

# **Frameworks, guidelines, land policies in Africa: which place for women?**

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## **SUMMARY**

The land issue is at the heart of African news; every week newspapers report about a land story, which is often violent or even fatal. Real estate is at the basis of development. It must and therefore should be accessible to everyone. The international institutional actors and the main sponsors have since a decade put land policies at the heart of their reflection and have developed frameworks and guidelines for the reinforcement of land rights with particular attentions to women and the most vulnerable groups' rights to improve the living conditions of notably rural populations. Through a review of different documents on land policies produced by international actors, we will make a synthesis of the measures which are recommended for women's access to land and we will try to illustrate initiatives in the light of experience. We will successively study the LPI of the African Union, African development bank and economic commission for Africa consortium, the LGAF framework, FAO guidelines and the white books from the European Union and France.