



HOW TO ESTABLISH A LAND SECTOR NON-STATE ACTORS' MECHANISM



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NON-STATE ACTORS

THE GUIDE

Non-state actors (NSAs) are non-sovereign entities that exercise significant economic, political or social power and influence at a national, and in some cases, international level. This guide outlines the factors that influence the set up and effective operation of a non-state actors' mechanism in the land sector, particularly during a land reform process. For the purpose of this guide, non-state actors include civil society organizations, the private sector and professional associations. A land sector, non-state actors' (LSNSA) mechanism is a

means by which a group of non-state actors coordinates their interventions and support to enhance their impact in the land sector, particularly during land reform processes.

The guide is not intended to be a blueprint for a non-state actors' mechanism, but it is expected to provide viable ways to establish such a mechanism and to inform decision-makers engaged in the land sector, including national governments, bilateral and multilateral implementing agencies, about land sector non-state actors and their value-adding in land-reform processes.



This guide will be useful to key stakeholders interested in setting up, supporting or interacting with a land sector non-state actors mechanism.

UNDERSTANDING THE LAND SECTOR CONTEXT

A land sector, non-state actors' mechanism set up, operation and approach will be dependent on the context in which it operates, particularly whether there is the political will for reform and an acceptance of the NSAs' participation in the reform process.



CHOOSING A MECHANISM OF ENGAGEMENT

The availability of resources will determine the type of land sector NSA mechanism structure and its sustainability during the reform process. Therefore, the land sector NSA mechanism approach must be adapted to the needs and situation in each country and the stage each country is at in the land reform process. This guide gives practical steps on this process.

KEY SUCCESS FACTORS AND RISKS

Irrespective of context or political will, there are some key success factors and risks that the non-state actors should be aware of to ensure the desired results are achieved and that the land sector, non-state actors' mechanism is successful and makes a positive difference to the land reform agenda. This guide gives an analysis of key success factors as well as risks.

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