

The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT)

The Guidelines promote responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests, with respect to all forms of tenure: public, private, communal, indigenous, customary, and informal.

In 2012 the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) adopted the The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests (VGGT) in the Context of National Food Security.

The Guidelines serve as a reference and set out principles and they are a new international instrument that can be used by peasant, fishing and pastoralist organisations, indigenous peoples, the landless, women and youth, and civil society as a whole, to assert their rights. The Tenure Guidelines are based on human rights and are the first global exhaustive tool on the tenure of land and natural resources developed through an open inter-governmental process with the full and effective participation of a vast array of relevant actors. In such document, internationally accepted principles and norms were established to define responsible practices for the use and control of land, fisheries and forests.

VGGT CSO Training Workshop Rome and Brussels - Final Report

Between January 2015 and April 2015, ECVC, FIAN, TNI and Crocevia organised a series of training workshops on the VGGTs targeting mainly food producers' organizations. The workshops, funded by the FAO, aimed to increase the capacities of civil society and farmers' organizations from Europe and Central Asia. The first workshop took place in Rome, which allowed the participants to organize a public event at the FAO, and the second one in Brussels, which allowed the participants to organize a public event in the European Economical and Social Committee. CSO participants came from Serbia, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Georgia, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Russia, Hungary, Austria, Italia, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Romania, Germany, Sweden, and the Netherlands and were drawn from a range of constituencies including small scale farmers, NGOs, pastoralists, workers, and indigenous peoples.

The People's Manual on the Guidelines on Governance of Land, Fisheries and Forests

The People's Manual is a pedagogical and didactic guide, which aims to make it easier to understand the Guidelines and to provide a practical approach to people on how to use them in their struggles. It highlights the parts that offer answers to their needs and provides advice on mechanisms, strategies and actions that can be adopted to generate dialogue and to defend human rights and social justice in the processes, institutions and activities of governance of natural resources. The People's Manual does not replace the Guidelines. It is a tool aimed at generating dialogue and debate among different population groups and governments, and at demanding the implementation and compliance of the Guidelines in the governance of tenure.

The manual is the result of collective and participatory work undertaken by the Land and Territory Working Group of the IPC (International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty).