



FIG Commission 7

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Land is a **crucial asset** for society

to build peaceful, stable, and prosperous societies

as a means of production

for household livelihood and for supporting poverty reduction

for cultural identity and spirituality

as an important source of political power and participation in decision-making

However, there are **gender inequalities** in access, use and control over land and productive resources

In Africa, more than 51 % of working women are employed in agriculture, accounting for about 15 % of the continent's GDP.

In developing countries, women account for 60-80% of food production

BUT women rarely own the land on which they work.

Globally, less than 15% of the land belongs to women.

With **drastic consequences** for **sustainable development**

Prevents the reduction of poverty and the eradication of hunger

increases inefficiencies in the economy,

impedes women's economic empowerment and resilience

Serious Threat to Sustainable Development!

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Despite several international, regional, and national efforts to contribute to more equal land rights and tenure security for women and other vulnerable groups, progress has been uneven and slow.

“At the current pace of progress, it will take 200 years, or 9 generations, to achieve equal rights over land and natural resources and women's full participation in decision-making processes”
(OECD, 2019).

Gender-responsive policy and legal frameworks are essential to advancing women's and other vulnerable groups rights to land!

How can we help?

**Support FIG SDGs WG:
No Land Rights, No SDGs!**

**Partner with campaigns such as
Stand for Her Land (S4HL)
initiative**

**Promote gendered land rights
formalization programs**

**Further develop the FIG
publication #24 (together with
WB and Landesa, and other
orgs).**

