



## Introduction to the Responsible Governance of Tenure

### The Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure

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#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES



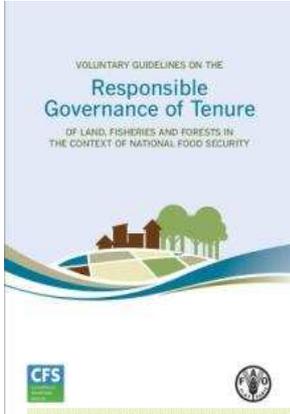
- Understand the purpose of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security.

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INTRODUCTION

What are the Guidelines?

An important document that has been adopted by the world community, which sets out principles and practices that can be used to improve the governance of tenure.



The Guidelines can be found on the FAO web site:  
[www.fao.org/nr/tenure](http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure)

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- internationally recognized** principles and practices
- emphasis on the **vulnerable and marginalized**
- all forms of **ownership and use** of land, fisheries and forests
- voluntary**

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What are the Guidelines' topics?

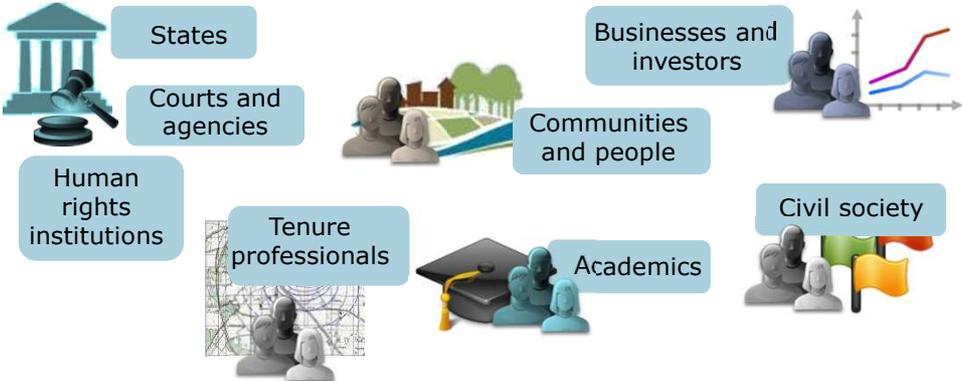


1. Preliminary
2. General matters
3. Allocation and legal recognition of rights and duties
4. Transfer of tenure rights and duties
5. Administration
6. Responses to emergencies
7. Promotion, implementation, monitoring and evaluation

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WHO DO THE GUIDELINES APPLY TO?

The **whole of society** needs to be involved because tenure of land, fisheries and forest affects everyone in some way.



