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Supporting Land Policies and Governance of Land Tenure to improve Agriculture Investments & Food Security

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Key Land Issues impeding Food Security and Sustainable Dev

- **Land issues in agriculture—low investments**
 - **Insecure land rights, unequal access to land especially for women, youth others**
 - **Policies that do not favour smallholders**
- **Land, environment and climate change**
 - **Diversity of ecology and ecosystems**
 - **Encroachment into marginal lands**
 - **Lack of recognition of land rights**
 - **Deforestation, degradation, soil erosion**
 - **Land and water conflicts**

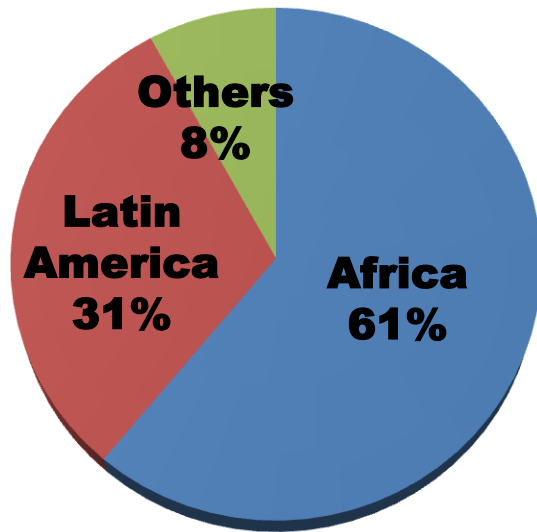
Key Land Issues impeding Food Security and Sustainable Dev/2

- **Land and Conflict**
 - **Evictions, dispossession: historical claims, commercial interests demographic pressure, climate change, conservation/public use efforts**
 - **Land policies in post-conflict reconstruction**
- **Women and land**
 - **No doubt of women's contribution to African agric/Environmental stewardship**
 - **Dominance of patriarchy in both customary and statutory systems of land governance**
 - **unequal access to land--inheritance**
 - **Insecure land rights—tenure dependent on male relatives**

Key Land Issues impeding Food Security and Sustainable Dev/3

- **Land and Regional Integration**
 - **Land and land based resources (forests, water, minerals, etc) that cross boundaries**
 - **Land issues in regional value chain and regional integration; climate change adaptation/mitigation programmes; water management**
 - **Need for convergence on land governance and management to promote management and investments**
- **Land and urban development**
 - **Fastest growing population; >50% by 2030**
 - **Push factors (rural) linked to move to informal sector/slum dwelling in urban cities**
 - **Address issues in rural areas to promote emergence of small towns to support Ag investments**
 - **Address land rights of slum dwellers and upgrade housing**
- **Large Scale Land Based Investments (LSLBIs)**

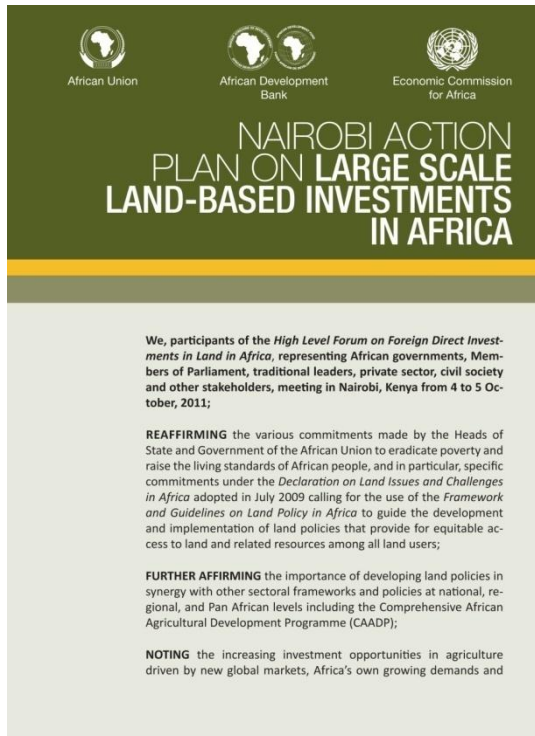
LSLBIs? Does Africa have abundant agricultural land; where is it?



