



Lessons from country experiences

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Best practices

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- No magic solutions
 - No perfect country or law
 - Only examples of countries trying make things better with different degrees of success

What tools/studies are available?



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- **Research** – CIRAD, ILC, World Bank, UNCTAD, FAO, IFAD
 - **Developing training materials** – e.g. guides, handbooks, model laws and contracts
 - **Soft law tools and policies** – e.g. National agricultural investment plans (NAIPs), AU Guiding Principles on Large-Scale Land-Based Investments, strategies, etc...
 - **Hard law tools** – e.g. national laws & regulations, investment contracts

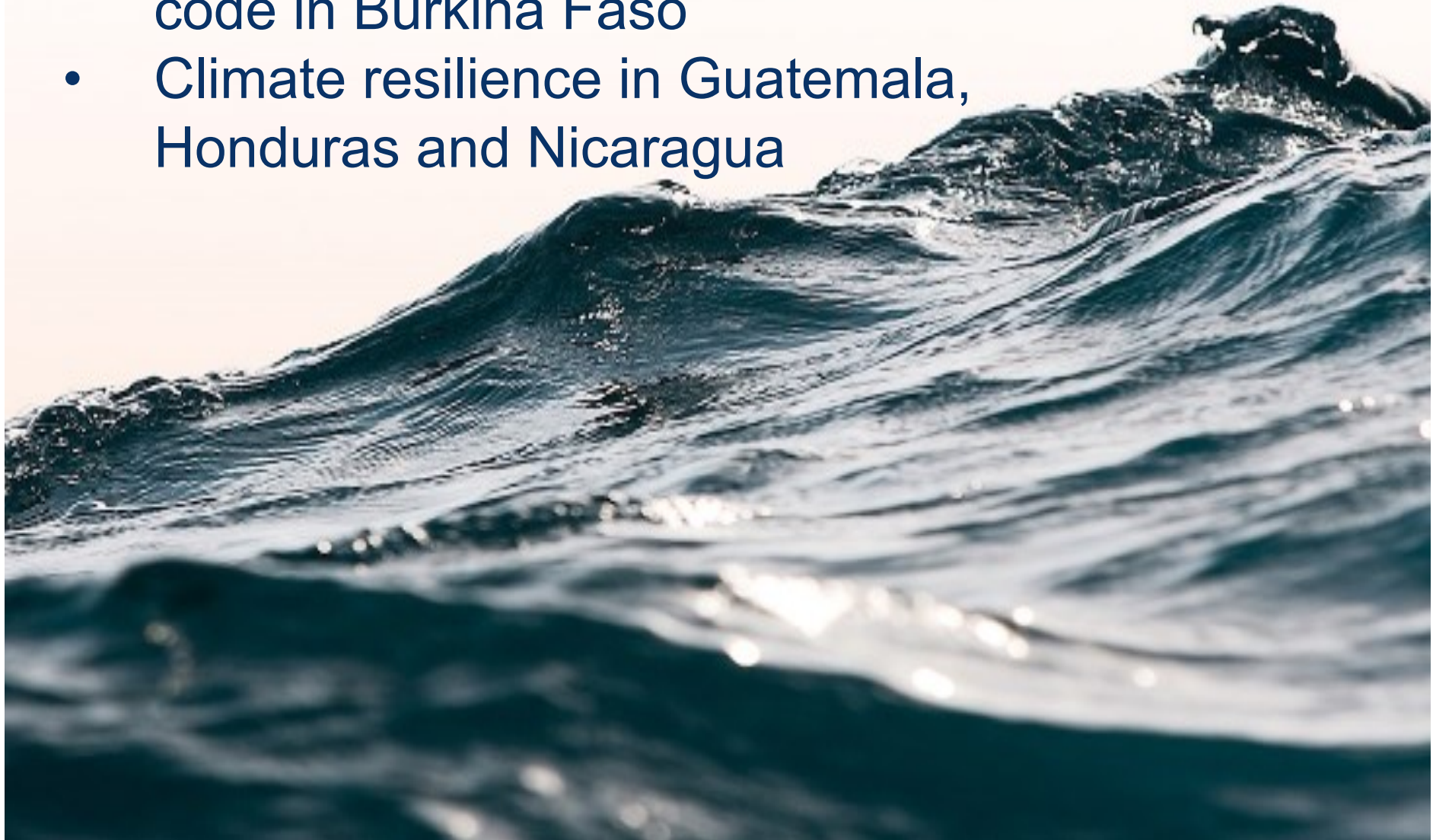
Inclusive development

- Integrating smallholders in Lao PDR and Liberia
- Establishing community agreements in Lao PDR, Liberia and Mozambique
- Experience of palm oil in South East Asia
- Tea plantations in Kenya



Conserving Natural Resources

- Water rights and use in an investment code in Burkina Faso
- Climate resilience in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua



Governance structures and transparency



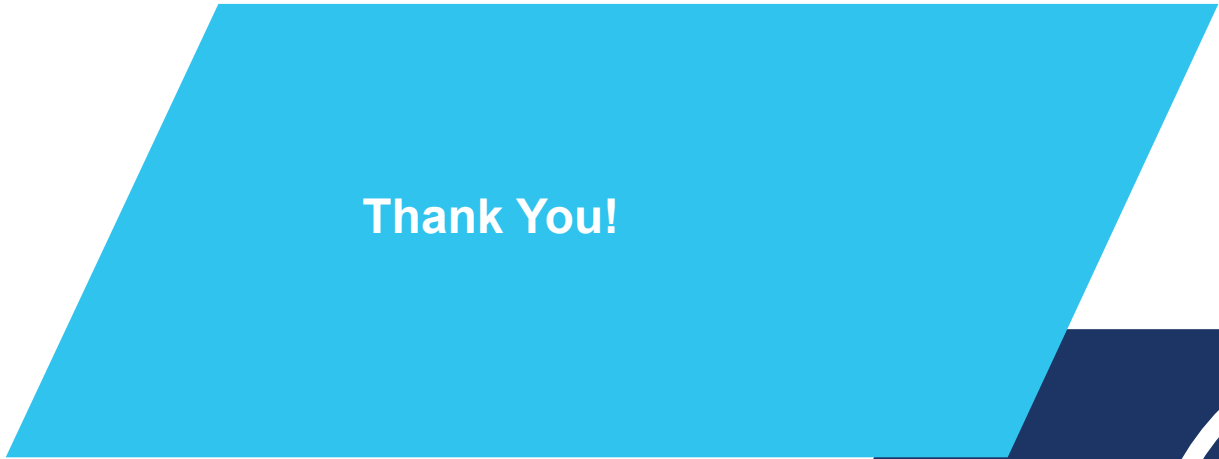
- **Transparency** – e.g. Ethiopia, Liberia, Cambodia
- **Laws that strengthen the rights of communities** – e.g. Zambia, Mozambique, Vietnam
- **Grievance mechanisms and dispute resolution** – e.g. Lao PDR, Indonesia



Conclusion

Responsible agricultural investment does not happen by accident....it happens by design:

- Good policies
- Good practices
- Good laws
- Good enforcement



Thank You!



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