



PREPARATION OF THE CFS PLENARY EVENT TO SHARE AND TAKE STOCK OF THE USE AND APPLICATION OF THE VGGT AT CFS 43

REQUEST FOR INPUTS FROM CFS STAKEHOLDERS

Background

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) encourages all stakeholders to share their experiences and best practices in applying CFS decisions and recommendations. 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 (VGGT).

The Voluntary Guidelines were endorsed by the Committee at its Thirty-eighth (Special) Session on 11 May 2012. The purpose of the VGGT is to serve as a reference and to provide guidance to improve the governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests with the overarching goal of achieving food security for all and to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security.

Inputs are requested from CFS stakeholders¹ to identify and document successful experiences and good practices in the use and application of the VGGT.

Objectives and Approach

These inputs will contribute to the **identification, sharing and documentation** of successful experiences in the use and application of the VGGT and good practices that have contributed to this success. In this context, good practices are successful interventions or approaches that deserve to be shared as examples so that a greater number of actors can consider their adoption, taking into account country-specific situations. Examples of good practices could be an advocacy strategy, a participatory diagnosis of constraints or the involvement of farmer organizations in the prioritization of activities. Inputs will also contribute to the monitoring of progress in the use and application of the VGGT, both from a qualitative and quantitative perspective. The collected inputs will be compiled in a document made available for delegates at CFS 43.

In identifying and documenting good practices, please consider the following issues, as applicable:

- **Effectiveness** of the practice in achieving VGGT objectives
- **Replicability and adaptability** of the practice to other settings
- **Environmental, economic and social sustainability:** the practice has contributed to achieving VGGT objectives, without compromising the ability of addressing future needs
- Promotion of **gender equality**, ensuring that women and men have equal tenure rights and access to land, fisheries and forests

¹ Includes CFS members, participants (UN agencies and bodies, civil society and non-governmental organizations and networks, international agricultural research systems, international and regional financial institutions and private sector associations and philanthropic foundations) and observers

- **Involvement and participation** of all main relevant actors in the decision-making processes related to the practice, including all those who could be affected by the decisions
- **Resilience** of households and communities to shocks and crises, including those related to climate changes
- Availability of evidence to confirm that the practice had had a positive impact on the lives and livelihoods of the beneficiaries, with a focus on **the most vulnerable and marginalized people**

The attached template will facilitate and standardize the submission process. In the template, information is requested on the successful experience, the results obtained, key factors/ catalysts influencing the outcomes, the constraints and challenges that were faced and the good practices that led to success. Respondents are also asked, to the extent possible, to provide an estimate of the number of people, households and communities that have been positively affected by the successful experience.

Submissions should be sent to the CFS Secretariat (cfs@fao.org) by 31 March. Submissions can be made in any of the UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Submissions should be strictly limited to 1,000 Words.

Template for submission

Successful experience and good practices in the use and application of VGGT (maximum 1000 Words)	
Title*	
Country(ies)/ Region(s)/ Organization/ Entity	
Contact person	
Brief description of the successful experience (including location, geographical coverage, main actors, main activities, timeframe)	
	Location
	Geographical coverage
	Main actors
	Main activities
Timeframe	
Results obtained	
Key catalysts and factors that influenced the results	
Constraints and challenges that were faced	
Good practices that helped to make the experience successful	
Quantitative aspects where available - estimate of the number of people, households and communities that have been positively affected by the successful experience	
Link to additional information	

*Please choose a title for your successful experience