

The Technical Committee on “land tenure and development”: a 20 years involvement of the French cooperation on land governance

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The governance of tenure of land and natural resources is nowadays central to the international agenda. Debates around land governance are more accurate than ever: large scale land investments, migrations, climate change, recognition of local land rights, etc. The current international context shows the need to address land governance in the definition of development strategies and territorial governance.

For the last 20 years the French Technical Committee on “land tenure and development”, composed of decision-makers, experts and researchers, have provided knowledge and support for debate, design, and implementation of land policies in developing countries. Under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign affairs and international development and the French Development Agency, this unique multi-stakeholder platform enables the coordination of the actors of the French cooperation and their international partners. The Committee acts as a hub for debated, new synergies between research and actions in support of land policies.

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, the Committee will gather its members, national and international partners, as well as policy makers to draw lessons from this experience: the different phases of its history, its main achievements, and its evolution path. This conference also constitutes a major opportunity to exchange on future challenges and opportunities regarding land governance.

FULL-DAY PROGRAMME

- 9:30 AM-9:45 AM — **OPENING: The land tenure committee: a strategic tool for the French cooperation**
- 9:45 AM-10:15 AM — **Evolution path and main achievements**
- Vatché Papazian (AFD)

- 10:15 AM-11:30 AM — **The 90’s: the establishment of a network of multidisciplinary experts connected to other european networks**
- **MODERATOR:** Aurélie Chevrillon (AFD)
 - **PANELISTS:** Etienne Le Roy (Aprefa – LAJP), Jean-Pierre Farjon (MAEDI), Philippe Lavigne Delville (IRD), Camilla Toulmin (IIED), Dominique Lorentz (CSN)
- DISCUSSIONS (20’)
- 11:30 AM-11:45 AM — *Coffee break*
- 11:45 AM-1:00 PM — **The 2000’s and the support to land reforms**
- **MODERATOR:** Mathieu Boche (MAEDI)
 - **PANELISTS:** Hubert Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso), Sidy Seck (Senegal), Daouda Diarra (Mali), Amel Benkahla (GRET), Peter Hochet (Insuco)
- DISCUSSIONS (20’)
- 1:00 PM-2:30 PM — *Lunch*
- 2:30 PM-3:45 PM — **Legal framework for land governance and development models**
- **MODERATOR:** Sidy Seck (UGB Saint-Louis)
 - **PANELISTS:** Jean-Luc François (AFD), Faliry Boly (Sexagon Mali), Mariam Sow (Enda Pronat, Senegal), Michel Merlet (AGTER), Lionel Barre and Perry Acheampong (GREL)
- DISCUSSIONS (30’)
- 3:45 PM-5:00 PM — **Land governance as a cornerstone for development policies**
- **MODERATOR:** Hubert Ouedraogo (LPI)
 - **PANELISTS:** Jean-Pierre Chauveau (IRD), Gael Giraud (AFD), Ousmane Sy (former Minister for Decentralization of the Republic of Mali), Camilla Toulmin (IIED)
- DISCUSSIONS (30’)
- 5:00 PM-5:30 PM — **CLOSING ROUNDTABLE**
- Laurence Tubiana, Ambassador for the negotiations on climate change (*to be confirmed*)
 - Harison Randriarimanana, Special Advisor to the President of the Republic in charge of Economic Affairs, former Minister (Madagascar)
 - Rémi Rioux, AFD’s General Director

