ROAD TO SUSTAINABILITY

Involving the local government sector in land projects, a case study from Benin

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Who we are

Working on local governance since 1912

Committed to strengthening democratic local governance worldwide
The local government sector is an indispensable actor in achieving sustainable land governance and secured land rights.
Projet d’appui à la gestion Foncière au niveau Local (PFL)

- Laboratory to implement Benin’s new land code
  - Turn paper into reality
- Financed by the NL Embassy in Cotonou
Local Governments at the center of Project Implementation

Context
- National Land Code
- Mandate to implement locally

Our approach: Capacity Building
- Inclusive and Participatory
- Coordination
- Driver’s seat
- Transparent

Impact
- Ownership
- Institutionalisation
- Sustainability
Local Concerns

- Spatial Planning
  - Presumptive property rights
  - PFR
- Mobilisation of resources
- Length of transition period
- Representation at national committee on land
Involving the Local Government Association

Upscaling

- Inter-municipal learning
- Lobby and Advocacy
Lobby

Building a strong lobby position for the ANCB

Gaining understanding at the national level

The road to a new proposition

Parliamentary vote

Land Code corresponding to local realities

Input from:
- Local Governments
- Other land projects
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- Parliamentarians visit PFL
- Public Hearings
- Dinner with network of parliamentarians defending decentralisation

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- Presentation at General Assembly
- Working group ANCB + PFL
- Interministerial commission
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Modification to land code to correspond to local realities
Land Code

Local Government

Mandate to Implement
Experiences

Local Government Association

Experience Sharing Platform

Lobby & Advocacy

PFL Capacity Building

Leading role in land management

Institutionalisation and credible LGs

Secured Land Rights and Integrated Land Management in Benin

Legal Framework adapted to local realities

Effective application of legal framework in all municipalities
Thank you