

BREAKOUT SESSION II GROUP RIGHTS GROUP

Session 2: Strengthening Land and
Natural Resources Tenure: Tools,
Approaches and Innovations

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OBSERVATIONS/INSIGHTS

- ◉ Need a coordination point at the country level (beyond IFAD projects) for teasing out key lessons learned and available tools
- ◉ Not convinced Land Policy Initiative is tackling issue of group rights as much as they perhaps should/could
- ◉ LPI could stand to be more pro-active. Demand driven approach doesn't always occur, particularly if there is poor linkage between the focal point and the practitioners
- ◉ Lack of accountability of member states by LPI to adhere to agreed upon guidelines, etc.

OBSERVATIONS/INSIGHTS

- Mapping...who owns the information? Do communities have any rights/access to this information? Information can be used “against” them.
- Knowledge Management - seems to be lots of information available, to what extent is this information enabling learning, and how functional is the information? Best practices also need to be facilitated - how to USE the information!

5 APPLICABLE TOOLS/APPROACHES

- ◉ Satellite imagery and Landscape mapping are both useful for big picture trends, etc. and can be used more often as tools for planning
- ◉ Evictions Approaches in GLTN tool box can be useful for securing rights of informal urban settlements and “indigenous” communities
- ◉ Structured ‘learning routes’ with community members - what do you do with the info learned back in your community? What info can you impart to other communities in terms of lessons learned, etc.? It’s a two way street!
- ◉ Dissemination of relevant case studies to a wider audience through local NGOs/CBOs
- ◉ Documenting customary rules and codifying it

OTHER TOOLS

- ◉ Multi-disciplinary team approach to planning/policy development, etc.
- ◉ Structured, multi-level consultation (i.e. national/regional/provincial/county/district levels...)
- ◉ Formalizing customary institutions and structures (with an eye on gender equity and maintaining traditional/cultural values as much as possible)
- ◉ Participatory mapping of resources and resource uses can be useful for securing group use and access rights
- ◉ More good governance capacity building / Alternative Dispute Resolution skills are needed

GOING FORWARD...

Tool	How will we use the tool?
Multi-disciplinary team approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Using it in Lands Commission in Ghana •Using it in Land Use Commission in Tz •Using for formulation of Community Land Bill (Kenya)
Structured, multi-level consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Village Land Use Planning process in Tz (IFAD SRMP) •Using for formulation of Community Land Bill (Kenya)
Formalizing customary institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •IUCN Resource Advocacy Program in Garba Tula (Kenya) •Encapsulated in Community Land Rights Recognition Model (Kenya SECURE Project)
Participatory mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Village Land Use Planning process in Tz (IFAD SRMP) •Can help in boundary demarcation for communities in Ghana •Encapsulated in Community Land Rights Recognition Model (Kenya SECURE Project)
Good governance capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Encapsulated in Community Land Rights Recognition Model (Kenya SECURE Project)