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# Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests

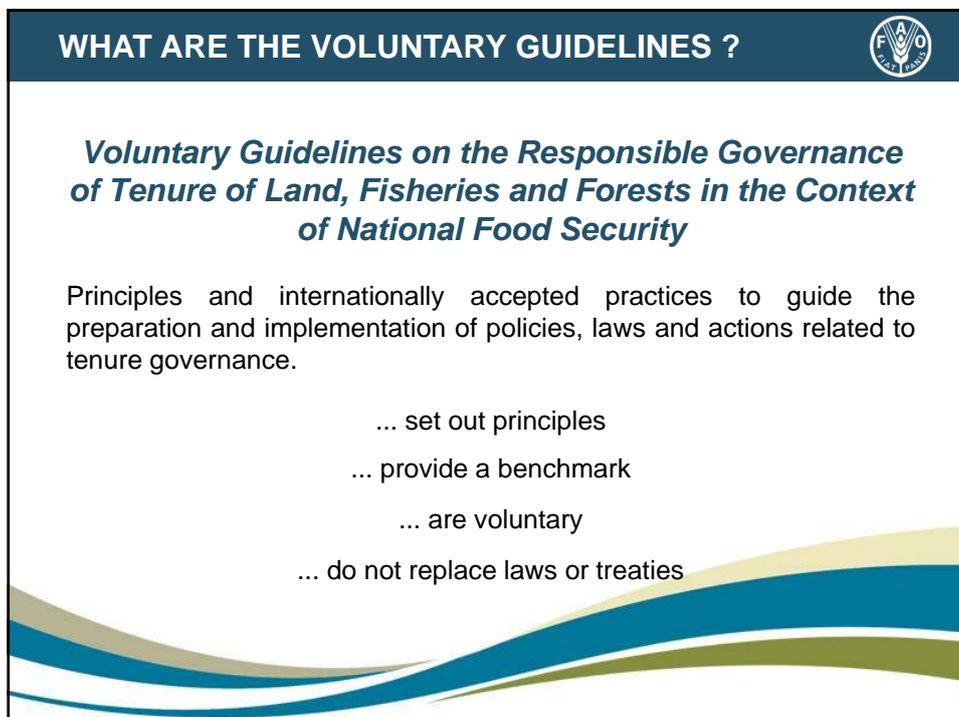
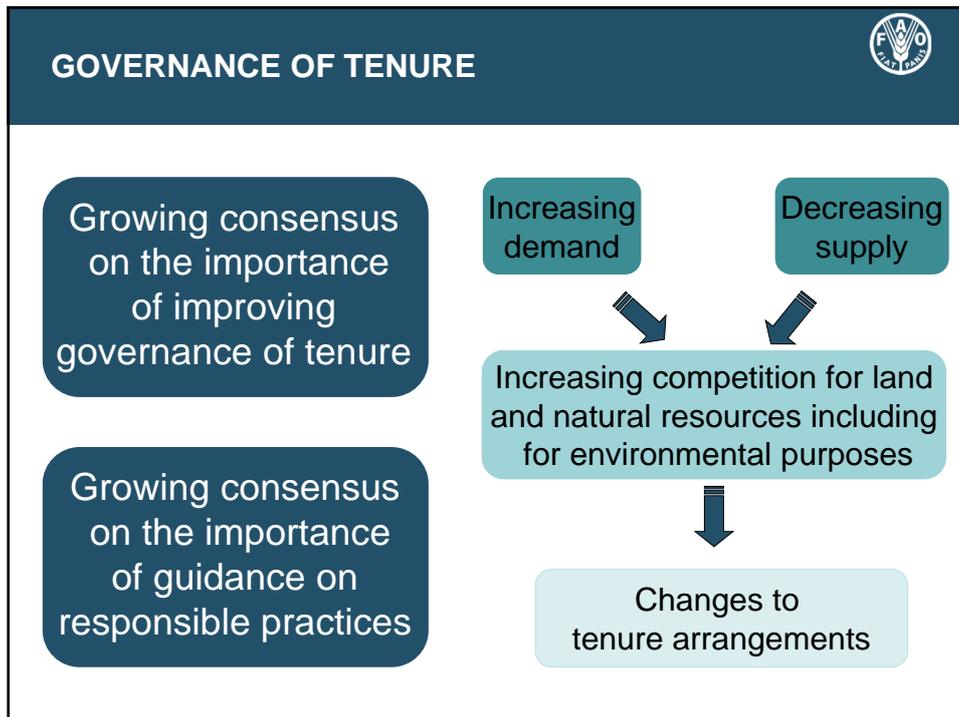
in the context of national food security



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## ACCESS TO LAND, FISHERIES AND FORESTS





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<b>Parts 1-2: General principles and principles of implementation</b>	
•	<b>RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT</b> legitimate holders of tenure rights, and their rights.
•	<b>SAFEGUARD</b> legitimate tenure rights against threats.
•	<b>PROMOTE AND FACILITATE</b> the enjoyment of legitimate tenure rights.
•	<b>PROVIDE</b> access to justice to deal with infringements.
•	<b>PREVENT</b> tenure disputes, conflicts, and opportunities for corruption.

