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SDG Indicator 5.a.2 Reporting Process in the Western Balkans and South Caucasus (2015-ongoing)

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Overview of the joint FAO/GIZ collaboration

- In 2015, notaries from the Western Balkans gave testimonies of how traditional practices prevent women and daughters from having secure rights over property equally with men and sons
- This led FAO and GIZ to team up to identify strengths and weaknesses for gender equality in land ownership and control using the **Legal Assessment Tool** for gender-equitable land tenure and the **SDG indicator 5.a.2 reporting methodology**
- Legal assessments have been carried out in 2015/2016 and were updated in early 2020 to support the reporting on SDG indicator 5.a.2

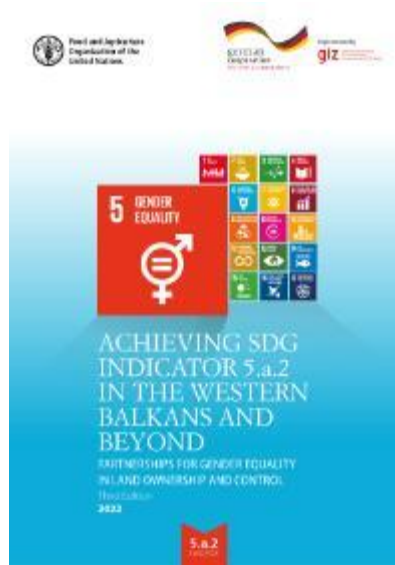
The Legal Assessment for Gender-Equitable Land Tenure (LAT)

- A tool to support the development of gender-responsive legal frameworks
- A tool to facilitate reporting under SDG Indicator 5.a.2
- The LAT mirrors the SDG proxies and helps target areas for reform by:
 - Identifying strengths, weaknesses and opportunities in the legal framework
 - Highlighting areas where legal and administrative reform may help with the implementation

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	Sub-national	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Name of the states/provinces/counties:
	Spousal or partner consent is required for transactions involving land	
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	17 (b) - Partner consent is required for land transactions	
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	Joint registration of land is compulsory or encouraged through economic incentives	
	18(a) - Joint registration of land is compulsory or encouraged for married couples	
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	18(b) - Joint registration of land is compulsory or encouraged for unmarried couples	
	Legal Basis	

An SDG good practice: Western Balkans and South Caucasus

- The initiative was endorsed by the **UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)** as an **SDG good practice in 2021**
- This endorsement is evidence that the results of this initiative can be scaled up and adapted to other regions to achieve SDG indicator 5.a.2. (South Caucasus)
- It has facilitated country reporting and monitoring under SDG indicator 5.a.2 and contributed to its implementation by local agents of change (notaries and registration officers)



For more information on this initiative:

<https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/partnerships-gender-equality-land-ownership-and-control-good-practices-western-balkans>

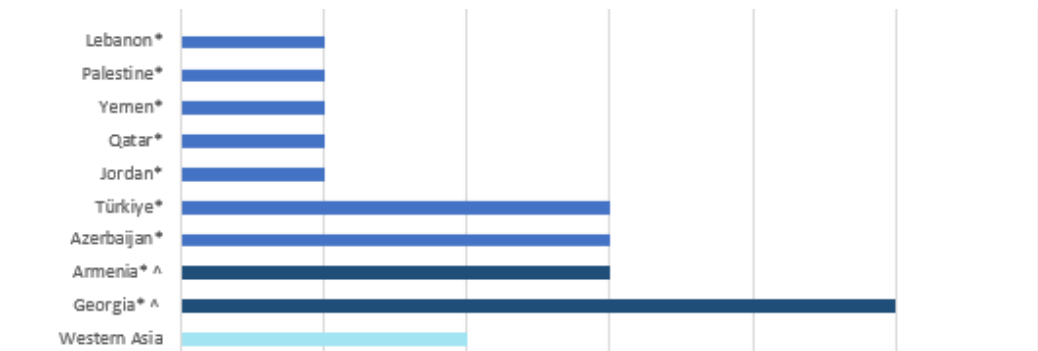


The replication of experience in South Caucasus

2019: The governments of Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia expressed interest in carrying out a review of their national legal frameworks against the proxies of SDG Indicator 5.a.2.

2020: FAO and GIZ extended their partnership to the South Caucasus to facilitate reporting under SDG indicator 5.a.2.

2023: Armenia and Georgia recently presented their SDG 5.a.2 report with updated information



Ongoing support in Western Balkans

- The initiative has helped identify some of the legal and technical challenges to women's access to land ownership, and brought to light some implementation challenges that FAO and GIZ continue to provide support on, post-SDG 5.a.2 reporting.
- FAO and GIZ have partnered with the International Union of Notaries (UINL) to support notaries and registration offices in the region:
 - Publication of Regional "Guidelines on strengthening gender equality in notarial practices South-East Europe" and their adaptation at the national level
 - Publication of Regional "Guidelines on Strengthening gender equality in land registration South-East Europe"
 - Delivery of trainings to notaries on the guidelines
- Support to the reporting on SDG indicator 5.a.1: having data on 5.a.1 will help keep track of the impact of legal reforms on gender equality





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Thank you for your attention!

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