

Where Bottom-Up and Top-Down Meet: Challenges in Shaping Sustainable & Scalable Land Interventions

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SUMMARY

LAND-at-scale is a land governance support programme for developing countries from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. The programme has been launched in 2019. The aim of the programme is to scale successful land governance initiatives and to generate and disseminate lessons learned to facilitate further scaling. The approach is programmatic with emphasis on contributing to structural, just, sustainable and inclusive change and enabling environment for stakeholders to manage and maintain the results. Gender equality and equity and climate resilience are cross cutting themes. Foreseen impact is related directly to SDG 1, 2, 5, 11, 15 and 17 and indirectly to 8, 9, 10, 13 and 16. LAND-at scale now has projects in 16 countries (Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Colombia, Egypt, Mali, Mozambique, Palestine Territories, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, Vietnam and Zimbabwe). The ultimate goal is to enhance perceived tenure security to an extent that allows for sustainable investments on secured land. Common challenges relate to align central cadastral procedures to local offices and the reality on the ground. More specifically challenges relate to: Connecting customary (informal), local formal and central formal procedures and data; creating accepted grievance, dispute resolution and conflict mediation systems, addressing gender equality and equity in law, legislation and practise and alignment of land rights to land use planning. The programme has a separate pillar for knowledge management which will support the quest to answering the above with colleagues and partners in the field of land governance. The paper to be published for the FIG will detail the findings and specific questions to discuss.

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