO's programmes and activities are developing in response to the demands of the Organization's member nations.

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