



What is LandNet West Africa ?

Land issues are key development issues for economic development and poverty reduction in Africa. Land policy is today a top agenda issue for African governments and for international development agencies.

LandNet WA is a non profit organisation working to bring an African perspective in the land policy debate at international level.

LandNet WA is clearly developing as an independent civil society organisation, promoting participative approach and working to influence public land policies.

LandNet WA is a network of francophone and Anglophone West African land policy experts and practitioners, coming from the field of research, governmental institutions and civil society organisations.

Today LandNet West Africa is represented by 3 national member organisations (in Burkina Faso, Togo and Guinea) and by individual members in more than 10 West African countries (Benin; Burkina Faso; Cote d'Ivoire; Ghana; Guinea; Mali; Niger; Nigeria; Senegal; Togo...)



Objectives of LandNet West Africa

- Exchange information on land issues and share experiences at local, national and sub regional level on land management.
- Produce knowledge on land issues (documenting local land dynamics, realising national and sub regional comparative studies...) and promote African expertise on land policy.
- Contribute to capacity building in land policies in West Africa.
- Influence public policies, by promoting national and sub regional land policy dialogues involving all stakeholders, lobbying for the integration of land issues in main policy documents (PRSPs...), monitoring the implementation of land policy and land laws at national level.

LandNet West Africa Development strategy

- Encouraging networking activities and supporting key initiatives on land issues at national level;
- Developing networking activities on common interest issues at sub regional level;
- Developing strategic partnership with West African peasants organisations and West African sub regional institutions



Our activities

Main Achievements

- Regular information dissemination on land policy, land laws, studies and publication on land issues in West Africa;
- Sub regional thematic workshops on land issues and comparative studies on land local management experiences in West Africa
- Collaborative initiatives with West African institutions and international development agencies.
- Partnership with different international institutions
- Visits and experience sharing between West African networks; mutual participation in activities...

Perspectives

- Electronic news bulletin and Web site
- To establish a data bank on West African land laws and policy document relating to land, and develop a directory of West African researchers and experts
- To develop training sessions on African policies and laws relating to land ownership
- Policy influence on land policy development in West Africa
- Publishing...



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