

**SUBMISSION A-9**

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Danish Agricultural Council, Copenhagen, member of IFAP in which capacity we have been invited to comment on this electronic consultation procedure on "guidelines for support to land policy design and land reform process in developing countries", I am pleased to submit the following remarks.

In general:

It is an impressive document. It is a big step forward to see a complete picture of the entire very complicated process of land reforms, of the access to land and users rights of land instead of only dealing with land ownership, and many other very important topics of this complex structure.

In particular:

We have a remark which concerns farmers organisations and farmers opportunities to be involved in the land reform process. This has an implication on 3 chapters.

Chapter 6.2 The role of private sector, civil society groups and local communities. It is striking to see how the document in ch. 6.2.1. stresses that Government shall engage, Govnmt. shall encourage, Govnmt. may find, etc.! Stakeholders must have the tools so they can act by themselves. It is very important to underline the importance of the stakeholders in this work, i.e. the farmers and thereby it is very obvious that Farmers Organisations must play a profound role here.

Allow me to quote from ch. 6.2.2. "private sector and civil society groups have differing powers to influence the policy process, which may be more to do with informal personal networks than the excellence of arguments ....."

Exactly, this is the point where we must concentrate all our efforts to encourage active participation from organised farmers groups. We can not just expect them to take active part in the process, training and learning processes must be an integral part of the reform.

Civil society must be more clearly defined as farmers groups.

We propose to add a small chapter 6.2.4 Role of farmers Organisations, to describe how farmers in an organised manner can contribute to the land reform process, to influence the policy in order to obtain rights to farm and also to monitor.

Chapter 6.3 The role of donors.

In the box in ch. 6.3.1. with proposed interventions add: "Capacity building programmes for farmers organisations. Farmers groups are the best representatives in formulation of land policy and land reforms. farmers are instrumental to success of land reform programmes"

Part 2, Chapter 2 Policy, legislation and institutional framework, position 2.5 land legislation, last dot: "The application of the law": It is true that legal provisions and legislative measures are the

responsibility of the Government, but disputes, settling of claims and even better methods and practices to avoid claims and disputes are better done in a joint setting between government representatives and farmers representatives. We propose to add: Farmers organisations as partners in resolving conflicts.

We hope you will consider our comments.

Sincerely Yours

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