Towards a common strategy for capacity development in the Arab Region

Perspectives for FAO involvement and contribution to capacity development on land tenure in the Arab Region

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INTRODUCTION: Putting the Voluntary Guidelines into action

- The VGGT: the 1ʳˢᵗ globally relevant and consensual corpus of recommendations and principles on responsible governance of tenure.

- Based on a broad negotiation process involving Governments, CSOs, Private sector, International organisation, etc. => great legitimacy even if voluntary.

- The VGGT are a reference for awareness raising, capacity development, advocacy, reforms formulation, practical changes in land administration, etc.

- Fostering and developing partnerships, communities of practice, multistakeholder platforms, etc is key for achieving the objectives contained in VGGT principles.

- E-learning courses on the « Responsible Governance of tenure » to support, promote and facilitate the implementation of the VGGTs.

- The curriculum includes a series of e-learning courses that:

  - Aim to create awareness about the importance of responsible governance of tenure;

  - Help to improve the capacity of various groups to implement the VGGTs;

  - Use a range of instructional methods, including storytelling, case-based scenarios, interactive tests and exercises;

 - Provide additional online resources and links to additional reading.

❑ **12 different themes, such as land and conflicts, gender, forest tenure, spatial planning, FPIC, responsible investments, etc.**

❑ **http://www.fao.org/tenure/re sources/collections/e-**

- Complements to some paragraphs of the VGGTs (however: FAO technical documents, not negotiated under the aegis of CFS)
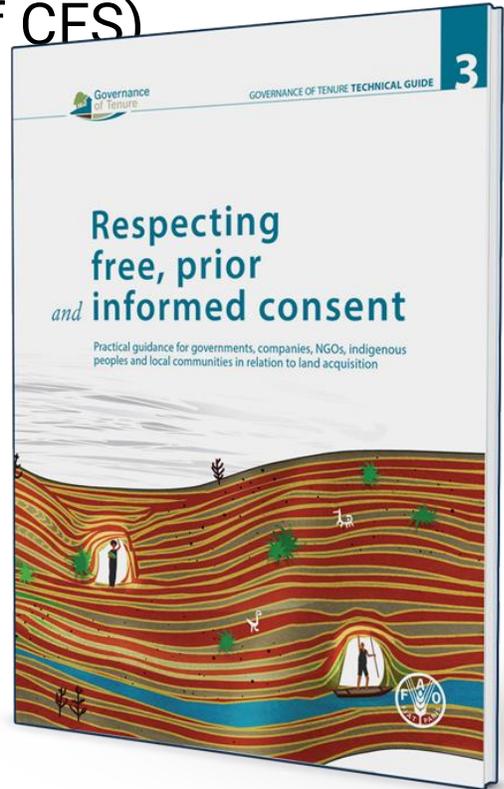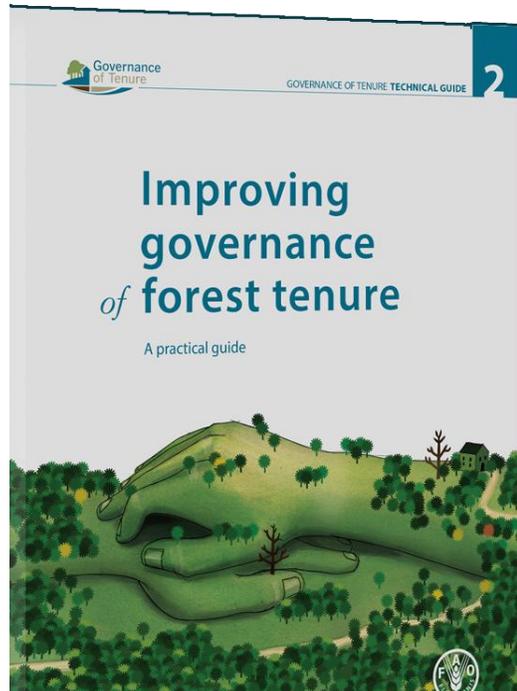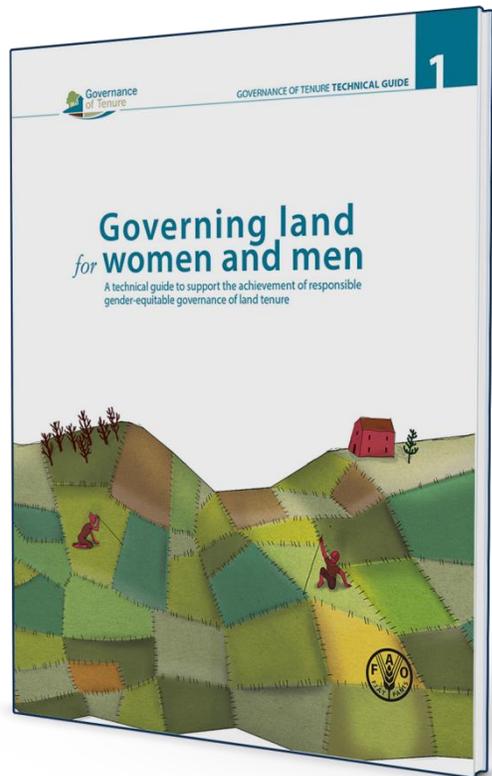

- 13 guides already published and addressing: gender, forest tenure, FPIC, responsible investments, legal aspects, pastoral land, commons, land registration, land valuation, spatial planning, land consolidation.