- **Africa holds 60% fertile land**
 - non-cultivated & suitable for cropping; non-forested; non-protected; low population density
- **But, great diversity on amount of abundant land available**

Need to identify and map this land—noting current/ planned landuse; ecosystem services; land rights, interests & claims on the land, before embarking on large scale land based investments

Africa's commitment to improve governance of Large Scale Land Based Investments



Nairobi Action Plan on LSLBI

- **Assessment on LSLBI**
- **Principles and recommendations for fiscal instruments**
- **Capacity Support**
- **M&E on LSLBIs**
- **Improved Policy and regulatory framework**

Financial resources and partnerships for implementing the Nairobi Action Plan on LSLBIs

African Development Forum Consensus statement on harnessing LSLBI in Africa

- **Fast-track implementation AU Declaration on Land Issues to reform policies, laws, admin**
- **Document and map local land use, land rights, interests and claims of land**
- **Optimal deals with win-win outcomes for communities, governments and investors**
- **Innovative, inclusive LSLBIs models that empower smallholders, protect food security and promote value added processing**
- **Policy and legal frameworks that ensure equity of access to land and agric inputs**

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LPI Draft 5-year Strategic Plan: Progress, Challenges, way forward

The Land Policy Initiative (LPI)

(Who are we? What have we achieved?)

- **An African programme on land policy**
 - Initiated jointly by AUC- ECA- AfDB (LPI Consortium)
 - Collaboration of the RECs
 - Engagement of key African stakeholders (Governments; Civil society organisations (including Farmers and women); Traditional leaders; African Private sector;
 - Partnering with- and supported by development partners
- **Objectives of Phase 1 (2006- 2009)**
 - Build consensus on key issues, lessons learnt and best practices through consultations
 - Develop Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy (F&G)
 - Build political will for land policy and implementation
 - Build partnerships--synergies among devt. Partners towards addressing land challenges in Africa
 - Mobilise resources

The Land Policy Initiative

Achievements of phase 1



- **Enhanced knowledge of the challenges; gaps in processes/institutions**
 - Regional assessment reports; F&G;
- **Dialogue/consensus on land policy related agenda to address challenges**
 - Continental/Regional Consultations; Experts/Ministerial meetings; AU Summit
- **Partnerships and Commitments**
 - Govts; RECs; CSO (Experts; Ministers; Heads of States)
 - Devt. partenrs
 - Clear understanding by partners of African ownership of the initiative
 - Building synergy and providing technical and financial support to the initiative...
- **Resource Mobilisation/partnerships and synergies**
 - (IFAD, FAO, Rockefeller Foundation, UNDP, UNHABITAT, World Bank, others)

LPI Phase II: A program to implement the AU Declaration & Nairobi Action Plan



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Elements of a 5-year LPI Strategic Plan and Roadmap (2012-2016)

LPI Goal

The principle goal of the LPI is "to assist member states in the implementation of the AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa, in accordance with the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa, in order to achieve socio-economic development, peace and security, and environmental sustainability"

LPI Objectives

To facilitate the implementation of the AU Declaration of Land Issues and Challenges in Africa through:

- Advocating for the inclusion of land in the development agenda, strategies and programmes of African tri-partite organizations, Regional Economic Communities, African Member States and development partners
- Coordinating and galvanize the efforts of partners towards effective synergies and partnerships for the implementation of the African agenda on Land Policy, as stated in the Declaration
- Facilitate resource mobilization in sup-

port of land policy related research, advocacy, capacity building, technical support and advisory services

- Facilitating dialogue on land related issues with a view to raising awareness on the importance of addressing challenges that hamper the appropriate utilization of land towards Africa's socio-economic development, peace and security and environmental sustainability
- Facilitating capacity building at all levels in support of land policy development and implementation in Africa
- Providing technical support and advisory services to RECs and members states on land policy development and implementation
- Promoting networking and knowledge sharing at all levels in order to promote evidence-based land formulation and implementation
- Develop and build capacity for monitoring and evaluation tools and systems in support of land policy development and implementation

A strengthened LPI can be transformed into a viable institution for implementing the AU Declaration on Land and the Nairobi Action Plan on LSLBIs applying the F&G, FAO-VG, others

Draft LPI Vision, Mission and Goal

VISION

A peaceful and prosperous Africa realized through equitable access, efficient and sustainable utilization of land

MISSION

To ensure all land users have equitable access to Land and security of all bundles of land rights, by facilitating effective partnerships, dialogue and capacity building for participatory and consultative land policy formulation and implementation, and efficient and transparent land administration in both customary and statutory jurisdictions

