

## PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

**Name of the Partnership/Initiative**

Access to Land in African Regions

**Expected date of initiation:** October 2002

**Expected date of completion:** to be defined

**Partners Involved:**

Governments: Ghana, Kenya, Uganda

[with others being identified at this point ]

Intergovernmental organizations: [ being identified at this point ]

Major groups:

Campfire (Zimbabwe), Didibahini (Nepal), Dodoma Network (Tanzania), ELCI (Kenya), Green Earth (Ghana), NLC (South Africa), Pan African Civil Society (Cote d' Ivoire), TGNP (Tanzania), UWTPM (Uganda), Zero (Zimbabwe)

[ and others being identified at this point ]

Other: Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future

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**Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative**

Please provide a brief description:

- Improving secure access to land, particularly for women in rural areas in Africa
- Exchange information and experiences with regard to legislative frameworks on access to land, awareness raising on land rights, implementation of land rights, particularly for women – among governments, NGOs, women's organisations, and academia
- Conduct comparative analysis and exchange between West, East and Southern Africa
- Promote appropriate policy making to enhance secure access to land and food security
- Identify rural umbrella organisations and follow a top-down approach to assess ongoing projects and programmes
- Identify projects for replication and initiate replications
- Strengthen South-South cooperation on land and food security issues

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of

Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

Relevant sustainable development agreements:

- Agenda 21, Chapter 40
- CSD 5 on SARD, Chapter 29
- Rome Declaration on World Food Security and World Food Summit outcomes, 1996
- WSSD Draft Implementation Document; relevant parts include: the need for women's empowerment; support for civil society initiatives and to encourage best practices in institutional land development issues, especially in Africa, South America and Asia.

WSSD Draft Plan for Implementation (12 June 2002):

6.(d) [Agreed] Promote women's equal access to and full participation, on the basis of equality with men, in decision-making at all levels...and equal access to land.

(j) [Agreed] Transfer basic sustainable agricultural techniques and knowledge, including natural resource management, to small and medium-scale farmers, fishers and the rural poor, especially in developing countries, including through multi-stakeholder approaches and public-private partnerships aimed at increasing agriculture production and food security;

38. [Agreed] Agriculture plays a crucial role in addressing the needs of a growing global population, and is inextricably linked to poverty eradication, especially in developing countries. Enhancing the role of women at all levels and in all aspects of rural development, agriculture, nutrition and food security is imperative. Sustainable agriculture and rural development are essential to the implementation of an integrated approach to increasing food production and enhancing food security and food safety in an environmentally sustainable way. This would include actions at all levels to:

(b) [Agreed] Develop and implement integrated land management and water-use plans that are based on sustainable use of renewable resources and on integrated assessments of socio-economic and environmental potentials, and strengthen the capacity of Governments, local authorities and communities to monitor and manage the quantity and quality of land and water resources;

(f) [Agreed] Enhance the participation of women in all aspects and at all levels relating to sustainable agriculture and food security;

(g) [Agreed] Integrate existing information systems on land-use practices by strengthening national research and extension services and farmer organizations to trigger farmer-to-farmer exchange on good practices, such as those related to environmentally sound, low-cost technologies, with the assistance of relevant international organizations;

(h) [Agreed] Enact, as appropriate, measures that protect indigenous resource management systems and support the contribution of all appropriate stakeholders, men and women alike, in rural planning and development;

(i) [Agreed] Adopt policies and implement laws that guarantee well defined and enforceable land and water use rights, and promote legal security of tenure, recognizing the existence of different national laws and/or systems of land access and tenure, and provide technical and financial assistance to developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition that are undertaking land tenure reform in order to enhance sustainable livelihoods;

Sustainable development impacts:

- Social impacts: Women's empowerment in policy and decision-making would promote social inclusion as well as increase access to support services. Secure access to land also increases varieties of staple and nutrition-rich food crops. Strengthening civil society initiatives will contribute to retaining agricultural labour force and reduce rural-to-urban migration. Institutional reform in property and land rights will democratic development.

- Environmental impacts: Appropriate and more sustainable mechanized farming techniques could be used instead of traditional and rudimentary farming systems, thus conserve land. Use of alternative energy sources from harvested de-husked and farm clearing. Reforestation of trees for wind break and top-soil erosion retention
- Economic impacts: Through civil society initiatives, communal land holding can be promoted by encouraging co-operative societies. Thus, a long-term investment of time and resources can be initiated. This would enable farmers to provide collateral security for financial support for meaning agricultural projects

**Expected results:**

Please provide a brief description:

- Improved understanding of regional views of land accessibility for food security, including among grass roots organisations and CBOs
- Broadened knowledge dispersal and information dissemination
- Replications of successful projects improving secure access to land

**Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:**

- Specific work programmes are under development. Partners have identified their interest in working together on issues & strategies described here. They include governments, NGOs, women's organisations, academics from East, West, and Southern Africa, who have considerable expertise on land issues and experience in implementing programmes aiming to increase secure access to land, particularly for women.
- Partners will further define their work programme and timeframes for their achievement at Stakeholder Forum's Implementation Conference, Johannesburg, 24-26 August.

**Coordination and Implementation mechanism**

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

- Partners will engage in joint implementation, including fund raising and coordination of activities. Specific bodies will take on parts of the work programme.

**Arrangements for funding**

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

- Funding will be sought from intergovernmental organisations, development banks, private foundations and donor governments.
- Inclusion of the work programme of this partnership in national development schemes will also make available funding sources within national government budgets.

**Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer**

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

- This partnership aims to increase awareness and build capacity regarding appropriate legislation for secure access to land, and successful implementation of such legislation.

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

**Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international**

**and/or regional level (if any)**

Please provide a brief description:

- The partnership will comprise partners who are engaged in relevant activities at national, regional and global levels. Collaboration with the Popular Coalitions work on access to land, for example, is being negotiated, with the agreed understanding of engaging in mutually supportive and complementary activities.

**Monitoring Arrangements**

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

- The partnership will develop internal monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, based on a multi-stakeholder approach. Specific arrangements depend on detailed work programme.
- Reporting to CSD desired for monitoring, learning and knowledge management

**Other relevant information:**

Web-site (if available): This partnership is part of Stakeholder Forums Implementation Conference process; more information at [www.earthsummit2002.org/ic](http://www.earthsummit2002.org/ic)

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