



Land Rights and Gender Responsive Climate Action

Background

Land is the common thread among climate change mitigation and adaptation, ecosystem restoration, as well as biodiversity conservation.

Land and its natural resources are fundamental to lives and livelihoods, making equal access to and control over land vital to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Even though land is a finite resource, the pressures exerted on it seem to be without end. Natural climate solutions, land restoration, and biodiversity protection involve vast land use changes globally, posing significant challenges to the people living on such lands. Recognizing and protecting legitimate tenure rights, including customary rights, is a critical step to safeguard human rights, realize gender equality, and leave no one behind.

The Strategy Workshop on Women's Land Rights and the Rio Conventions, held in Berlin in July 2023, shed light on both challenges and

opportunities for empowering women's land rights and advancing the land rights agenda across the three Rio Conventions. An important pillar in this context is the work of the Conventions' National Focal Points (NFPs). However, the overall alignment and coordination of their work is often complicated by institutional silos, a lack of coordination mechanisms, differences in terminology, and a complex structure of focal points within and across the Conventions.

Participants of the strategy workshop emphasized the need for more transparent communication and coordination between NFPs and other designated focal points. Fostering cooperation between the Conventions' focal points is critical to safeguarding women's land rights and harnessing the synergies among national climate action, sustainable land management and biodiversity conservation.



Seminar Overview and Objective

Building on the insights of the strategy workshop, TMG Research is organizing a seminar during the Africa Climate Week. The seminar discusses both challenges and opportunities as perceived by National Focal Points and Gender Focal Points in their efforts to bridge between the Conventions and national implementation. Through an open discussion among designated focal points and other stakeholders, the seminar further aims to identify existing synergies and strengthen partnerships on the ground to secure and advance women's land rights for sustainable and climate-resilient landscapes.

Objectives:

01. Identify Needs and Find Synergies: Reflect on the challenges faced by the Conventions' focal points in coordinating their work and explore collaboration opportunities to secure women's land rights and protect the legitimate tenure rights of local communities in the context of national climate action and land restoration efforts.

02. Facilitate Global-Local Dialogue: Discuss measures to support focal points in their efforts to inform international processes with local perspectives on land tenure issues and consider pathways to ensure that local voices are represented and heard at global climate change discussions (*Gegenstromprinzip*).

03. Partnerships and Advocacy for Land Rights: Sketch existing partnership opportunities and determine champions of change to advance the land rights agenda across the Rio Conventions and global climate action, following the Africa Climate Week and leading up to COP28.

Location and Proposed Agenda Africa Climate Week, Nairobi

Thursday, 7 September 2023
16:30 – 19:00 (Followed by reception)

Sarova Stanley Hotel
(10-minute walk from the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, KICC)

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Thursday, 7 September 2023

16:30 – 17:00 Tea

17:00 – 17:05 Welcome
Kader Baba, Research Associate, TMG Research

17:05 – 17:15 Opening
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya

17:15 - 17:20 Inclusive Climate Action for Equitable Benefits to Local Communities
Angela Churie Kallhauge (Executive VP, Environmental Defense Fund)

17:20 - 17:35 Women's Land Rights for Africa's Climate Agenda

Expert Perspectives
Faith Alubbe (CEO, Kenya Land Alliance), Violet Shivutse (Founder and President, Shibuye Community Health Workers), UNFCCC Representative

17:35 – 17:40 The Berlin Strategy Workshop on Women's Land Rights and the Rio Conventions
Laura Rahmeier (Senior Project Manager, Robert Bosch Foundation)

17:40 - 18:20 Advancing Women's Land Rights for Climate-Resilient Landscapes

Panel Discussion, Jes Weigelt (Head of Programmes, TMG Research), in discussion with

Dr. Lucy Nganga (Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya)

National Focal Points

18:20 – 18:50 Conclusions for UNFCCC COP28

Alexander Müller (Managing Director, TMG Research) in discussion with

Sebastian Lesch (BMZ), Mohamed Adow (Director, Power Shift Africa), Esther Mwaura Muiro (Global Advocacy Director, S4HL Campaign), UNFCCC Gender Focal Point (tbc) and Sam Ogallah (Senior Climate Change Advisor, AU Commission)

18:50 – 19:00 Closure
Alexander Müller (Managing Director, TMG Research) and Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya

19:00 Reception