



Principles for responsible agricultural investment (rai) in the context of food security and nutrition Zero Draft

PART I

PRINCIPLES WITH REGARDS TO THE IMPACTS OF AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT

PRINCIPLE 1

Responsible agricultural investment enhances food security and nutrition for all.

SUB-PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 Responsible agricultural investment ensures the production of sufficient and nutritionally adequate food.
- 1.2 Responsible agricultural investment ensures stable food supply, and resilience.
- 1.3 Responsible agricultural investment improves access to food, especially by the most vulnerable.
- 1.4 Responsible agricultural investment supports resilience of food systems before, during and after shocks and crises.

PRINCIPLE 2

Responsible agricultural investment is environmentally sustainable.

SUB-PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 Responsible agricultural investment uses natural resources in the most sustainable and efficient ways possible, given existing knowledge, technologies, and capacity.
- 2.2 Responsible agricultural investment sustains ecosystems and related services.
- 2.3 Responsible agricultural investment contributes to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

PRINCIPLE 3

Responsible agricultural investment sustains or improves livelihoods and sets in motion inclusive growth.

SUB-PRINCIPLES

- 3.1 Responsible agricultural investment generates desirable socio-economic and distributional impacts.
- 3.2 Responsible agricultural investment respects internationally recognized labour rights and promotes decent work for all.
- 3.3 Responsible agricultural investment respects legitimate tenure rights and safeguards tenure right holders against being dispossessed of their legitimate tenure rights.

PRINCIPLE 4

Responsible agricultural investment respects cultural norms, is compatible with universal human rights and is considered legitimate by relevant stakeholders.

PART II
PRINCIPLES IN SUPPORT OF ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

PRINCIPLE 5

Responsible agricultural investment is supported by enabling, facilitating, and regulatory structures based on internationally-recognized good governance principles.

SUB-PRINCIPLE

5.1 Responsible agricultural investment is actively supported by states in their multiple capacities as enablers and regulators of investment in food and agriculture.

PRINCIPLE 6

Responsible agricultural investment is supported by policies and legislations consistent with each other, and addressing all aspects of responsible investment as described in this document.

PRINCIPLE 7

Responsible agricultural investment that affects local communities requires active, free, informed, and effective participation of stakeholders.

PRINCIPLE 8

Responsible agricultural investment is accompanied by mechanisms for regular review and improvement of agricultural investment-related governance instruments and policies.

Sub-Principle

8.1 Responsible agricultural investments are based on transparent and participatory assessment and monitoring of their impacts before, during and after an investment takes place, with remedial actions if shortcomings are identified.

PRINCIPLE 9

Responsible agricultural investment is accompanied by non-discriminatory access to justice grievance procedures and fair and effective remedy mechanisms.

PART III

PRINCIPLES FOR COORDINATION, COOPERATION, PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PRINCIPLE 10

Responsible agricultural investment is facilitated by clear mechanisms and institutions promoting coordination, cooperation, and partnership among the actors involved.

PRINCIPLE 11

Responsible agricultural investment is supported by multilateral international and regional organizations that comply with these principles and primarily support small-scale food producers and processors in a perspective of local and national FSN.

PRINCIPLE 12

All actors involved in agricultural investment are accountable for their decisions, actions and the impacts thereof.

SUB-PRINCIPLES

12.1 All actors involved in agricultural investment follow State regulations and recommendations concerning transparency and disclosure of meaningful information about proposed, on-going and concluded projects.

12.2 Transnational responsible agricultural investment is supported by States of origin respecting, applying, and promoting extraterritorial obligations under international law and striving to introduce mandatory reporting and independent monitoring of investment.