



# Land rights in the Post-2015 Agenda

## Recommended Amendments for the Open Working Group's Zero Draft First Revision – 10 July 2014

We urge the OWG to include Targets on secure rights to land and natural resources, particularly for women and men most in need, in recognition that they are fundamental to poverty eradication, food security, women's empowerment, gender equality, environmental stewardship, human rights, and more inclusive and peaceful societies.

Secure and equitable rights to land and natural resources have been flagged as an important cross-cutting area for Targets in key Post-2015 reports, such as the High-Level Panel Post-2015 Report, previous documents of the Open Working Group, and indicators proposed by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and various other stakeholders. However, the current Zero Draft fails to recognize their importance in achieving multiple Goals of the Agenda. As organisations working on land, natural resources and poverty eradication, we suggest that the following amendments would greatly improve the effectiveness of the Targets:

	OWG Zero Draft, Revised June 30	Suggested Amendments
<b>Proposed Goal 1.</b> End poverty everywhere	<b>Proposed Target 1.4</b> by 2030 secure equal access for all men and women, particularly those most in need, to basic services, the right to own land and property, productive resources and financial services, including microfinance	By 2030, secure equal access for all men and women, particularly those in need, to basic services and financial services, including microfinance; and <b>reduce by X % the number of women, men, indigenous peoples and local communities who lack secure equal rights to own land, property, and productive resources.</b>

<b>Proposed Goal 2.</b> End hunger, improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture	<b>Proposed Target 2.3</b> by 2030 substantially increase small-scale food producers' productivity and incomes, particularly of women, family farmers and pastoralists through secure access for all to productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services and markets	By 2030 substantially increase small-scale food producers' productivity and incomes, particularly of women, family farmers, <b>urban agriculturalists, fishers, hunter-gatherers</b> , and pastoralists, through secure access <b>for all</b> to <b>productive resources and inputs</b> , knowledge, financial services and markets, <b>and secure and equitable rights to land and other natural and productive resources</b> .
<b>Proposed Goal 5.</b> Attain gender equality, empower women and girls everywhere	<b>Proposed Target 5.a</b> ensure women's equal right to own and control assets and productive resources.	<b>By 2030</b> ensure women <b>realize, on equal basis with men, secure rights to land and property, and other</b> assets and productive resources.
<b>Proposed Goal 11.</b> Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe and sustainable	<b>Proposed Target 11.1</b> by 2030, ensure universal access to adequate and affordable housing and basic services for all, eliminate slums and upgrade informal settlements.	By 2030, <b>ensure secure rights to land and</b> universal access to adequate, <b>equitable</b> and affordable housing and basic services for all <b>women and men</b> , eliminate slums, and upgrade informal settlements.
<b>Proposed Goal 15.</b> Protect and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, halt desertification, land degradation and biodiversity loss	<b>Proposed Target 15.2</b> By 2030, ensure the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, and increase reforestation by x% globally	By 2030, ensure the implementation of sustainable management of all <b>types of forests, terrestrial ecosystems</b> , halt deforestation <b>and degradation of forests</b> , and increase reforestation by x% globally, <b>with respect for the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities and their participation in decision-making</b> .

<b>Proposed Goal 16.</b> Achieve peaceful and inclusive societies, access to justice for all, and effective and capable institutions	<b>Proposed Target 16.4</b> by 2030 increase inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels and ensure prior informed consent of indigenous and local communities in decision-making and natural resources management, and promote the use of their traditional knowledge and culture	By 2030 <b>fully implement</b> inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels and ensure <b>free</b> , prior informed consent of indigenous <b>peoples</b> and local communities in decision-making and natural resources management, and promote the use of their traditional knowledge and culture.
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We believe that these targets, with our proposed additions, are capable of capturing a wide array of concerns related to land rights in rural and urban settings, and ensuring a transformative agenda that reaches those most reliant on land-based resources and supports their livelihood and well-being. These targets also capture the broad consensus reached through the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests, and the Framework and Guidelines for Land Policy in Africa.

Secure and equitable rights to land, property and natural resources are critical to:

- Leave no one behind by reducing poverty and exclusion.
- Respect earth's life support systems by enabling the role of tenure rights holders in ecosystem management and supporting them with the means and incentives to carry out this responsibility.
- Create resilient and peaceful societies that secure livelihoods across generations and promote a conducive environment for inclusive development.

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- South Sudan Land Alliance (SSLA)
- World Rural Forum (Spain)
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