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Integrating Land Tenure into Sustainable Land Management

National multistakeholder consultations to restore degraded land, boost climate resilience, and improve local livelihoods

Land users are more likely to make investments when they have realistic expectations that they will benefit from the returns. Integrating land tenure considerations into land degradation neutrality (LDN) and land restoration policies, projects, and programmes can contribute to better land and water management and other regenerative practices that enhance food and water security, rural livelihoods, and climate action. The UNCCD-FAO joint initiative builds the experiences of partners at all scales during the 10 years of VGGT implementation and aims to ensure that tenure-responsive land management and restoration are actionable priorities that contribute to the global land agenda.

Introduction and Welcome Remarks: **Sasha Alexander** (Policy Officer, UNCCD)

Setting the Scene: **Andrea Mesa** (Deputy Executive Secretary, UNCCD), **Aurelie Bres** (Land & Water Officer, FAO)

Panel 1: Country and Civil Society Reflections

Julian Noel

Forester and National Focal Point for AFR100 in Madagascar

Orlando Rayo

Senior Advisor, National Indigenous Organization of Colombia

George Tarus

Head of the Forest Conservation Directorate in Kenya

Eva Maria Okoth

Senior Programme Officer for ILC-Africa

Beth Roberts

Director, Center for Women's Land Rights at Landesa

Panel 2: Global and Donor Perspectives

Ulrich Apel

Senior Environmental Specialist at the GEF

Alexander Mueller

Founder and Managing Director of TMG

Gemma Betsema

Senior Programme Advisor for the Netherlands LAND-at-scale

Romy Sato

Knowledge Management Officer at Landportal

Dominik Wellmann

Land Governance Advisor at GIZ



Technical Guide – Integration of the VGGTs into LDN and land restoration

Synergy Brief – Securing tenure to restore land and safeguard livelihoods