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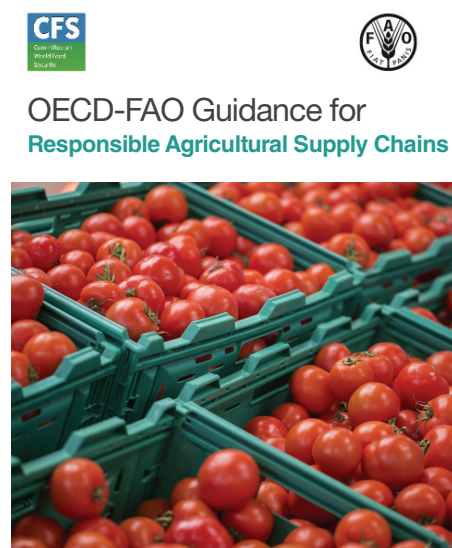
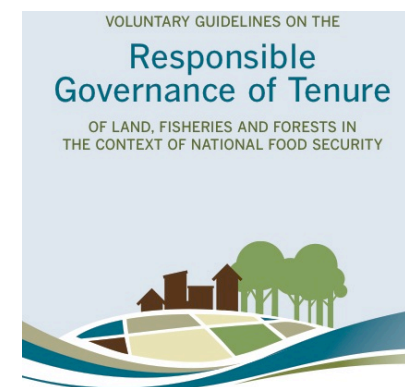
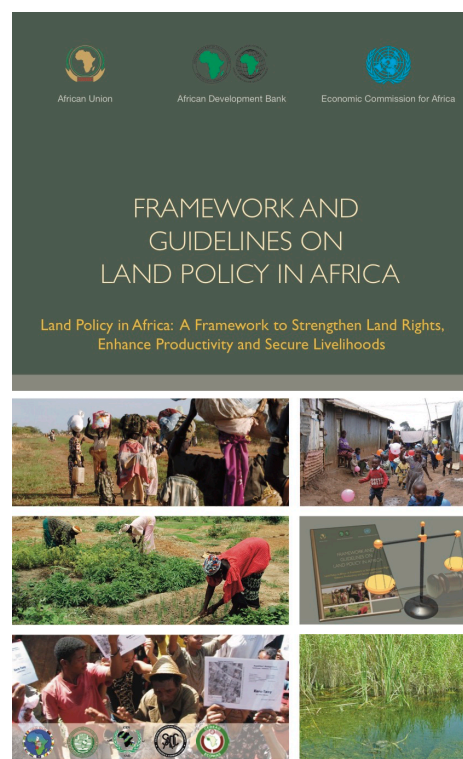
A new generation of laws and contracts to promote investment in agriculture

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The global principles

- **PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS**





Implementing the principles

Hard Law

- ✓ Laws, regulations, decrees, host government contracts

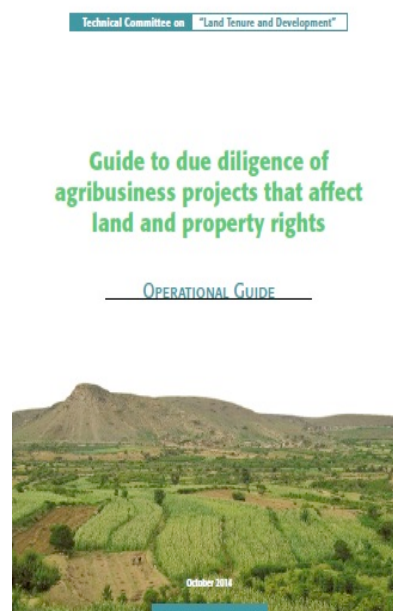
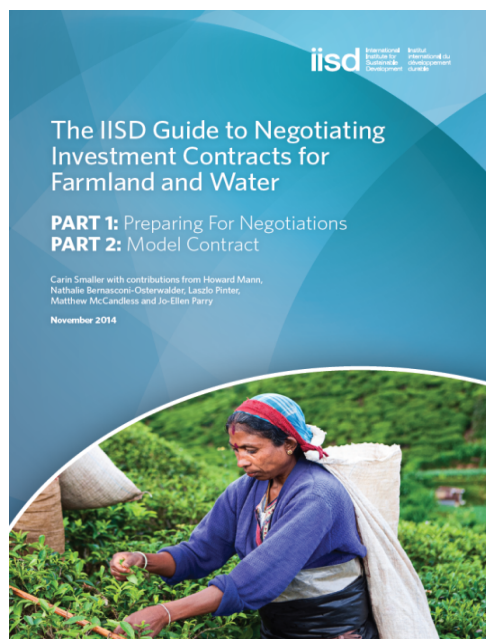
NEW POLICIES

- ✓ *Agriculture or Rural development plans/strategies (regional/national)*
- ✓ *FDI strategies/policies*



Implementing the principles (cont'd)

- **Soft Law**
 - ✓ *Guidebooks, manuals, model contracts, model laws (IISD, USAID, AFD, FAO)*



New laws, contracts & policies – country experiences





Responsible land governance

- ✓ Moratorium on land grabs (Lao PDR , Cambodia)
- ✓ Land reforms that strengthen communal land rights (Mali, Benin, Mozambique)
- ✓ Decree on community land rights (DRC)
- ✓ Investor-state contracts that respect communal land rights (Burkina Faso, EAC, Ethiopia, Lao PDR)

Inclusive economic development

- Integrate smallholders (EAC, Lao PDR, Liberia, Indonesia)
 - ✓ Community development agreements (EAC, Lao PDR, Liberia)



Gender equality, women and youth employment

- ✓ Participation of women in investment-decision making (DRC)
- ✓ Community Development Agreements (Liberia)



Governance of natural resources

- ✓ Environmental protection (Ethiopia)
- ✓ Water use & access rights
(Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Lao PDR)





Inclusive and transparent governance

- ✓ Publishing information about investments (Burkina Faso, Cambodia, DRC, Ethiopia, Liberia)
- ✓ Consulting with local communities (Mozambique, Zambia)
- ✓ Dispute resolution and grievance mechanisms (Lao PDR, Liberia, Burkina Faso)



Conclusion

Responsible agricultural investment does not happen by accident....it happens by design:

- Good policies
- Good practices
- Good laws
- Good enforcement



Thank You!

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