

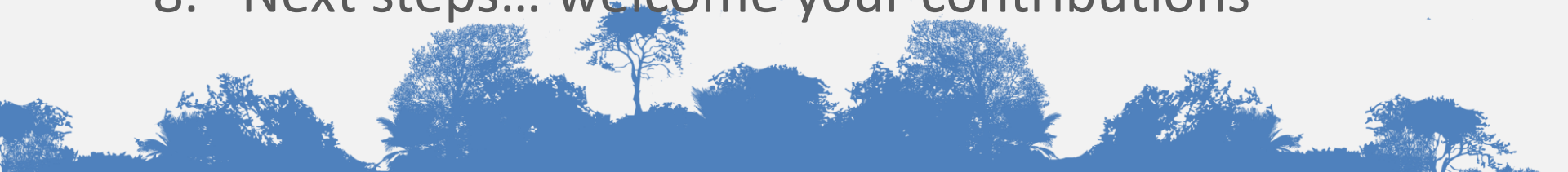
Work on Tenure in the context of REDD+

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1. Land tenure definition

- *“Land tenure is the relationship, whether legally or customarily defined, among people, as individuals or groups, with respect to land. (...“land” is used here to include other natural resources such as water and trees. ..”*

In simple terms, land tenure systems determine **who** can use **what resources** for **how long**, and under **what conditions**.

FAO. 2002. Chapter 3 *What is Land Tenure, Land Tenure and Rural Development*, Land Tenure Studies 3 (available at <http://www.fao.org/docrep/005/y4307e/y4307e05.htm#>).



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2. Why Tenure is crucial for REDD+

Recognition of
customary tenure rights

Development and
REDD+ goals

Sustainable
management of
forests

Incentives and
benefit sharing

Decision-making
power negotiation

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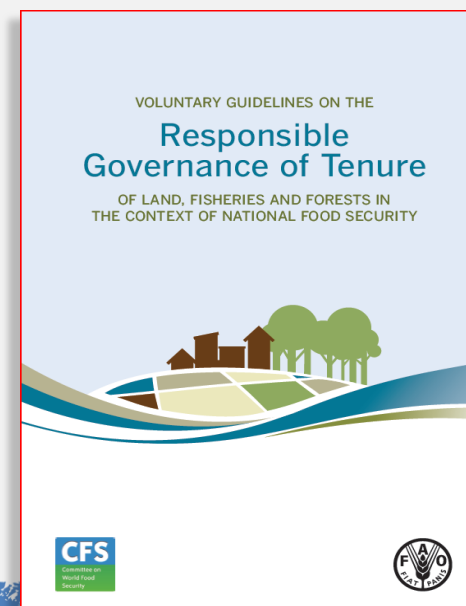
3. Tenure is widely recognised in REDD+

- *Land tenure issues* mentioned in Cancun Agreement: UNFCCC Decision 1/CP16, para 72
- Tenure key issues in RPPs, UN-REDD NPDs and Country Needs Assessment
- Lessons learned from REDD+ pilot projects, PES, FLEGT
- *Voluntary Guidelines* on tenure (Committee on World Food Security, May 2012)



4. Guiding tool: Voluntary Guidelines on Tenure (VGs)

- Guiding principles of responsible tenure governance
- Help develop policy, legal and organizational frameworks regulating tenure rights
- Enhance transparency and functioning of tenure systems
- Strengthen capacities of national agencies



5. UN-REDD work on tenure



1. PB 7 (2011) asked to develop a paper on tenure - consultation with many groups
2. Expert Meeting “*Options for addressing tenure in the context of REDD+*” (FAO, Rome February 2013)
3. Reported on expert consultation at PB 10
4. Publication “*Addressing Tenure for Successful REDD+: Analysis of Opportunities and Options*”
5. Policy brief “*Tenure and REDD+*”



6. Policy brief: 5 key messages

1. Role of tenure clarity and security
2. REDD+ requires short & long-term thinking
3. Recognition and protection of customary rights
4. REDD+ tenure arrangements as part of national tenure policy frameworks
5. Learn from experience with payment for environmental services (PES) and community forest management



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Tenure and REDD+
Developing enabling tenure conditions

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Key messages

1. Tenure clarity is needed to identify REDD+ stakeholders and is often necessary to establish equitable benefit-sharing mechanisms. Tenure security is also key to achieving long-term success in sustainable forest management and improved livelihoods.
2. REDD+ requires immediate action to enable quick implementation. Because national tenure reforms are often a lengthy process, both short and long-term measures may be required to address tenure needs for REDD+.
3. Recognizing and protecting customary rights of local communities and indigenous peoples through participatory mechanisms is important for the effective and equitable implementation of REDD+.
4. Inserting tenure arrangements for REDD+ in national tenure policy frameworks will attenuate potential risks associated with REDD+ activities; e.g. increased land competition and/or the exclusion of those not formally registered as rightsholders.
5. Experiences with payment for environmental services (PES) and community forest management approaches can offer useful insights into flexible tenure arrangements for REDD+, based on existing tenure rights to land, forests and natural resources.

7. Policy brief: 6 recommendations

1. Analyse tenure systems, reforms and recognition of tenure rights
2. National approaches can be guided by VG principles
3. Various approaches for tenure clarity; engaging local people and indigenous peoples in negotiation
4. Cross-sectoral collaboration, dialogue and a common understanding
5. Links between legal- and policy frameworks to deforestation and protection of rights-holders
6. Innovative technologies for more rapid tenure recording and administration



Work with UN-REDD countries to develop technical assistance on tenure and REDD+ in 2014-2015:

- Expanded work plan on Tenure and REDD+, but need to keep expectations realistic - complex work, extensive consultation
- Adapted to national circumstances and ongoing tenure reforms
- Aim to contribute to wider country efforts on land tenure (VGs)

Support available through:

- National programmes
- Targeted support (upon request)





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