USING THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF PEASANTS TO PROTECT FARMERS LAND RIGHTS IN AFRICA.

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AGRICULTURE IN AFRICA

- More than half of African people depend on agriculture for all or part of their livelihood
- Agriculture highly contributes to the GDP of African Countries
- Africa possesses a bigger portion of arable land
EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA

• Awareness of problems around land governance

• Existence of National and International policies and declarations to defend the rights on land

• Civil society organizations specialized in land issues and others organizations involved in land issues
LAND RIGHTS CHALLENGES IN AFRICA

Land Policies

• Absence of land policies for some countries
• Poor access to information on existing policies
• Absence of land tenure regularization
• No sufficient consultation with smallholder farmers in land policies
• Difficulties to access land related services to smallholder farmers
• Lack of transparency in land policies execution and expropriation
• Persisting conflict between farmers and breeders
Market pressure and globalization

• Increasing multinational corporation to occupy a larger scare of arable land

• Market pressure contributes to the decrease of food sovereignty

• Increasing urbanization without sustainable planning of urban mapping
Land degradation

- Deterioration of biodiversity
- Environmental stress
- Absence of sustainable land management plan
- War and conflict
Women particularities

• Absence of gender sensitive policies in some countries

• Less capacities or society factors preventing women to claim tenure rights entitled to them
The role of Governments

• To insure equitable land distribution and land Access
• Secure land tenure and land rights
• Mechanisms to fairly solve land conflicts
• Responsive land use planning
• Strengthening land tenure for women
• To improve land policies dissemination
Role of Civil society organizations

• Drive advocacy
• Increasing the capacities of farmers
• Participating in negotiations
• Advocating for gender sensitive issues policies
Research Institutions

• Teaching farmers about management of land

• Researchers should work with stakeholders to insure the consultative of land fertility
THANK YOU