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CFS MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE on

SHARING EXPERIENCES AND TAKING STOCK OF THE USE AND APPLICATION OF THE VGGTs IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

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CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) has repeatedly encouraged stakeholders to share their experiences and best practices in applying CFS decisions and recommendations with a view to foster adoption, adaptation and scaling up of good practices and to contribute to the monitoring function of CFS at national, regional and global levels.

At the last plenary session in October 2015, CFS agreed to hold a global thematic event during the October 2016 Plenary to share experiences and take stock of the use and application of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGTs).

The Voluntary Guidelines were endorsed by CFS at its Thirty-eighth (Special) Session on 11 May 2012. The Guidelines serve as a reference and set out principles and internationally accepted standards for practices for the responsible governance of tenure. They provide a framework that States can use when developing their own strategies, policies, legislation, programmes and activities. They allow governments, civil society, the private sector and citizens to judge whether their proposed actions and the actions of others constitute acceptable practices.

Objectives and methodology

As an input to the global event to be held in October, the *CFS Multi-stakeholder dialogue on sharing experiences and taking stock of the use and application of the VGGTs in Europe and Central Asia* will contribute to the **identification, sharing and documentation of good practices by CFS stakeholders**.

CFS stakeholders are invited to identify and describe good practices in the use and application of the VGGTs both in quantitative and qualitative terms. In this context, a good practice can be described as an intervention or approach that has contributed to the successful application of the Voluntary Guidelines and deserves to be shared as an example so that a greater number of actors can consider its adoption, taking into account country-specific situations.

Qualitative aspects

The following characteristics should apply:

- ✓ Strategic relevance: good practice has been strategic and effective in achieving VGGTs objectives
- ✓ Environmental, economic and social sustainability: good practice has met people's needs, in particular the essential needs of the world's poorest, without compromising the ability of addressing future needs
- ✓ Gender sensitivity: both men and women have benefitted from the good practice (no negative impact on men or women within the existing division of labour and responsibilities)
- ✓ Replicability and adaptability: the good practice is replicable and adaptable to other settings, including from a technical perspective
- ✓ Inclusiveness and participation of concerned actors: the good practice has involved all main relevant actors, ensuring collaboration and coordination, a joint sense of ownership and good prospects for sustainability
- ✓ Validation by the beneficiaries: the good practice has been validated by the beneficiaries who have confirmed the positive impact of the good practices on their life and livelihoods

Quantitative aspects

To the extent possible, information on the geographical coverage of the good practice, as well as an estimate of the number of people, households and communities that have been positively affected by the application of the good practice should be provided.

The attached template will facilitate and standardize the documentation process.

Submissions should be sent to the CFS Secretariat (cfs@fao.org) by 20 March 2016.

Template for submission

Successful experience and good practices in the use and application of VGGTs	
Title of the good practice	
Name / Organization/ entity	
Country	
Contact person	
Description of the successful experience and good practice including process and key results (max 350 words)	
Qualitative aspects, including:	
(i) strategic relevance (max. 100 words)	
(ii) environmental, economic and social sustainability (max. 100 words)	
(iii) gender sensitivity (max. 100 words)	
(iv) replicability and adaptability (max. 100 words)	
(v) inclusiveness and participation of relevant actors (max. 100 words)	
(vi) validation by the beneficiaries (max. 100 words)	
Quantitative aspects (max. 100 words)	
Link to additional information	