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F2F Meeting “Inclusive Land Governance - Road to a better life”

From 5 to 9 September 2016 over 60 participants joined the F2F “Inclusive Land Governance - Road to a better life” in Sursee, Switzerland. The meeting was the highlight of the learning journey on land governance of the A+FS and the DDLGN network. Registered members can access the program, photos and the participants list in the [Closed User Group](#). All the other documents are freely accessible below:

Key Note Speech

Lorenzo Cotula, principal researcher at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) gave the key note speech at the F2F: [Inclusive land governance, road to a better life](#)

Swiss Land Governance System

Ueli Straub of Agridea presented an outline of the Swiss land governance system in his presentation and put its development in the historical, social, political and economic context of Switzerland: [Inclusive Land Governance: The Swiss System](#)

Field Visits

The F2F field visits in central Switzerland allowed in depth insights into the land governance system. Short briefs on eight different topics highlighted the main land governance issues in Switzerland:

[Visit 1: Inheritance law and farm transfer](#)

[Visit 2: Common land use](#)

[Visit 3: Farm cooperation](#)

[Visit 4: Spatial Planning](#)

[Visit 5: Farmland market and voluntary property consolidation](#)

[Visit 6: Expropriation and Waterprotection](#)

[Visit 7: Constructing outside building zone](#)

[Visit 8: Nature conservancy, ecological balance](#)

Country Studies

In preparation of the F2F four country studies have been conducted. The country studies written by IDS consultants examined the situation in Mozambique, Cambodia, Brazil and Switzerland. Rule of law, conflict resolution and spatial planning were topics reemerging in all countries and in numerous F2F discussions.

[Brazil: Full study](#) | [2-pager](#) | [f2f-presentation](#)

[Cambodia: Full study](#) | [2-pager](#) | [f2f-presentation](#)

[Mozambique: Full study](#) | [2-pager](#) | [f2f-presentation](#)

[Switzerland: Full study](#) | [2-pager](#)

Recommendations and synthesis

On the last day of the F2F the networks formulated 11 recommendations for future projects related to land governance. Simon Degelo summarized the context and main issues discussed at the F2F on three pages:

[Synthesis](#)

[Recommendations](#)

Right to Food

After the actual F2F Ana María Suárez-Franco and Sofía Monsalve from Foodfirst Information and

Action Network (FIAN) gave a presentation on how the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure (VGGT) have so far been implemented in different contexts.

Are the Tenure Guidelines contributing to the realization of the right to food? - FIAN's preliminary assessment

How are the Voluntary Guidelines used to report in the human rights systems in Geneva?

Member's Contributions | [Your comments](#)



What have two of our members learned during the network's learning journey "Inclusive Land Governance – road to a better life"? Saramany Duong and Mauricio Sulila are National Programme officers in Cambodia and in Mozambique. They were intensively involved in the country studies conducted by IDS during the learning journey. These country studies analyzed the competing interests of different land users and land uses. Beverly Wenger Trayner asked Saramany and Mauricio about their experiences and insights:

Saramany Duong, Cambodia



Mauricio Sulila, Mozambique

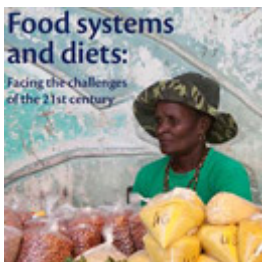
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Fachtagung ökologischer Landbau in Afrika



Das A+FS Netzwerk der DEZA hat zusammen mit SWISSAID am 15. September 2016 in Bern eine Fachtagung zum ökologischen Landbau in Afrika organisiert. Ziel der gut besuchten Tagung war der Wissens- und Erfahrungsaustausch zu Best Practices und Herausforderungen auf politischer und operationeller Ebene. Die Präsentationen der teilnehmenden Expertinnen und Experten von DEZA, Swissaid, Helvetas, Biovision, COPAGEN Benin, Helvetas, BLW, FiBL und ETH sind nun online verfügbar [[mehr](#)]

Food systems and diets: Facing the challenges of the 21st century



Approximately 3 billion people across the globe now have low-quality diets. This report shows that unless policy makers act decisively to control overweight, obesity and diet-related disease and accelerate efforts to reduce undernutrition, all countries will pay a heavy price in terms of mortality, physical health, mental well-being, economic losses and degradation of the environment. The stark message to world leaders is that only a response on the scale and commitment used to tackle HIV/AIDS and malaria will be sufficient to meet the challenge, particularly in low- and middle-income countries [[read more](#)]

Fostering inclusive rural transformation

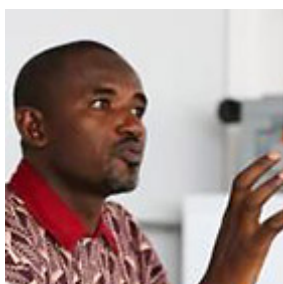


What actions can governments and local, regional and global development practitioners take to stimulate and support inclusive rural transformation? Based on extensive research, the IFAD Rural Development Report 2016 attempts to answer this and other questions. Among the important premises of the report is that there is no natural incentive mechanism in economic transformation processes that protects the interests of marginalized groups. Inclusive rural transformation is, therefore, far from automatic. Rather, it is a choice. It does not just happen; it must be made to happen [[read more](#)]



Week of Pulses

24 to 28 October 2016, SDC HQ, Bern, Switzerland
joint action by SDC's interdivisionary [Working Group Nutrition](#),
inspired by FAO's 2016 International Year of Pulses
[\[read more\]](#)



SUFIYANE AMADOU

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DDC Niger

Quelles aspects de ton travail est-ce que tu aimes ? Qu'est-ce qui le rend spécial ?

À la fois principale branche de l'économie nigérienne en terme de sources de revenus, d'emplois et d'alimentation, l'agriculture familiale subit des risques climatiques et économiques (incertitudes des marchés). Les politiques agricoles obsolètes (choix inopérants ; sous- investissements) jusque- là mises en œuvre fragilisent d'avantage les exploitations familiales au point l'assistance alimentaire tend à devenir la règle. L'amélioration des performances de l'agriculture familiale est enjeu décisif au Niger et la coopération Suisse l'a perçu. Soutenir des acteurs locaux à concrétiser leurs initiatives dans cette perspective constitue une partie du mon travail que j'aime le plus. L'inclusion des femmes et des jeunes dans les chaines de valeurs agricoles constitue le second dossier sur lequel je travaille à la DDC et me donne un fil conducteur spécial en matière de réductions des inégalités dans le secteur rural.

Quelles sont tes instruments préférés ?

L'approche « accompagnement » est ma « préférée ». Fondée sur la prise de responsabilité des partenaires, elle tient compte de leur choix et ajuste les appuis à leurs capacités et leurs potentiels.

Ton message à tes collègues :

La DDC dispose de ressources humaines qualifiées et très engagées sur les enjeux de l'agriculture et de l'alimentation. Le travail en réseau présente une plus-value que nous devrions privilégier davantage.