









Technical Guide on the Integration of the VGGT into the Implementation of the **UNCCD** and Land Degradation Neutrality

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The technical guide

Scope

- Practical, answering the "how"
- Building on existing VGGT technical guides
- Actions at national and local levels

Audience

- Policy and decision makers
- Land administrators and potential beneficiaries

Key considerations

- Legitimate tenure rights
- Consultation and participation
- Gender-responsive approach





Technical Guide on the Integration of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security into the Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and Land Degradation Neutrality



VGGT - A brief overview

VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON THE

Responsible Governance of Tenure

OF LAND, FISHERIES AND FORESTS IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY



- Endorsed by the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in May 2012
- Encourages states to recognize, respect and protect all legitimate tenure right holders and their rights, including indigenous and customary tenure
- Have a human-rights based approach

- The first global soft law instrument on tenure
- Consensus on
 "internationally accepted practices" that already exist
- Negotiated by governments, civil society and private sector representatives
- A reference for improving the governance of tenure

Universal Pathways



Pathway 1: Enhancing policy and legal frameworks



Pathway 3:
Securing women's tenure rights and access to land and natural resources



Pathway 2: Establishing targeted policy coordination mechanisms



Pathway 4:
Setting up accessible and transparent grievance and dispute resolution mechanisms

Context-specific Pathways



Pathway 5:

Designing and implementing tenure-responsive and participatory integrated land use planning



Pathway 7:

Recognizing and documenting legitimate tenure rights on public lands



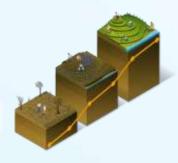
Pathway 6:

Supporting LDN through land administration tools



Pathway 8:

Recognizing and documenting tenure rights for the sustainable management of commons



Pathway 9:

Allocating and strengthening rights and duties on private land

VGGT PRINCIPLES AS THE OVERARCHING GUIDING TOOL

PRELIMARY ASSESSMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LDN INITIATIVE

Land tenure assessment

(Understanding the legitimate tenure rights)

Gender assessment

(Understanding the gender roles, norms and inequalities)

Biophysical assessment

(Understanding the direct and indirect drivers of land degradation)



IDENTIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PATHWAYS TO IMPROVE GOVERNANCE OF TENURE

Universal pathways

(are applicable to all LDN initiatives)



Pathway 1: Enhancing policy and legal framework



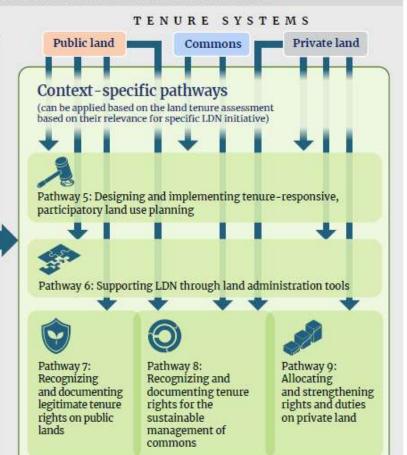
Pathway 2: Establishing targeted coordination mechanisms



Pathway 3: Securing women's tenure rights and access to land and natural resources



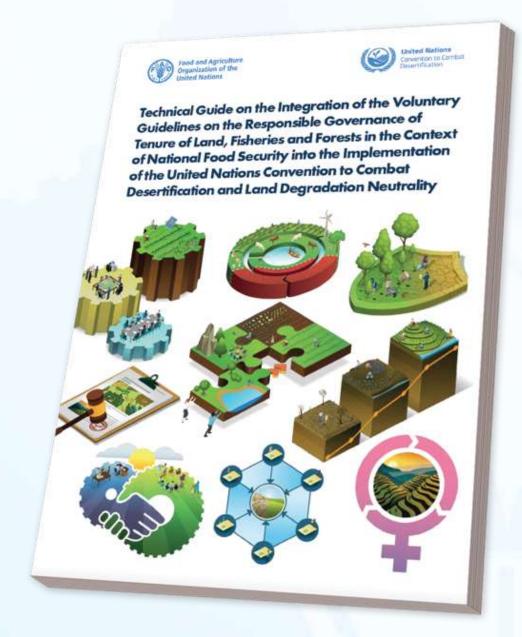
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The multi-pathway approach for the integration of governance of tenure to achieve LDN

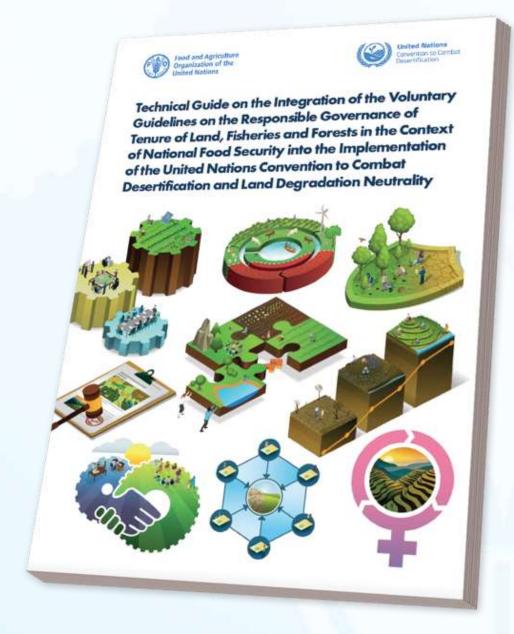
Key Messages from the Technical Guide

- Secure tenure increases the positive impact of LDN initiatives for people and the planet
- Addressing tenure in LDN initiatives begins with the assessment of the local needs and conditions
- Meaningful and inclusive consultation and participation of all stakeholders is essential to ensure that legitimate tenure rights are not overlooked in LDN initiatives



Key Messages from the Technical Guide

- Gender-responsive approaches address underlying inequalities in control and access to land resources and are needed for realizing transformative change
- Awareness-raising and the sharing of lessons learned on responsible land governance enhances dialogue, partnerships and mutual learning
- Data and indicators on land governance are currently limited in scope but essential for tracking progress and identifying gaps











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