GOAL

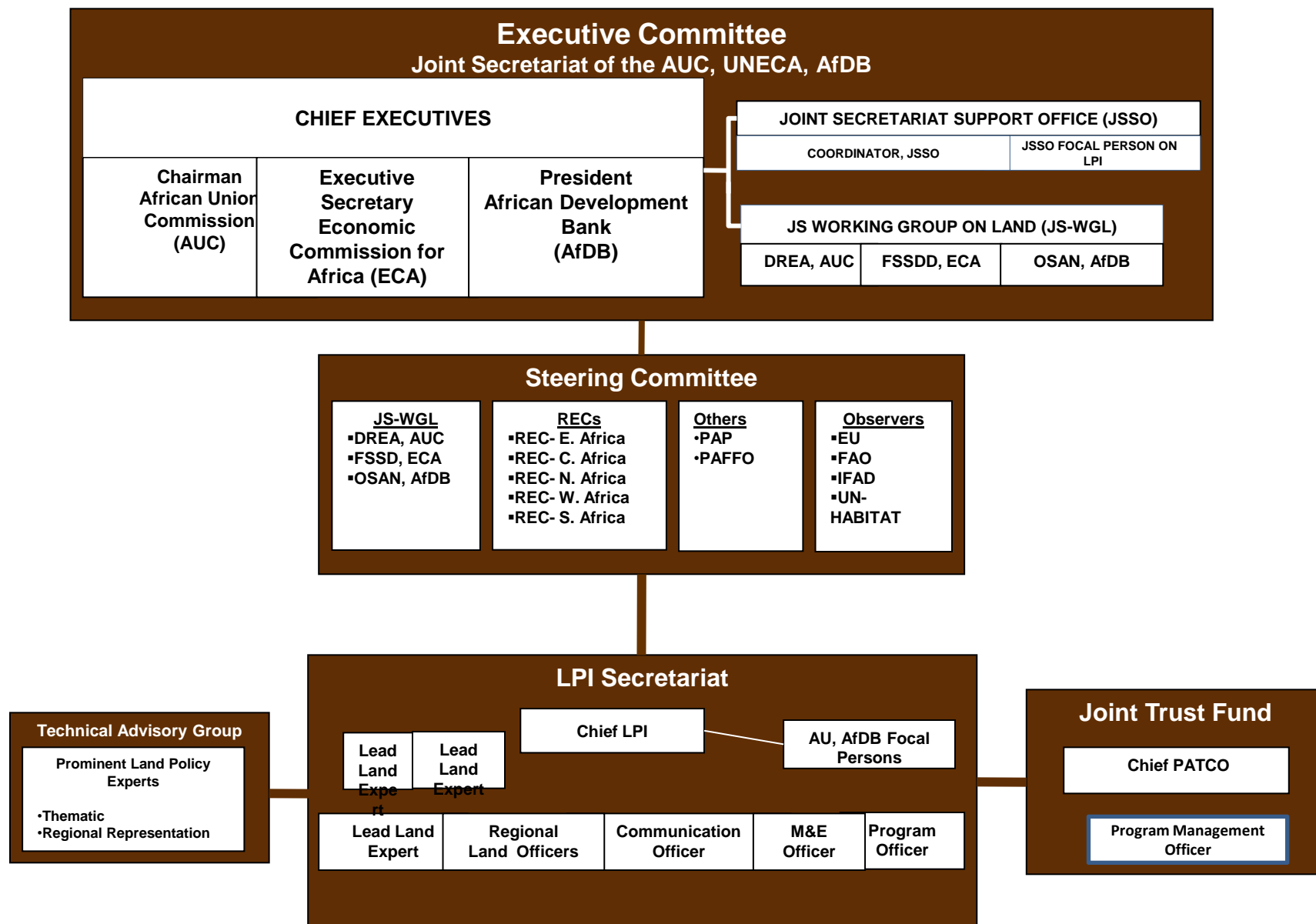
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LPI Objectives

Promote the implementation of the *AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa* through:

- **Advocacy** for inclusion of land in the African development agenda, strategies and programmes
- **Raising awareness** of land related issues and challenges
- **Building synergies, partnerships and resource mobilization** for effective land policy development/implementation/monitoring in Africa
- **Facilitating capacity development, technical assistance, advisory services**
- **Promoting knowledge generation, lesson sharing and networking**
- **Promoting monitoring and evaluation** of land policy development and implementation

