

**FAO's work in tenure:  
Progress in the Voluntary Guidelines**

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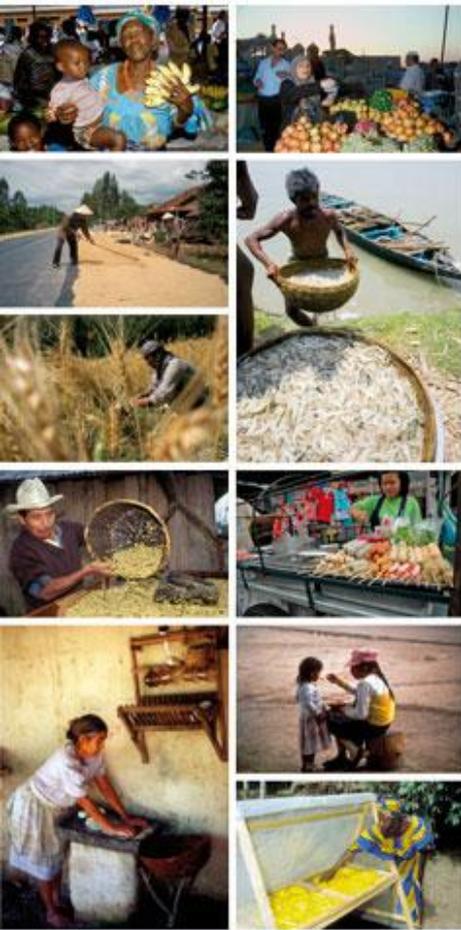
## *Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security*

Principles and internationally accepted practices to guide the preparation and implementation of policies, laws and actions related to tenure governance:

- Negotiated by member countries.
- To be endorsed by Committee on Food Security on 11 May 2012.
- Partnerships for implementation.

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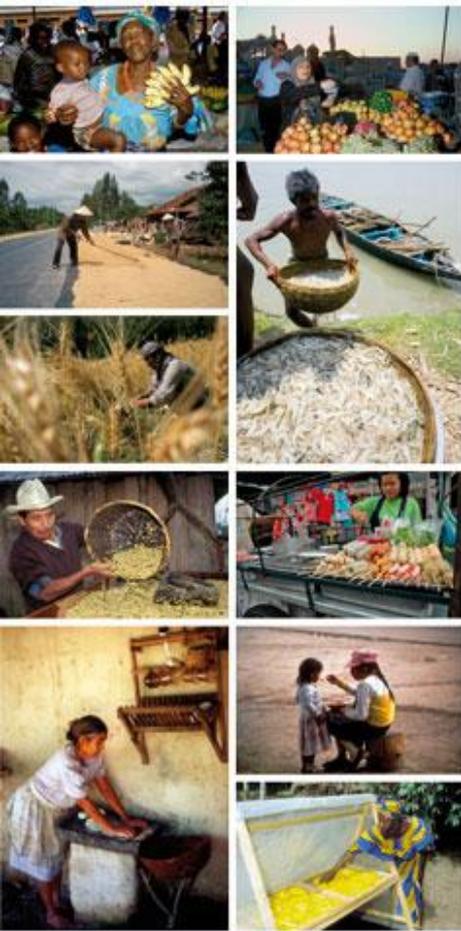
Committee on  
World Food  
Security



- Statutory Body in the UN system
- Founded 1974
- Reformed 2009
- Voice to all stakeholders in the world food system
  - Governance model
- Focus:
  - Food production
  - Physical and economic access to food

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- Coordinate a global approach to food security
- Support and advise countries
- Coordinate at national and regional levels
- Promote accountability and share best practices
- Develop a global strategic framework for food security and nutrition



# The process for developing the Guidelines

Consultations



2009 - 2010

Initial Drafts



2011  
January - June

Negotiations



July 2011  
October 2011  
March 2012

Endorsement by CFS on 11 May 2012



# What's in the Guidelines

**Part 1:** Preliminary

**Part 2:** General matters

**Part 3:** Legal recognition and allocation of tenure rights and duties

**Part 4:** Transfers and other changes to tenure rights and duties

**Part 5:** Administration of tenure

**Part 6:** Responses to climate change and emergencies

**Part 7:** Promotion, implementation, monitoring and evaluation

## A recognition of general principles:

- **Recognize and respect** legitimate holders of tenure rights, and their rights.
- **Safeguard** legitimate tenure rights against threats.
- **Promote and facilitate** the enjoyment of legitimate tenure rights.
- **Provide** access to justice to deal with infringements.
- **Prevent** tenure disputes, violent conflicts, and opportunities for corruption.

## ‘Green growth’

### The Negotiated Draft

- Is pro-poor and pro-gender equality and includes important provisions supporting these principles.
- Comprehensively addresses tenure aspects that involve indigenous peoples and other communities with customary tenure systems
- Adopts the principle of ‘holistic and sustainable approach’.
- Addresses the consideration of climate change adaptation and mitigation in the application of tenure rights