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Advancing tenure security within UNCCD implementation

**Partner-led session: Lessons learnt on biodiversity and drought resilience:
UNCBD & UNCCD COPs' outcomes**

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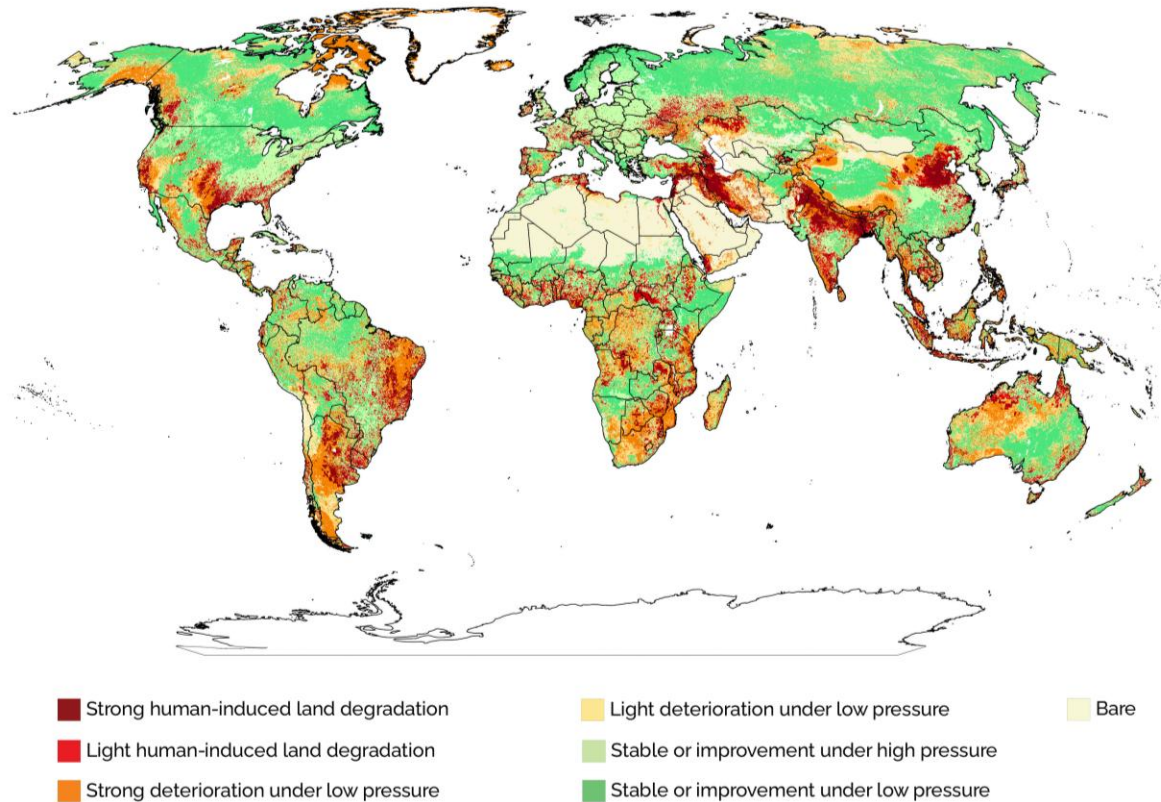
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HUMAN-INDUCED DEGRADATION AND AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS

- **1 660 million hectares** of human-degraded land
- **Over 60 percent** of this degradation occurs on agricultural land affecting food production from cropland and pastures
- **Restoring degraded agricultural land** is vital for sustainable and more productive agrifood systems



LAND TENURE: FACTS AND FIGURES

- Less than half population have legally recognized land tenure documentation
- 1% of farms control >70% of agricultural land. 84% of farms are <2 hectares in size and use 12% of the agricultural land



- Between 40-50% of the world's land are occupied by Indigenous Peoples or Local Communities

- Men have greater ownership or more secure tenure rights over agricultural land than do women

- 50% of countries for which data is available have weak legal protections for women's land rights