Draft LPI Governance and Administrative Structure



Program planning/capacity of LPI

- **Effective Planning and management of the LPI program**
 - **Elements of the 5-year strategic plan; budgets; annual work plan**
 - **LPI strategic/Business plan/M&E underway**
 - **Regular Steering committees (RECs, PAP, PAPFO)**
- **Increase capacity of the LPI Secretariat**
 - **Current 3 professional posts; 2 support staff**
 - **Secured resources for 4 new posts from EU, ECA**
 - **15 consultants recruited for various studies/tasks**
 - **Delays in recruitment a challenge**

Mainstreaming land/partnerships

- **Mainstreaming land in the agenda for Africa's development**
 - Mainstreaming land policy in AUC, ECA, AfDB underway
 - Mainstreaming land policy/governance in CAADP investment plans--underway
 - RECs and National Govts—2013++
- **Building synergies, partnerships and resource mobilisation**
 - MOU with UNHabitat on capacity development
 - MOU with African institutions of learning underway
 - MOU with FAO on application of F&G and VG underway
 - MOU with world bank on e.g. application of LGAF and other tools
 - Resources mobilised - EU, ECA, AUC, UNHabitat, SDC
 - LPI at Partner events (World Bank; IFAD; FAO—CFS; ADF; OECD)

Synergies with FAO- VG on tenure of land, fisheries and forests

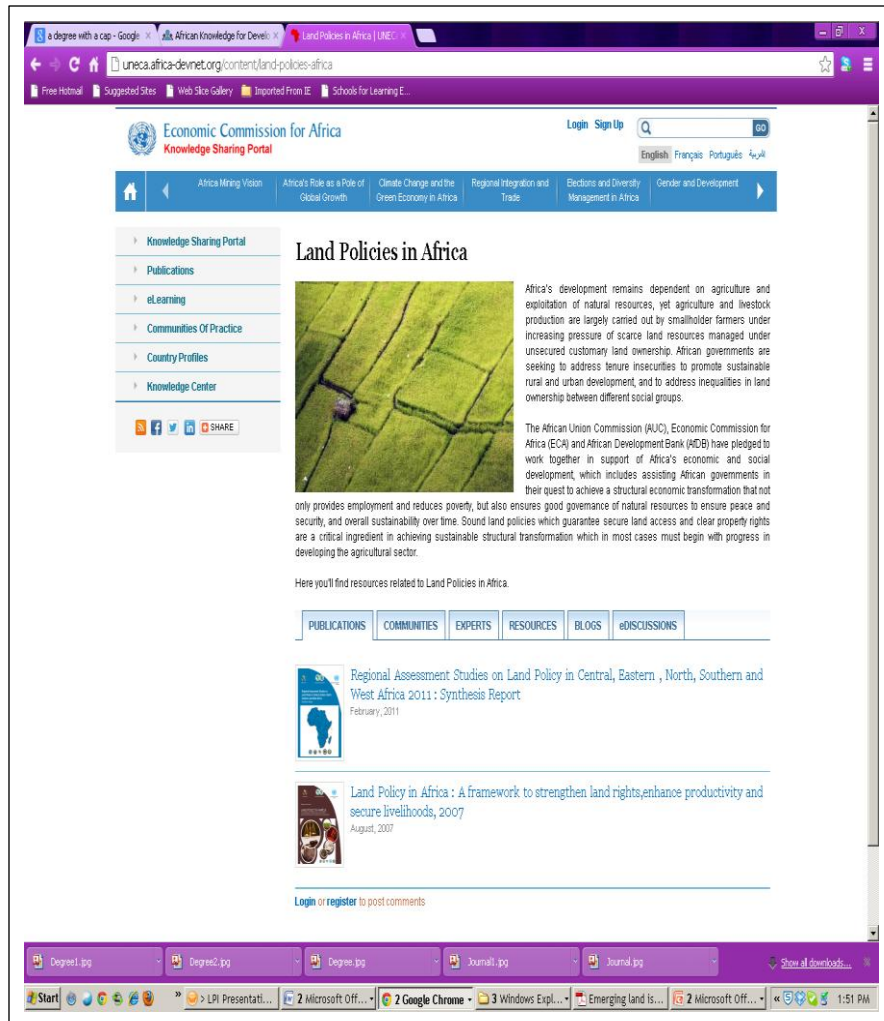
Aim

- **Promote food security and sustainable development by improving secure access to land, fisheries and forests and protecting the legitimate tenure rights of millions of people, many of whom are poor and food insecure**

