



Just Transitions towards Land Degradation Neutrality: Tenure Rights for Soil Restoration

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8 – 9:30am CET

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SYNOPSIS

The objective is to discuss the potential and challenges related to the implementation of the UNCCD COP14/26 decision on land tenure in the national context. The Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Kenya, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy of Malawi, the Ministre de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable of Madagascar, the Ministry of Planning and Development of Benin and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany will co-host the discussion on the urgency of addressing land tenure issues more prominently in the design and implementation of policy measures towards achieving land degradation neutrality. Ultimately, experts' discussions are expected to propose human-centered recommendations to achieve soil restoration goals and national LDN targets in ways that do no harm to or improve local communities' legitimate rights to land resources.

The panel discussions will be based on the findings of a participatory mapping of tenure rights implemented by TMG Research and partner organisations in Benin and Kenya to support the implementation of the UNCCD landmark Decision 26 - COP14. First findings confirm that, without addressing tenure issues, restoration goals will be difficult to meet without infringing on legitimate tenure rights of affected communities. Restoring degraded soils needs to go hand in hand with a thorough understanding and targeted redress of complex local tenure arrangements. Furthermore, the findings highlight a crucial need to integrate and monitor communities' legitimate rights in implementing LDN policy measures. The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests (VGGT) provide comprehensive guidance how to address this complexity.

The pilot research on tenure mapping is implemented with the technical support of GIZ and is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

08:00 – 08:05

Welcome and session objectives

ALEXANDER MÜLLER

08:05 – 08:15

Introductory remarks

MICHAEL KRAKE

THE STATE OF LAND DEGRADATION NEUTRALITY AND LAND TENURE IN KENYA, BENIN, MADAGASCAR, AND MALAWI

08:15 – 08:20

**Description of LDN and land tenure
situation in Kenya**

LUCY WAMBAI NG'ANG'A

08:20 – 08:25

**Description of LDN and land tenure
situation in Benin**

ALASTAIRE SÈNA ALINSATO

08:25 – 08:30

**Description of LDN and land tenure
situation in Madagascar**

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RAZAFINDRAHATA

08:30 – 08:35

**Description of LDN and land tenure
situation in Malawi**

TEDDIE KAMATO

THE SECURITIZATION OF TENURE RIGHTS AND THEIR IMPORTANCE FOR SOIL RESTORATION

08:35 – 08:55

Panel discussion

CONCLUSION

08:55 – 09:00

Closing remarks

ALEXANDER MÜLLER

09:00 – 09:30

Deep dive (Q&A for the audience)

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