## CONTENTS OF THE VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES

**Part 3: Legal Recognition**  
Safeguards; Public land, fisheries and forests; Indigenous peoples and other communities; Informal tenure

**Part 4: Transfers**  
Markets; Investments; Land consolidation; Restitution; Redistributive reforms; Expropriation and compensation

**Part 5: Administration**  
Records of tenure rights; Valuation; Taxation; Regulated spatial planning; Dispute resolution; Transboundary matters

**Part 6: Responses**  
Climate change; Natural disasters; Conflicts in respect to tenure

**Part 7: Promotion, implementation, monitoring and evaluation**

*The second sentence of paragraph 8.1 below was agreed by Plenary and is marked by asterisks.*

8.1 Where States own or control land, fisheries and forests, they should do [ref. 9.8 and 3B6] the use and control of these resources [in light of social, environmental and economic objectives] [towards meeting the objectives of food security, poverty alleviation and respecting the environment] \* should ensure that all actions are consistent with their existing obligations under national and international law, and with due regard to voluntary commitments under applicable regional and international instruments. \*

Where States own or control land, fisheries and forests, they should respect the tenure rights of holders and their rights, consistent with applicable law.



## DEVELOPMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES

2000 onwards

Research, networking

2009 - 2010

Consultation

2011: January - June

Drafting




**DEVELOPMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES** 

2011 - 2012  
July, October, March

**Negotiations**

11 May 2012

**Endorsement**



**DEVELOPMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES** 

**Milestone achievement**

- Globally relevant, appropriate and accepted text
- Dialogue between global, regional and national actors
- Awareness raising, capacity development, advocacy
- Networks and partnerships
- Momentum

 **Governance of tenure**  
is now the framework within  
which tenure challenges are  
being addressed



**IMPROVING GOVERNANCE OF TENURE** 

**At country level:**

- Supporting creation of inclusive national platforms
- Supporting joint assessment of the current situation
- Helping identify and address priorities (e.g. policy and legal framework, procedures, technology, capacity...)

**At regional level:**

- Working to create synergies with regional initiatives (e.g. African Union's Land Policy Initiative)

**At global level:**

- Helping create partnerships at all levels to support efforts
- Supporting development of evaluation and monitoring systems



**IMPROVING GOVERNANCE OF TENURE** 

**Awareness raising**

- Disseminating the VGs
- Encouraging actors to make use of the VGs
- Supporting implementation by countries according to their national priorities and circumstances

**Strengthening of partnerships**

- Strong, open and transparent partnerships
- Synergy with global and regional initiatives

**Monitoring and evaluation**

- Help to identify and target priority areas and to monitor progress



**IMPROVING GOVERNANCE OF TENURE** 

**Capacity development**

- Technical implementation guides
- Advice in policy design, guide interventions, promote best practices, offer innovative approaches

**Technical facilitation**

- Respond to specific country needs

 Promoting practical integrated work between multiple actors, sectors and disciplines



**IMPROVING GOVERNANCE OF TENURE** 

**Implementation guides**

- Translating general principles of the VGs into more **practical mechanisms, processes and actions**
- Useful **tools** for the design of policy and reform processes, for the design of investment projects and for guiding interventions
- **Practical reference documents.** May be used by a range of actors
- **Thematic focus:** Fisheries; Forestry; Gender; Indigenous Peoples; Agricultural Investment... (Water)...more to come



**Fisheries**



**Forestry**



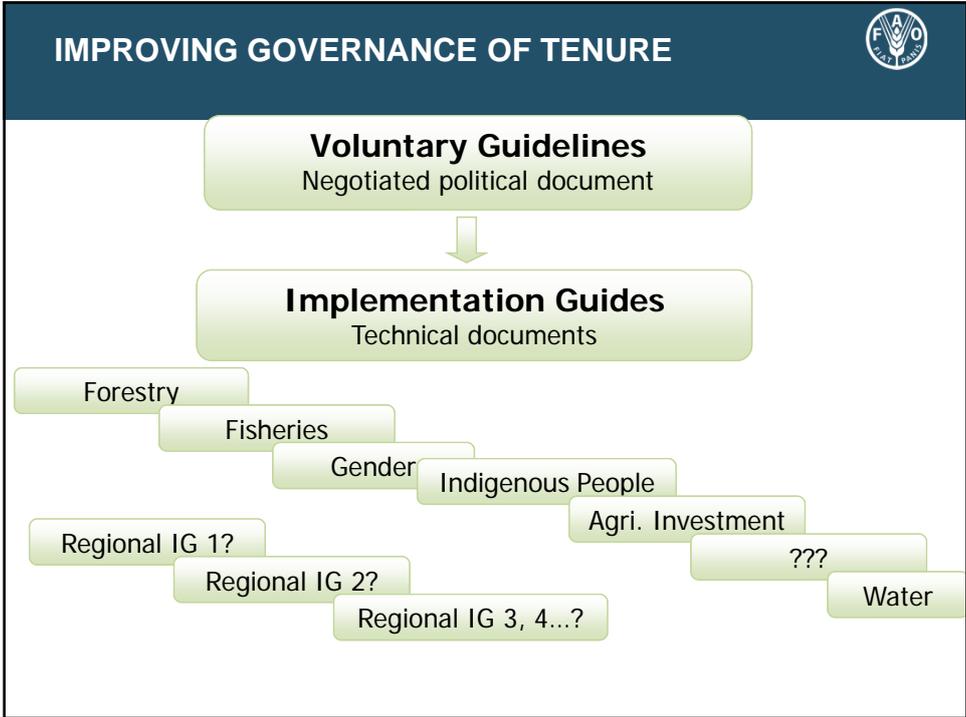
**Gender**



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