How LPI is engaging with FAO?: Key areas of joint intervention

- **Development of VG**
- **Program Development**
- **Support to member States**
- **Awareness raising**
- **Capacity development**
- **Advisory service**
- **Monitoring and Evaluation**
- **Partnerships**

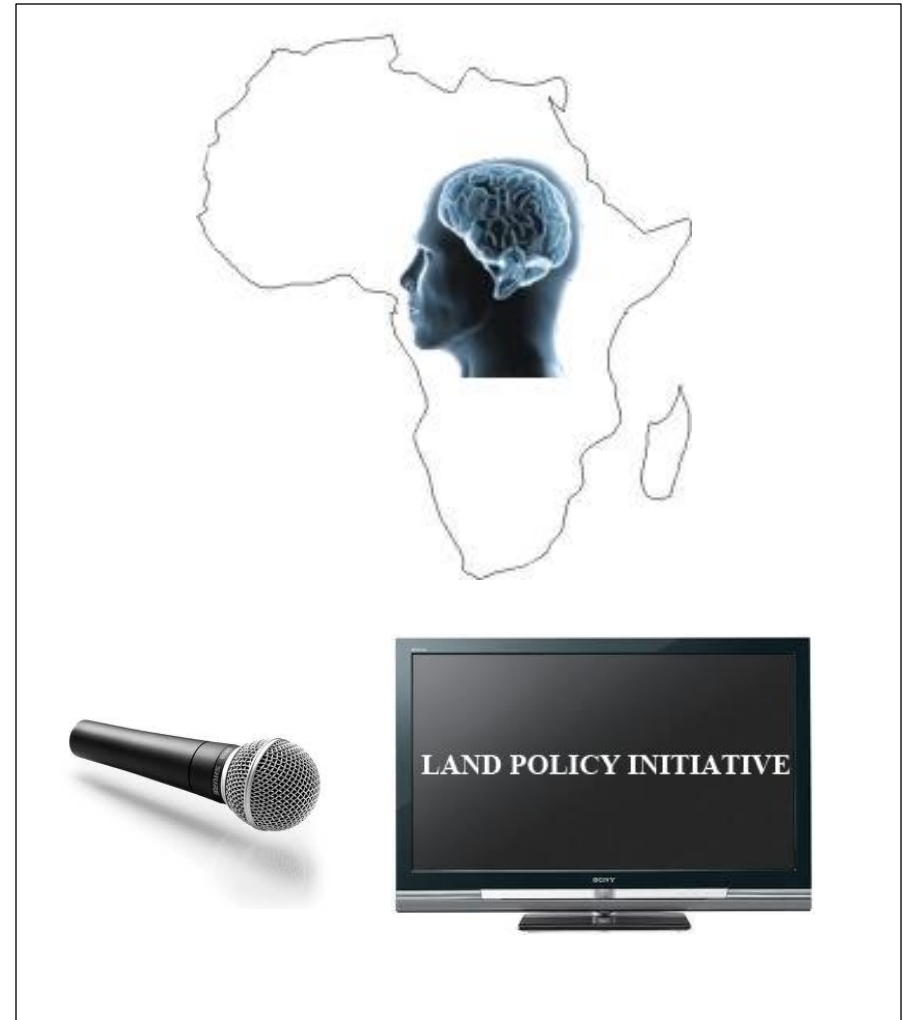
Knowledge generation/ management



- **VALPAF (Virtual African Land Policy and Administration Facility)-2012**
- **LSLBI at ADF (2012)**
- **Study on LSLBI (2012)**
- **Study on Women's Land rights (2012)**
- **Journal (online) on land policy in Africa (2014)**
- **Bi-annual Conference on land Policy in Africa (2014)**

Communication & advocacy for land governance/policy

- **Communication and advocacy strategy (2013)—HR constraints**
- **Communication/advocacy tools (2012++**



Capacity/skills development and training

- **Background Document on Capacity Development (2012)**
- **Capacity development framework, training programs (2012)**
- **Curriculum on land policy and land management (2013)**
- **Action research (2013++)**
- **Technical and Advisory Services (2008++)**



Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Background Document on tracking progress on land policy (2011/2)**
- **Framework for M&E (2013)**
- **Pilots (2013++)**
- **Report to the AU summit (2013++)**



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