



## Voluntary guidelines for responsible governance of tenure of land and other natural resources



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# Importance of Governance of Tenure

- Weak governance of tenure stagnates groups to different level of shoes!
- In 2009; Professionals recognize the importance





# FAO and Governance of Land

- Weak governance of land can undermine all development
- Affects mainly the poor - vulnerable





What do people think? Well, we asked them.

The Global Corruption Barometer 2009; Transparency International + FAO  
- Work in progress, launching tentatively in June 2009 -

- > 60 000 people
- 65 - 68 countries
- Questions about corruption in the land sector



**Actual experience** of paying bribes in any form with land services (buying, selling, inheriting, renting) is significant.

**Perception** to the payment of bribes to land authorities is to varying degrees commonplace to obtain favourable decisions.

These **actual experiences** and **perceptions** exist to a greater or lesser degree in almost all countries, and in all regions.

Many governments have improved governance of tenure technically.

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But, there is absence of awareness, policies and actions to tackle the grand scale problems.



# FAO Instrument; Codes of Conduct/Voluntary Guidelines

- *Political - global.*
- *Reach the highest levels of governments.*
- *Voluntary.*
- *No legally binding obligations ⇒ cover more areas.*
- *Principles, standards, obligations and strategic actions.*
- *Technical advice.*







# Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and other Natural Resources

- **Objective:** To assist countries to *improve the governance of tenure of land and other natural resources.*



# Voluntary Guidelines; Partners

- FAO Natural resources, Forestry and Fisheries
- Co-funding by FAO, IFAD, Finland, UN HABITAT, GTZ and RICS.
- In negotiation: Others.
- Civil society: IPC-FIAN and FIG.
- Networking partners (World Bank).





# Consultations ;2009

- Regional Conferences:
  - Across the World; 2009 – 2010
- Civil Society Consultations
- Private Sector Consultation
- Expert Group Consultation





2010 -

- FAO governing body review/negotiation
- Adoption
- 2011 –
  - Implementation / monitoring





Voluntary guidelines will give wheels for those, who try to improve governance of tenure

# Thank You!



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