- 2 guides under preparation: VGGTs for notaries and VGGT and LDN

- Adaptation and contextualization of technical guides.

- Example 1: Participatory preparation of contextualized and practical field guides on FPIC in Mauritania and Tunisia, to: (i) ensure that investors respect legitimate tenure rights; (ii) enable rural communities to advocate; (iii) for technical staff, to design and advise.
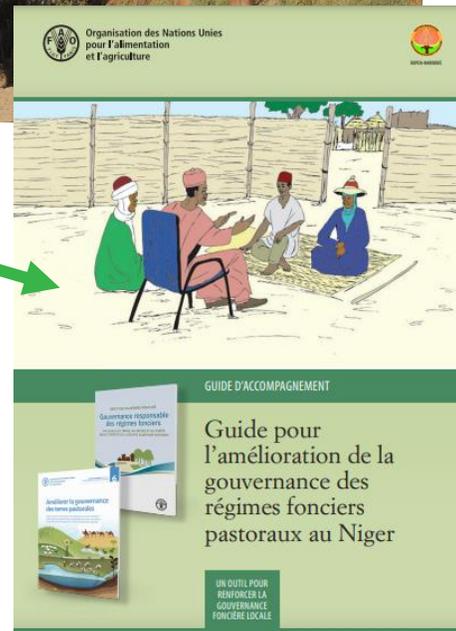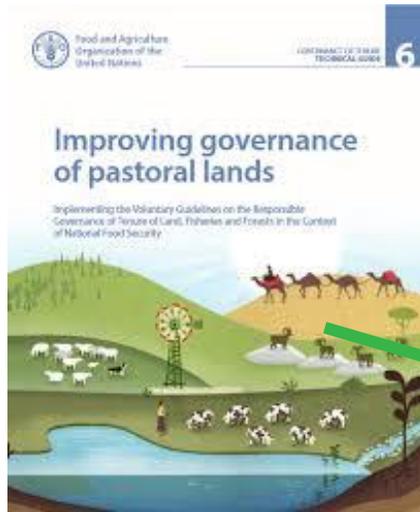
- Example 2: Preparation of an illustrated guide on improved pastoral land governance for a peaceful transhumance in Niger.
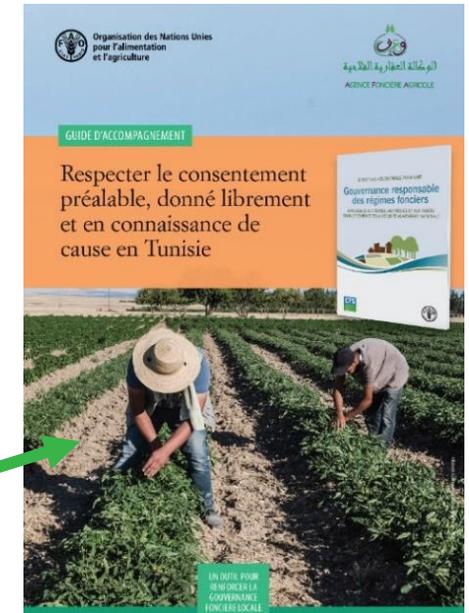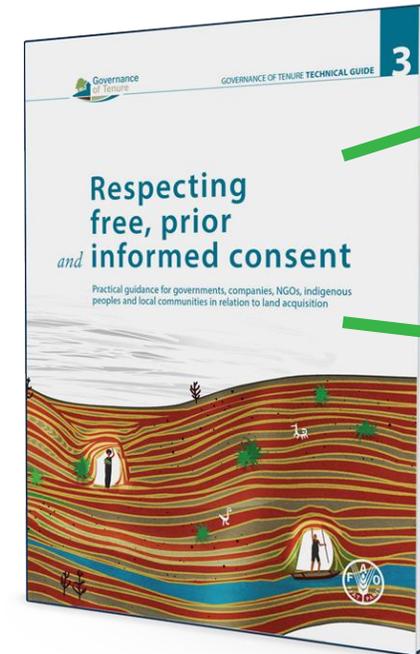
- **Promoting and facilitating an integrated and sustainable multi-stakeholder approach to recognizing and protecting legitimate tenure rights**
  - Perspectives in North Africa;
  - But also need for a regional space of dialogue, where free discussion on land is possible.

- **Measuring and contributing to increase the SDG indicator 5a2**
  - This topic is relevant in all countries of the region.
  - Some good experiences, for example in Tunisia (which recently be country to approve gender equality in inheritance), could be docur other contexts.

- **Supporting the preparation of policies and laws**
  - The need is important but the request is still limited
  - Some possibilities in Egypt, Tunisia…

- **Promoting modern geospatial information management and infrastructures to improve the governance of tenure and service delivery**
  - This topic also is relevant in all countries of the region and there is an important demand; some activities already ongoing (Bahrein, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia,…)
  - Possibly, space for promoting FAO-developed products: Sola, Open Tenure,…

- **Promoting partnership building and creation of national donor platforms in order to ensure a long-term follow-up of the land governance improvement processes**
  - Possible partners: Arab Land Initiative, GLTN, UN-Habitat, ILC, NELGA, ENSA Algeria, AFA Tunisia, Hassan II Institute Morocco, GIZ, Expertise France (Le and AFD (Tunisia), etc.
  - Advantage to involve closely the FAO offices

- **Intervention in post conflict tenure management**
  - Topics such as: refugees, impacts on hosting populations, reconstr of land registration systems, etc.).

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