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Responsible Governance of Investment in Land (RGIL)

From Theory to Practice: Exploring the implementation of responsible investments on Land in Africa

Brief presentation on successfully accomplished engagements and created impacts In RGIL-Ethiopia

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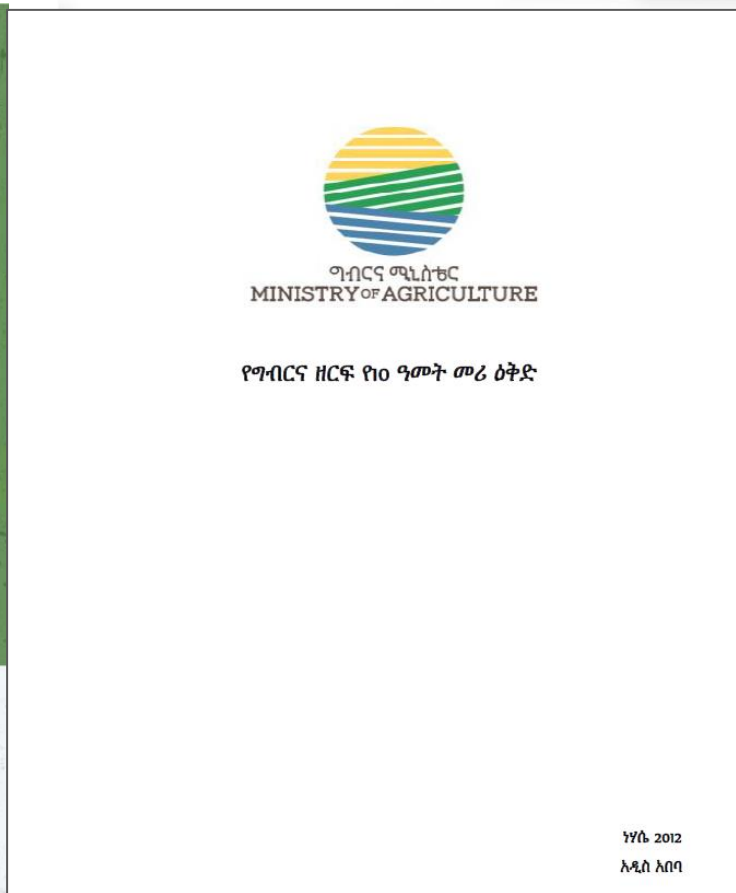


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Introduction Federal Government Target



Federal Government/MoA Target

- Between 2021 -2030, the Ministry of Agriculture targeted to expand the medium-large scale agricultural investment from **986,492 ha to 4.2 million ha** and in terms of production, to increase from **85 million quintals to 169 million quintals**.

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Capacity Gaps Need Assessment

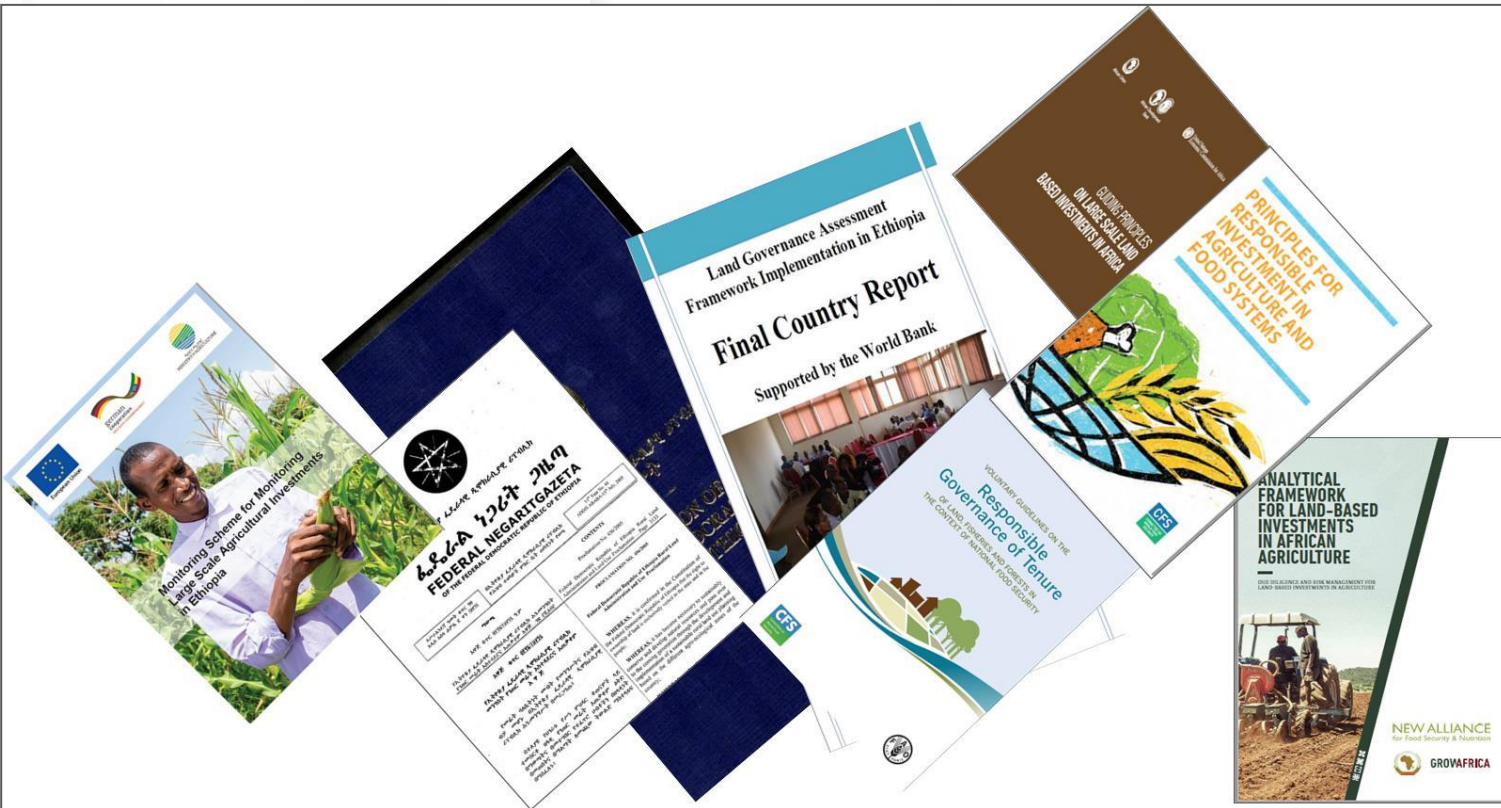


- Capacity need assessment had been conducted from 22/02/21 - 05/03/21
- The assessment was done at federal, two regions, 5 woredas/districts and 5 kebeles
- In total 141 persons addressed and 34 of the total (24.11%) were female participants.
- Information obtained during the rapid assessment from 12 persons included

Results

- Unstable institutional arrangement serious challenged implementation of responsible land governance
- Investment land identification, delineation and transfer process marginalized local authorities and local communities, including women and their institutions. It was done by federal authorities.
- Conflicts between local communities and investors' interests; conflict b/n investors and government authorities interests; conflict b/n investors themselves are found as a common feature of the land based investment
- Due Diligence process bypassed including all aspects of responsible land investment
- Availability of documents related to international and national principles/guidelines at lower levels is very scanty
- Government technical support and advise to the investors is not available or is very weak
- Productivity is not as high as expected and is not much higher than smallholders
- Modern farm management knowledge of investors is not to the level required.
- Weak monitoring and evaluation system was and is a challenge

National and international documents analysis and shared



- Side by side to the capacity needs assessment, an assessment/review of relevant documents was conducted
- In total 47 documents reviewed and documented
- Out of the total, 8 of them are legally binding documents that include proclamations and regulations issued by the Federal House of Representatives and Regional Councils
- The rest 39 are legally non-binding, which deal on gender and land, environmental issues, forest related matters, land graping reports, land related corruption reports and land governance in general and the likes
- Finally, 22 potential knowledge product types were presented to the GIZ-RGIL Ethiopia office for present and future consideration

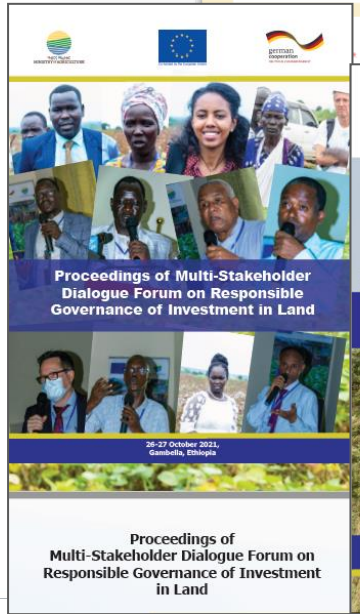
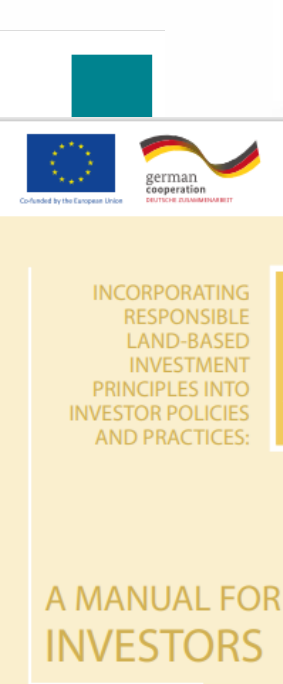
MSD forums



- Gambella, the forum was conducted 26-27/10/2021 with participation of 86 participants
 - Bahir Dar it was conducted 29 – 31/03/ 2022 with 115 participants, and
 - Addis Ababa, it was conducted 21 – 22/3/ 2023 with participation of 91 participants
- Participants were drawn from
- Federal MoA and Ethiopia Investment Commission
 - Regional bureaus, zone and Woreda offices of administration and agriculture
 - Academia, research institutions
 - Local communities, civil society organizations
 - Development partners, international consultants, and the media
- The Gambella and Bahir Dar forums combined indoor presentation and discussions that included thematic topics presentations and outdoor visits. But the Addis Ababa forum was only indoor
 - In addition participants were divided in groups and discussed on four thematic topics and produced recommendations that focused on Responsible Governance of investment
 - The forum was branded by backdrop and street banners, roll-ups with different messages that reflect Responsible Governance of Investment in Land
 - Three Proceedings with important recommendations, produced and shared



Knowledge products



Knowledge products are inline with RAI-VGGT and SECOP of Ethiopia

In the process

- Three Executive summaries (English and Amharic)
- One policy brief
- Video documentation of the ToT
- ToT rollout

Training of Trainers (ToT) Organized and provided



General ToT Program									Note
Days	Subjects addressed	Morning time			Afternoon				
		08:30 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00 coffee break	11:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 01:30 Lunch break	01:30 - 03:30	03:30 - 04:00 coffee break	04:00 - 05:30	
1	Seminar on Land Governance and Sustainable Development	2:00		1:30		2:00		1:30	Total effective time 49 hrs
2	Responsible agriculture Investment + conflict prevention	2:00		1:30		2:00		1:30	Effective time per day 7 hrs
3	Responsible agriculture Investment + conflict prevention	2:00		1:30		2:00		1:30	RAI 14 hrs
4	Conflict solving + Extension	2:00		1:30		2:00		1:30	Extension 19 hrs
5	LSAI Extension	2:00		1:30		2:00		1:30	Conflict management 10:30 hrs
6		2:00		1:30		2:00		1:30	Business management 10:30 hrs
7	Extension + Business Management	2:00		1:30		2:00		1:30	Seminar on Land Governance and Sustainable Development 7 hrs
8	Business management	2:00		1:30		2:00		1:30	Total effective time 56 hrs

Training of Trainers (ToT) Lecture session



There were different sessions during the ToT program

- Lecture
- Group work/discussion
- Presentation and
- Reflection/Evaluation and certification
- Video documentation





• **Conclusion/Recommendations**

- Through all engagements briefly presented above and others, the RGIL team believe that significant impact/awareness is created to enable stakeholders to think about responsible investment in land and act according to the international and national principles/guidelines
- Participation of academic and research institutions in all the three MSD forums enables them to think on how to include international and national principles and guidelines of RAI in their teach/curricula
- Produced proceedings, general guidelines and country specific manuals have to made available in libraries of the academic and research institutions as a reference materials
- Uninterrupted awareness creation and capacity building to communities is essential to enable them to defend their rights
- Organize motivational seminars in academic institutions and present the RGIL findings, as follow-up



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