



Building together a Global Land Agenda

high level event

23 OCTOBER 2023 FROM 2 TO 5 PM

Hybrid event with possibility of in-person participation (limited space) at IFAD HQ, Italian Room

Tenure security 4 all

A global campaign to take land tenure security seriously!

Worldwide, nearly 1 billion people consider it likely they will be evicted from their land or homes in the next 5 years*.

Taking land into account

Building a resilient, sustainable and inclusive world depends on access to land and tenure security for all. It enables people to invest and prosper, to protect nature and plan for the future. It is critical for shelter and housing, for livelihoods and investment, for social security and resilience, and for sustainable natural resource management. It is of outmost importance to resist the current climate and environmental crisis happening in different places around the world.

We are not at the half-point of the SDGs and as far as we know there has been very little progress against SDG target 1.4 "...to ensure that [by 2030] all men and women, [...], have equal rights to [...] ownership and control over land and other forms of property...", and yet, so many SDG targets and global development objectives depend, one way or another, on secure land tenure for all. Only a fraction of citizens in many low- and middle-income countries enjoy secure tenure rights that are registered and protected by law and almost 1 billion people around the globe consider it likely/very likely that they will be evicted from their land or homes in the next 5 years. The case for a significant change in global action on land tenure security is clear and urgent.

Need for Urgent Action, together - towards a Global Land Agenda

Progress on tenure security requires a reinforced, broader and better coordinated approach to change for and from within the land sector, implemented hand-in-hand with global action on economic recovery, climate change and biodiversity. Shifting these levers to achieve tenure security for all requires that we act now, taking concrete actions.

In response to this chronic crisis and in the recognition and protection of essential rights for shelter, livelihoods, nature and prosperity, a group of stakeholders has come together to start thinking about a new case, vision and action plan to secure tenure rights for all and escalate global action on land.

This vision and concrete action proposals are captured in a draft Framework for Action on Tenure Security which is open for discussion amongst individuals, governments and civil society organizations. The intention is co-develop and build momentum behind a global campaign at various events over the coming year, starting with CFS-51. The aim is to raise awareness, build together and mobilize broad support for a global campaign, in view of identifying and developing jointly specific actions, including raising more resources to secure tenure rights, establishing an annual Global Forum for Land and work towards a land summit; and set up a Global Land Observatory including launching a Global State of Land Report.

To do so, this global campaign proposes to (i) mobilize new, concrete and visible political commitments; (ii) create a global forum on tenure security for dialogue and strategic direction; (iii) establish a global accountability mechanism to track progress; and (iv) catalyze and increase funding for tenure security.

Next steps

The case for global action to secure land tenure rights and improve overall governance is clear and compelling while the cost of not acting now or delaying action will be excessively detrimental. Hence, on 23 October 2023, at the onset of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS-51), an event is being organized to bring together a broad panel of actors, including selected country government representatives, civil society, social movements, and UN organizations are meeting to jointly reflect on how to streamline and put land back high on the political agenda.

Global actors, especially those with capacity to finance and influence reforms, need to align their actions and step up their commitment to tenure security. Sustained change will require a broader coalition that reaches beyond the land sector: it must bring together movements and actors from the climate change, forests, biodiversity, human rights, and other agenda to build a stronger voice and push for land tenure security as a basis for resilient, sustainable, and inclusive societies.

The objectives of the event are:

- Achieve commitment from country government champions in support of this making land an actionable priority.
- Co-develop the different actions and initiatives that can be completed by the end of 2024.
- Agree on the different roles of all stakeholders to play as we draft a way forward.

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