

Work on Tenure

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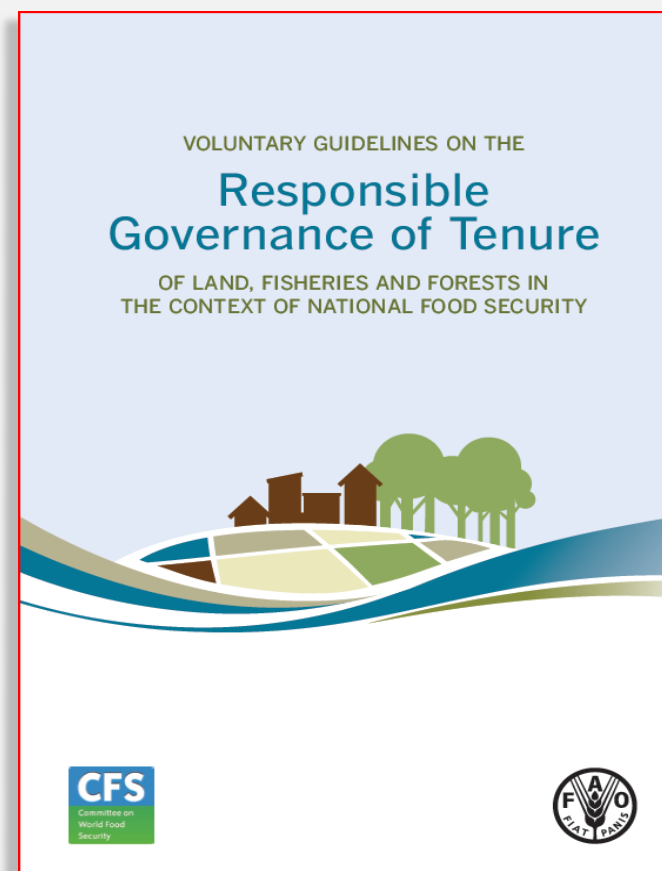
Tenure issues in the context of REDD+

- “*Land tenure issues*” are specifically mentioned in Cancun Agreement: UNFCCC Decision 1/CP16, para 72
- Countries have identified tenure among the key issues in RPPs, UN-REDD NPDs and Country Needs Assessment
- Lessons learned from work on tenure from existing REDD+ projects, PES, FLEGT, etc.
- “Voluntary Guidelines” on tenure (Committee on World Food Security, May 2012)



Voluntary Guidelines on Tenure

- Guide the rights to use, manage and control of land and forests
- Help development of policy, legal and organizational frameworks that regulate tenure rights
- Enhance transparency and functioning of tenure systems
- Strengthen the capacities of national implementing agencies, including judicial authorities; local governments; and small-scale producers



Steps so far



1. PB 9 asked to develop a paper on tenure
2. Background paper: Options for addressing tenure
3. Expert Meeting “*Options for addressing tenure in the context of REDD+*” (February 2013)
 - reform of legislative frameworks, national land-use plans and institutional development
 - establishment of benefit-sharing systems
 - assurances of transparency and compliance with existing and emerging laws and regulations
 - effective participation of stakeholders



Key issues arising

- Securing tenure rights is key to sustainable forest management and agricultural practices
- Secure tenure is a basic prerequisite for equitable benefit sharing
- Need to understand and consider multiple tenure rights and legal systems
- Customary and traditional rights must be recognized
- Stakeholder participation is required to recognise customary law and practices
- Clarify the concept of carbon rights



Levels of action

1. Local communities and local authorities - supporting decentralized governance of tenure
2. National tenure reforms, transformational change
3. Cooperation & information-sharing between levels of intervention
4. International exchange of experience and learning from other processes

TENURE REFORMS ARE LONG TERM PROCESSES; WHAT IS REALLY NEEDED FOR REDD+ TO SUCCEED?



How to make use of the opportunities?

- Inclusive national process to identify tenure needs in the context of REDD+
- Possibilities for strengthening institutional capacity and improving tenure security



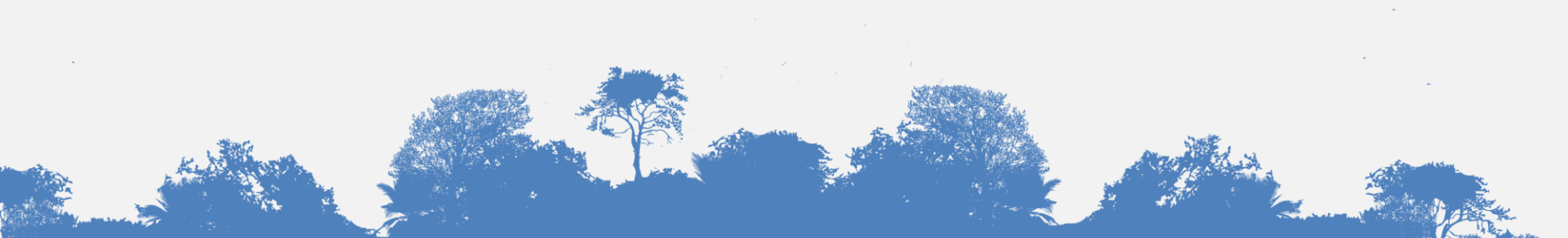
What next?

1. Analytical paper on options and opportunities underway

- Draft to Policy Board comments by mid July
- Final paper by September, available at PB 11

2. Possible inclusion of tenure issues in future NPs / targeted support, upon request

- For more in-depth / detailed in-country activities





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