

On Youth, women and recommendations:

Suggested speaker: Isa

The Guidelines are the first human rights instrument on governance of tenure, and explicitly link the progressive realization of the right to food with responsible governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests. They are an important landmark in terms of both, content and process, and evolved from initial conceptualization to adoption through intense efforts by many different actors over four years.

Our report shows that the Guidelines have the potential to play a critical role in promoting the tenure rights of small-scale food producers and providers, specially youth and women, and moving towards a future zero hunger generation. The Guidelines have been used to analyze the situation of women's access to resources, and have created a momentum to link tenure-related gender issues and the rights of women. Youth in rural areas will play a key role in the realization of the right to food and nutrition in the future, and for many young people, the agricultural sector is of vital importance to address high levels of youth unemployment, underemployment and poverty. The Guidelines have also been used as capacity-building tools for women and youth about tenure related issues.

Our report also shows that the Guidelines are an extremely useful tool to monitor national legal, regulatory and policy frameworks related to tenure governance and how these can resolve tenure conflicts. In order to make monitoring a constructive process and achieve positive impacts with regards to tenure security for legitimate rights holders, our report makes several recommendations to CFS members and the FAO regarding policy dialogues; legal and policy frameworks; addressing tenure related conflicts; ending violence and criminalization of human rights defenders; monitoring and evaluation; and donor support to implementing the Guidelines. We urge CFS members and the FAO to take on board these recommendations and commit to implementing the Tenure Guidelines in the full spirit of human rights.