



## LAND GOVERNANCE MULTI STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE

### LANDdialogue Newsletter 09-2018, #2

*The LANDdialogue is a platform consisting of Dutch development organisations, universities, government institutions, and private and financial sector stakeholders who collaborate around issues of land governance.*

*Participants exchange knowledge and experiences in the area of protecting and improving land rights and land governance, within the framework of the UN Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure (VGGT). The secretariat of the LANDdialogue is based at LANDac and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.*

**Website:** [www.landgovernance.org/landdialogue/](http://www.landgovernance.org/landdialogue/)



#### **Meeting with Minister Kaag**

A delegation of Dutch organisations, consisting of the Utrecht University/ LANDac, Both ENDS, Rabobank and Kadaster, met with Minister Kaag of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation on July 5th, 2018. At the meeting Dutch efforts to improve land rights and sustainable management of land were discussed and Minister Kaag stressed the importance of the VGGT for this government. The meeting led to a number of concrete ideas for elaborating this agenda, in line with the new Policy Note of the Minister. Topics discussed were the role of land in international palmoil and cacao value chains; the importance of proper participation of local communities and local experts in land-based investments; and opportunities of improved land governance as an enabler for women



#### **LANDdialogue going forward**

The Organising Committee (OC) of the LANDdialogue gathered on June 13th in Wageningen to discuss progress of the group since its inception in 2014. Furthermore, its organising structure were discussed, as well as ways to better link up with relevant processes, including the SDG's, the Paris Climate Agreement, OECD Guidelines etc.; how to strengthen VGGT application within Dutch government policies; continuation of the current learning agenda; and how to link with concrete land governance issues in investments in the South. As an outcome of the meeting, a new governance document is being drafted, which builds on the original LANDdialogue Terms of Reference. A more elaborate summary of the topics discussed can be found on the website



#### **Land governance and responsible business agreements**

Following publication of two LANDdialogue-commissioned studies into the possible role of land governance in the International Responsible Business Conduct (IRBC agreements), the LANDdialogue has held meetings with the Social and Economic Council (SER) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to discuss follow-up. For sectors that already have a signed agreements, existing references to land governance themes have been identified, for those sectors which are still negotiating their agreements, possibilities to provide input specifically on land governance are being considered. In the next few weeks, responsible Ministry experts will meet to discuss the topic of land governance within the current discussions on IRBC. Later in the year, the IRBC Unit at the Ministry, the LANDdialogue, and the SER will

empowerment. Minister Kaag will attend the next LANDdialogue High Level meeting which takes place early 2019.



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September/ October: IRBC meeting at Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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October: Meeting infrastructure-related businesses

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mid-October: Meeting on Gender and land - Lessons from the Women's Land Rights in Africa programme and policy implications

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mid-October: Meeting on Protocol for Fair Compensation

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23 October: LANDdialogue Organising Committee meeting

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February/ March 2019: LANDdialogue High Level meeting

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More information about these events can be found on the LANDac website: [www.landgovernance.org](http://www.landgovernance.org)



### LANDac Newsletter

The LANDac Newsletter has seen two editions since May this year. You can find the LANDac Newsletter through our joint website:

[www.landgovernance.org](http://www.landgovernance.org). This month, the third Newsletter will appear. Please note that you need to subscribe separately to each Newsletter.

can be found on the website: <http://www.landgovernance.org/assets/Mini-minutes-strategy-meeting-13-June-2018.pdf>. **Call**

**for input: If you are interested in partnering with us for any of these themes, or you have suggestions for additional topics, please contact the LANDdialogue secretariat: [g.betsema@uu.nl](mailto:g.betsema@uu.nl)**



### Organising Committee: call for new members

The LANDdialogue Organising Committee (OC) currently consists of Both ENDS, FMO, LANDac, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oxfam Novib, Rabobank, en Universiteit Utrecht. The OC now wants to broaden its membership, to better represent the different sectors within the Netherlands. There is a particular interest to also bring in

experiences of production and/or construction companies. **If you are interested in joining the OC, or you have suggestions for new members, please contact us!** We will keep you informed about this process.

decide on organising either sector-specific or a cross-sectoral learning event.



### Oil and gas investments in Mozambique: a research into local communities' perspectives

At the most recent High-level LANDdialogue meeting, the future engagement of Shell in the Cabo Delgado province in North-Mozambique was brought to the table. Subsequent discussions led to the proposal of a local learning and exchange trajectory. In this spirit, the LANDdialogue supported a 6-week local research which focused on local communities' perspectives and aspirations for the future, as well

as current and expected socio-economic impacts on local communities in the investment area. Subsequently meetings were organised with local communities and a range of Mozambican actors from different companies, district government, NGOs and others to share the findings and discuss possible responses and solutions. Outputs and findings from the work will be available in the coming months. Stay tuned!



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