

HOW TO MAKE LDN INCLUSIVE

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LDN scientific conceptual framework

One of the objectives of LDN according to its conceptual framework is:

- To reinforce responsible and **inclusive** governance of land, which means govern land for the **benefit of all**, with emphasis on vulnerable and marginalized people.

LDN process in the national level

- Achieving LDN will demand of decision-making processes that will occur, and are occurring mostly at the national level.
- The challenge, is:
- ¿How to ensure that those decisions that are going to be taken are actually being inclusive? ¿ What means being inclusive in the context of LDN?

Inclusive LDN- Perspective of civil society organizations

- Inclusive LDN means that all the stakeholders of the land are **taking part of the decisions-making processes in all the stages of LDN, not only on the implementation but in the planning and target setting.**
- To ensure that there is a **legitimate representation of the diversity** of land stakeholders in these processes is one of the challenges for inclusive LDN.
- **Inclusive LDN is not only about opening up access to participation, is about encouraging interaction between people with different perspectives about land, it is about respect.**
- Efforts should not be focused only in establishing the mechanisms for participation, efforts must consider to create conditions for building up **mutual trust and respect** among the different stakeholders and this is another relevant challenge to make LDN inclusive.

Advancing to inclusive LDN: UNCCD SPI report on creating an enabling environment

The recent UNCCD SPI report on creating an enabling environment for LDN includes proposals for **enhancing the participation of stakeholders on LDN**, that could be implemented by countries for **advancing to inclusive LDN**:

- Institutionalize horizontal and multi-stakeholder coordination mechanisms in support of LDN mainstreaming and the develop vertical integration mechanisms that support LDN implementation and enforcement to better coordinate top-down and bottom-up actions related to LDN.
- Governments should further recognize and protect customary land governance systems in national laws to enable customary land rights holders to be partners in LDN, and to follow the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land to manage impacts of LDN measures on land tenure.
- Enhance awareness by facilitating access to information on LDN and build capacities beyond the lead LDN entities to reach land users and civil society organizations.
- Engage early with local communities and key stakeholders to ensure that wellbeing and livelihood needs and outcomes are effectively identified, discussed, and prioritized.