



Prague Regional Workshop 2010

**Land Tenure and Land Consolidation –
Land Banking and Public Land Management
21 - 24 June 2010**

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**FAO's mandate
Food security, poverty alleviation
and rural development**



FAO's role – to provide:

- **Advice to governments**
- **Development assistance**
- **Information**
- **Neutral venue**

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1st and 2nd Wave of Land Reforms



First wave of land reform:

- Privatization and restitution
- Land administration (land registration & cadastre)
- Land markets

Second wave:

- Land taxation
- Property valuation
- GIS and IT development
- **State land management**
- **Land consolidation**

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Why land consolidation ?



- Many small and fragmented farms which are not competitive and will disappear with increasing integration into globalized market
 - rural areas will lose their economic basis
 - rural areas will be depopulated
- => Structural adjustment can not be stopped (e.g. CH each month minus 72 farms)
- => The success of rural development projects depends on how they address the small, fragmented farms

=> crucial role of land consolidation as a tool to improve rural conditions through rural development

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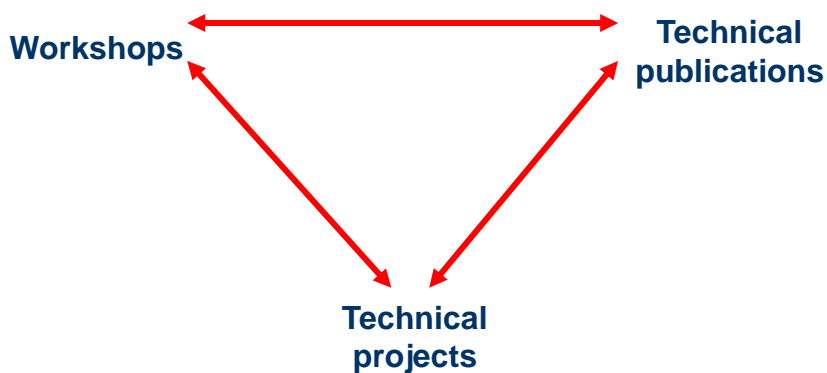


Rural development

⇒ ***increasing capacity of rural families
to improve economic status and
livelihood through own efforts***

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FAO Programme in land tenure



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Workshops



- 2002 Munich Symposium
- 2002 Rome Workshop
- 2002 Prague Regional Workshop
- 2004 Tonder Workshop
- 2005 – 2008 Prague Regional Workshops
- 2009 Galicia Regional Workshop – Land Banking
- 2010 Prague Regional Workshop – Land Banking and Public Land Management; Prague, 21 - 24 June 2010

Early workshops defined the need for guidelines on how to start land consolidation

Guidelines were disseminated at later workshops

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FAO's work in land tenure and land consolidation – Policy Papers



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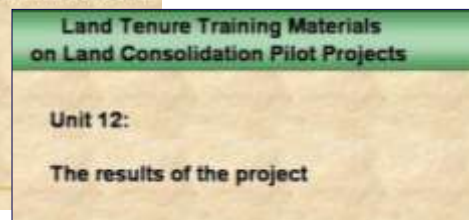
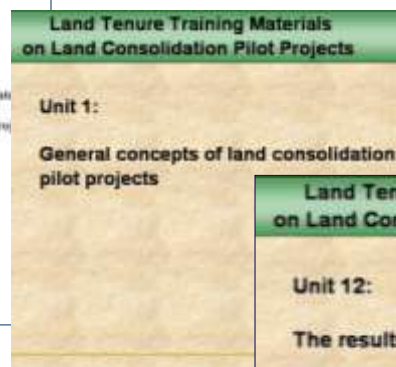
Technical publications



Guidelines were produced on how to design and operate pilot projects.

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Technical publications



The experience of projects was documented for use in other countries

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FAO's work in land consolidation – technical projects

Armenia FAO-TCP project	Hungary FAO-TCP project	Lithuania FAO-TCP project	Serbia FAO-TCP project
Croatia SIDA project	Kosovo EU project	Moldova WB project	
Albania TCP approved	BiH TCP under preparation	Moldova TCP-facility	

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Approaches to land consolidation



**Lessons can be learned from others –
but countries should develop their own solutions.**

**FAO has recommended that countries develop strategies to guide
how land consolidation should be introduced.**

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It has been common in many countries to have compulsory participation of land owners

FAO has recommended that countries consider options that include voluntary approaches to:

- reduce costs
- implement projects in less time
- overcome the lack of trust by citizens when there is a history of coercion
- introduce participatory approaches

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New Focus – Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and Other Natural Resources



- FAO and its partners are preparing Voluntary Guidelines to improve the governance of tenure of land and other natural resources in order to:
 - set principles and internationally accepted standards for responsible practices
 - provide a framework that States can use when developing their own strategies, policies, legislation and programmes
 - allow government authorities, the private sector, civil society and citizens to judge whether their proposed actions and the actions of others constitute acceptable practices
- Ultimately VG will contribute to:
 - alleviating hunger and poverty
 - empowering the poor and vulnerable
 - enhancing the environment
 - supporting national and local economic development, and
 - reforming public administration
- VG are being prepared in partnership with UN agencies, countries, civil society and the private sector
 - See the Discussion Paper Towards Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land and other Natural Resources (<http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure/infores/voluntary-guidelines/en/>)

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- The Voluntary Guidelines are at the initial stage of preparation
- Regional and thematic consultations are being held to assess the issues and actions that should be included
- Next step will be the drafting of the Voluntary Guidelines, their review through a broad consultative process, and their assessment by FAO member countries and other stakeholders
- The focus will then turn to the implementation

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