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Promoting Sustainable Agricultural Investment: Legal and Policy Options

Implementing the AU Agenda on Land in the ECOWAS Region



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Justification

- To ensure that all key land actors embrace the message in the AU Declaration on land and work together to put them into practice
- Long term and sustainable contribution to the AU Agenda on land through RECs in facilitating implementation at country level

The AU Declaration

AUC in collaboration with RECs among others:

- Work towards establishment of appropriate institutional framework for coordination and mutual learning by member states
- Establish a fund to promote land policy development and implementation
- Establish mechanisms for progress tracking at country level

RECs

- Convene periodic platforms for experience sharing, lessons learnt and dissemination of best practices
- Address issues of land policies within their common agricultural policy framework

How?

- Collaboration with ECOWAS Commission, member states and non-state actors in close collaboration with LPI
- Support mainstreaming of land governance issues in relevant programmes of ECOWAS
- Build on comparative advantage of RECs as implementing bodies of AU
- Build on on-going major regional land initiative

Goal

- Mainstreaming land policy and governance issues in programmes of ECOWAS with a view to facilitating the implementation of the AU Declaration

Objectives

- Enhance capacity of ECOWAS to facilitate implementation of the AU Declaration and in member states
- Enhance partnerships and mobilize resources in support of land policy development, implementation and monitoring in ECOWAS member states
- Advocate for land policy development and implementation and good land governance in the region
- Assist ECOWAS and member states to develop and implement sound land policies that contribute to sustainable economic transformation and regional integration
- Contribute to monitoring and evaluation of national land policy processes in the region

Outputs

- Integration of land policy and governance issues in the programmes of ECOWAS advocated
- Communication and advocacy materials in support of land policy development and implementation in the region developed
- Enhanced knowledge in support of land policy development and implementation in the region
- Enhanced capacity and skills in support of land policy development and implementation
- Enhanced M&E in support of land policy formulation and implementation

Key Activities

- Recruit a senior land policy expert for the region
- Capacity development for ECOWAS staff
- Consultation on ECOWAS draft Directive on land
- Preparation and implementation of a business plan for resource mobilization
- Preparation and dissemination of popular versions of the AU Declaration
- Documentary on best practices in land policy in the region
- Policy briefs
- Pilot training and Technical Assistance at country level
- Publication of Convergence Study report and Directive on Land
- Participation in Conference on Land Policy in Africa in 2016
- Support to West Africa Land Observatory
- Piloting LPI M&E framework in selected countries

Programme likely to commence in 2016

Thank you for your undivided attention