



Key land issues identified/ discussed

- Complexity of land issues in Africa
 - Diversity (Ecological, historical, economic, political; legal pluralism...
 - Rapid change (Population growth; urban development; climate change...)
 - Political implications
- State sovereignty over land
- Customary based land rights/ systems
- Gender and access/ ownership of land
- Land for agricultural development/ other economic uses
- Land taxation
- Land use planning
- Challenge of innovative/effective land administration systems
- Emerging land issues: LSLBI...



Challenge of customary land rights

- Majority of African lands owned/ claimed under customary regimes
- Legitimacy vs. legality
- New trend of land policies: acknowledging legitimacy of land rights (governance)
- How to document/ secure customary based land rights?
- While making land available for investments?

Challenge of improving land administration systems

- Key impediments to land policy implementation identified
 - Defects in policy development
 - Lack of implementation strategies
 - weak capacity to manage change
 - Inadequate baseline data
 - Inadequate implementation infrastructure
 - Weak M&E systems/ mechanisms of land policy...
- Better understanding the new land reforms (advocacy)
- Enhancing the capacity of those in charge of implementation of the policy: Change agents
- Contributing to M&E of land policy (data)

Issues related to LSLBI

Lack of knowledge of existing land resources

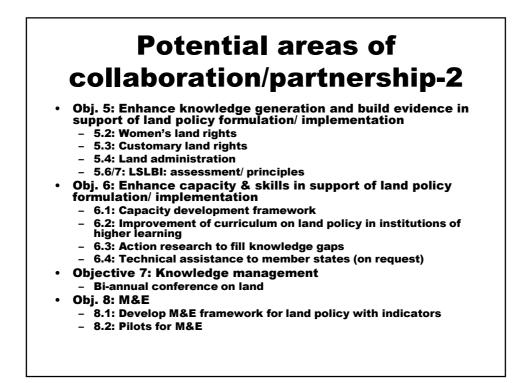
- What amount of lands suitable for agriculture?
- Where are lands available for allocations?
- Claimed rights of communities (ownership rights; use rights...)?
- Availability of lands in a long term perspective
- No consideration of land based resources in land allocations
 - Access to water resources
 - Pastoral land use
 - Forest use rights (hunting; gathering; access to medicinal plants...)
- New ecosystem services
- Value of the land allocated to investors
- Africa targeted partly because land extremely cheap (in fact no cost)
- What value for rural lands (usually underestimated...) Compensation
- Compensation
 - How to compensate: customary land rights not recognised by laws
 - Who to compensate: Customary land rights are collective (women...)

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- Obj. 2: Mainstreaming land in the agenda for africa's development
 - 2.3: review plans and strategies of selected countries and advocate for inclusion of land
- Obj. 3: Enhance synergies/ coordination & mobilise resources
 - 3.1: Enhance synergies/ cooperation among partners in support of AU Declaration (concept notes; MoUs...)
- Obj. 4: Improve communication, advocacy in support of the implementation of AU Declaration awareness raising

 4.2: Develop/ disseminate advocacy materials in support of land policy development/ implementation



Way forward

- Exchange of information on scheduled activities
- Concept note to explore/ discuss future collaboration
- MoU/ LoA on agreed priority areas
- Joint initiatives/ programming
- Progress tracking/ Lesson learning

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