

Women's land rights as a critical governance lever across multiple agendas

Women's land rights are a critical leverage point across multiple policy agendas, including climate adaptation and mitigation, biodiversity conservation, drought resilience, and food security.

Evidence from TMG's portfolio demonstrates that strengthening women's land tenure security has clear multiplier effects on:

- sustainable land and natural resource management,
- household food security and nutrition,
- and resilience to climate shocks and land degradation.

Women's land rights therefore function as a safeguard protecting women from dispossession and exclusion, as well as an enabler of effective and inclusive implementation of land-based policies and investments.

TMG's contribution is rooted in locally anchored work that strengthens women's access to rights, institutions, and decision-making processes.

Concrete examples from the WLR portfolio include:

Haki Ardhi - Women's Land Rights Reporting Tool

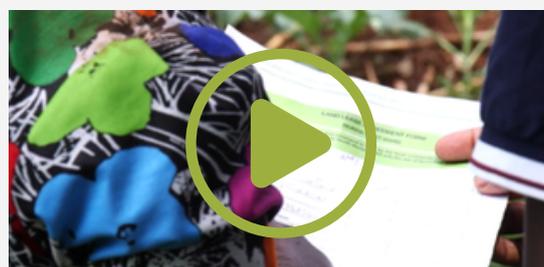
Developed with community-based partners, Haki Ardhi enables women to document and report land rights violations through trusted local mechanisms. The tool strengthens access to justice, increases visibility of tenure risks linked to land-based investments, supports institutional learning, and demonstrates how community-led tools can inform national and international dialogues on land governance, climate justice, and human rights.



Further resources [here](#) and [here](#).

Land Leasing Guidelines for Women

This community-driven innovation provides an alternative way for women to access land and formalizes previously informal leasing arrangements, increasing legal clarity and predictability. By improving women's access to land, reducing disputes, and strengthening local governance structures, the guidelines demonstrate how gender-responsive tenure solutions can be scaled and mainstreamed by county authorities and local institutions.



An [overview](#) and a [video](#).



The [Women's Land Rights Initiative \(WLRI\)](#) is a global initiative of more than 60 organizations that connects a community of land, gender and climate advocates, operating at global, national, and grassroots levels. It provides mechanisms through which such locally developed solutions are shared, replicated, and systematically connected to national and international policy processes.

The WLRI works to integrate women's land and tenure rights into the policy frameworks, work programmes, and implementation processes of the three UN Rio Conventions on climate change, biodiversity, and desertification. Through joint policy positions, technical inputs, and engagement with Convention processes, the WLRI strengthens coherence across the Conventions and supports the integration of women's land rights into national implementation and reporting frameworks, with direct involvement of grassroots women's organizations.

The Initiative builds directly on TMG's long-standing work on land tenure and accountability under the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), including the follow-up to UNCCD decisions on land tenure and legitimate land rights and TMG's engagement in policy and implementation processes.



See the WLRI video [here](#)

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