

Special Issue

Improving Governance of Tenure: Progress in Policy and Practice

Message from the Guest Editors

The eradication of hunger and poverty (Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 1 and 2) and the sustainable use of the environment, while addressing climate change (SDG 13), biodiversity (SDG 14 and 15), land degradation (SDG 15), and emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic (SDG 3), depend largely on how people, communities and other societal actors gain access to land, fisheries and forest resources. This is defined and regulated by societies through systems of tenure. As understood in the 'Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security' (VGGT), governance of tenure in a responsible manner protects the legitimate tenure rights and right holders and is required to bring the greatest benefits to people in line with human rights based approaches.

This special issue would like to investigate whether eight years after the endorsement of the VGGT by the UN Committee on World Food Security, the integrated, multi-disciplinary, and country-driven VGGT implementation approach has contributed to sustainable improvements in tenure governance across national and sub-national country levels.

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