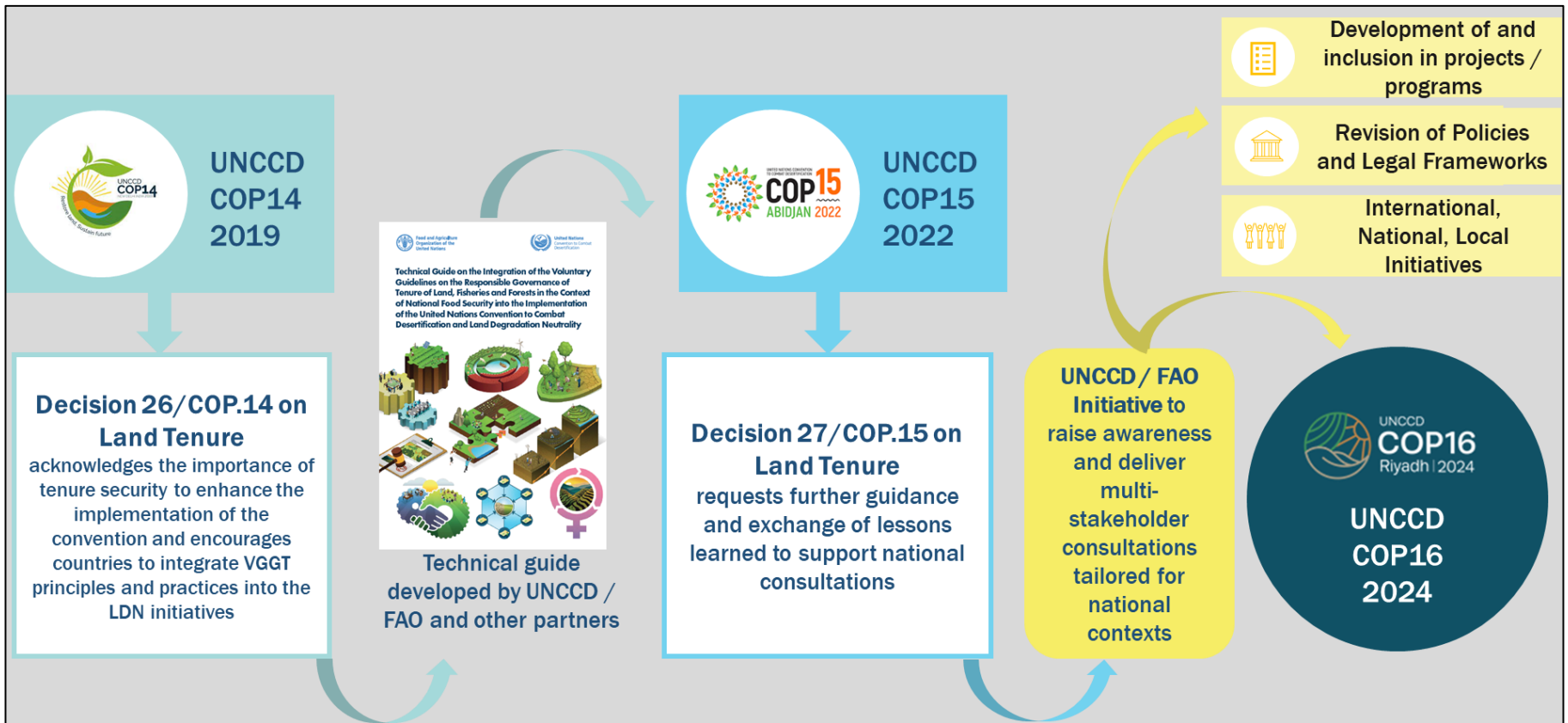


- 1 billion people perceive they are at risk of being evicted



INTEGRATION OF TENURE WITHIN UNCCD IMPLEMENTATION

Building on the efforts to integrate tenure into land restoration



FRAMING THE VGGT INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNCCD (1)

Pathway 1: Enabling policy and legal frameworks



Pathway 2: Establishing targeted policy coordination mechanisms



Pathway 3: Securing women's tenure rights and access to land and natural resources



Pathway 4: Setting up accessible and transparent grievance and dispute resolution mechanisms

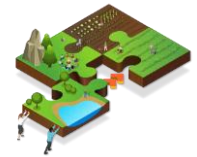


FRAMING THE VGGT INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNCCD (2)

Pathway 5: Designing and implementing tenure-responsive and participatory integrated land use planning



Pathway 6: Supporting LDN through land administration tools



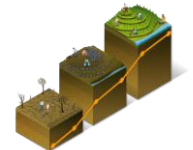
Pathway 7: Recognizing and documenting legitimate tenure rights on public lands



Pathway 8: Recognizing and documenting tenure rights for the sustainable management of commons



Pathway 9: Allocating and strengthening rights and duties on private land



LESSONS LEARNT

- Conveners in the driver's seat
- Mapping of stakeholders' projects/ programmes/initiatives
- Efforts to ensure a sufficient level of information on tenure, land degradation neutrality and gender
- Flexibility to organize national consultations
- Zooming on agro-ecological zones with sub-national contributions
- Designing group work to allow processing the information and some first recommendations to emerge
- Synergies with project/programme/initiatives that can support further use of the recommendations



MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

- Strengthen coordination and dialogue between land and tenure sectors
- Awareness raising and develop capacities over linkages between tenure insecurity and Land Degradation
- Priority to tenure security and land restoration in land use planning processes
- Integration of the findings from national consultations into Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting and Action plans
- Improvement of policy and legal frameworks
- Collective forms of access to land are worth exploring to restore land



THANK YOU!



Synergy brief
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Technical guide to
integrate the
VGGT into UNCCD



Access more
information on the
5 countries
National
Consultations

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