

“Sharing knowledge and experiences to promote a more equitable women’s access to land”

Side Event

Committee on World Food Security

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1. Background

Landtenure.info is an international network composed by CERAI Spain (*Centro de Estudios Rurales y de Agricultura Internacional*), ActionAid International, AGTER France (*Association pour l’Amélioration de la Gouvernance de la Terre, de l’Eau et des Ressources Naturelles*), COPROFAM (*Coordinadora de Organizaciones de Productores Familiares del MERCOSUR*), with the technical collaboration of FAO’s Rural Development Division (SDA).

The **Landtenure.info** network launched an internet-based information and knowledge archive on land dedicated to consolidate dispersed public information on land tenure systems, land legislation, land policies and other land tenure information.

The purpose of **landtenure.info** database is to spread information on land to a wide range of beneficiaries and contribute to moving the issue of access to land forward to the global agenda by raising public awareness on the importance of land tenure for rural development and making available information for decision-making.

2. Side event objective and description

The purpose of this workshop is to show the importance of landtenure.info as a tool to disseminate information on land and facilitate its use by a wide-ranging public. It will be an opportunity for guest organizations to consider the interest and possibility to become member of the consortium landtenure.info and to start interacting in order to prepare, agree and finalize an institutional structure for its governance.

The content of the workshop will be based on the data and information extracted from the **landtenure.info** online database, as well as from personal knowledge and experiences of the participants, and will focus on the law and gender dimension in Mozambique and Guatemala.

3. Technical details

Date:	3 November 2006
Timing:	16.00h – 18.00h
Location:	FAO, Iran Room, (B016)
Organizer	Landtenure.info Network
Collaborators at the preparation of the event	- CERAI, represented by: Mr. Vicent Garces - ActionAid, represented by: Mr. Francisco Sarmiento & Ms Alejandra Scampini - AGTER, represented by: Mr. Michel Merlet - COPROFAM, represented by: Mr. Pedro Peretti - FAO (SDAA), represented by: Mr. Paolo Groppo
Estimative number of participants:	40
Language(s):	English, Spanish, Portuguese

4. Provisional agenda

16.00 – 16.05	Introduction, presentation of the purpose of the meeting (Vicent Garces, CERAI /Francisco Sarmiento, AAI)
16.05 – 16.20	Presentation of the landtenure.info database (Adelina Sila, AAI)
16.20 – 16.45	Case studies. Law and gender dimension in Mozambique and Guatemala (Michel Merlet, AGTER)
16.45 – 17.00	ICARRD Declaration and Women's Rights to Land (Alejandra Scampini - AAI)
17.00 – 18.00	Interventions from Patricia Castillo (Fundacion Guillermo Toriello, Guatemala) and Rita Rezuane (União Nacional dos Camponeses de Mozambique) Round Table for discussions (moderator: Michel Merlet, AGTER & Alejandra Scampini – AAI)