States

Courts and agencies

Human rights institutions

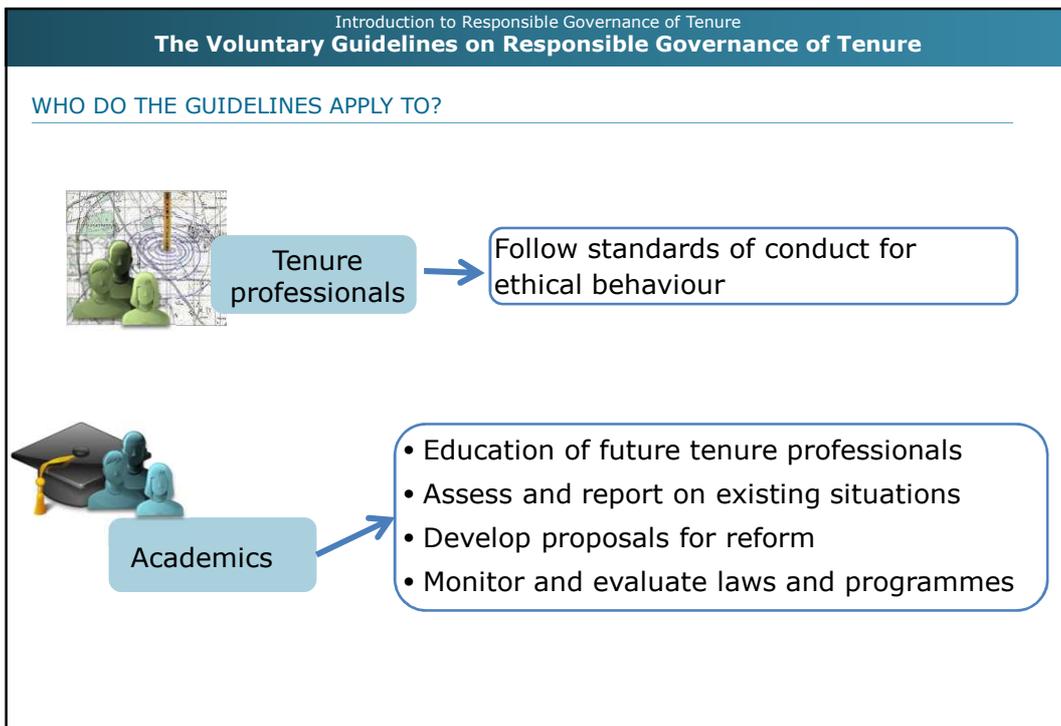
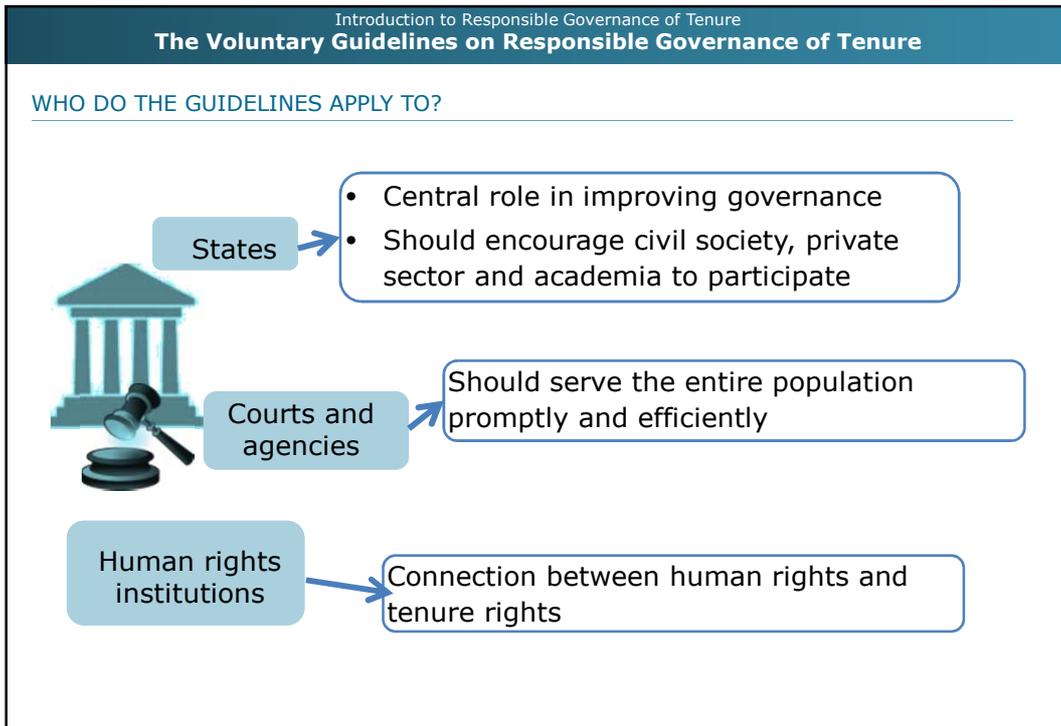
Tenure professionals

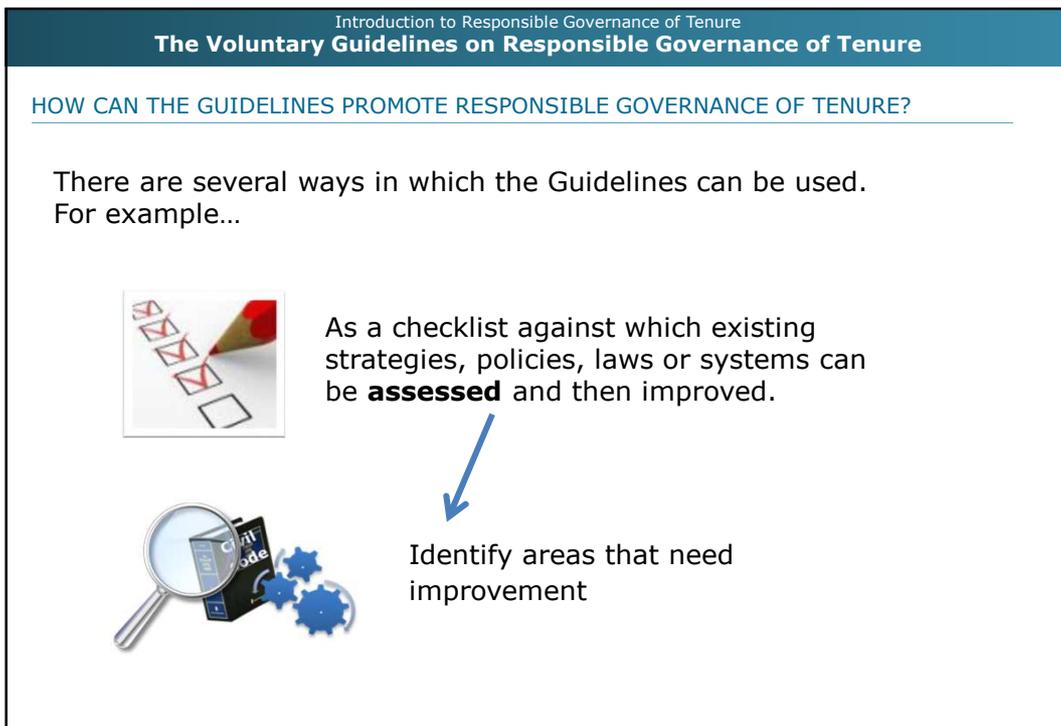
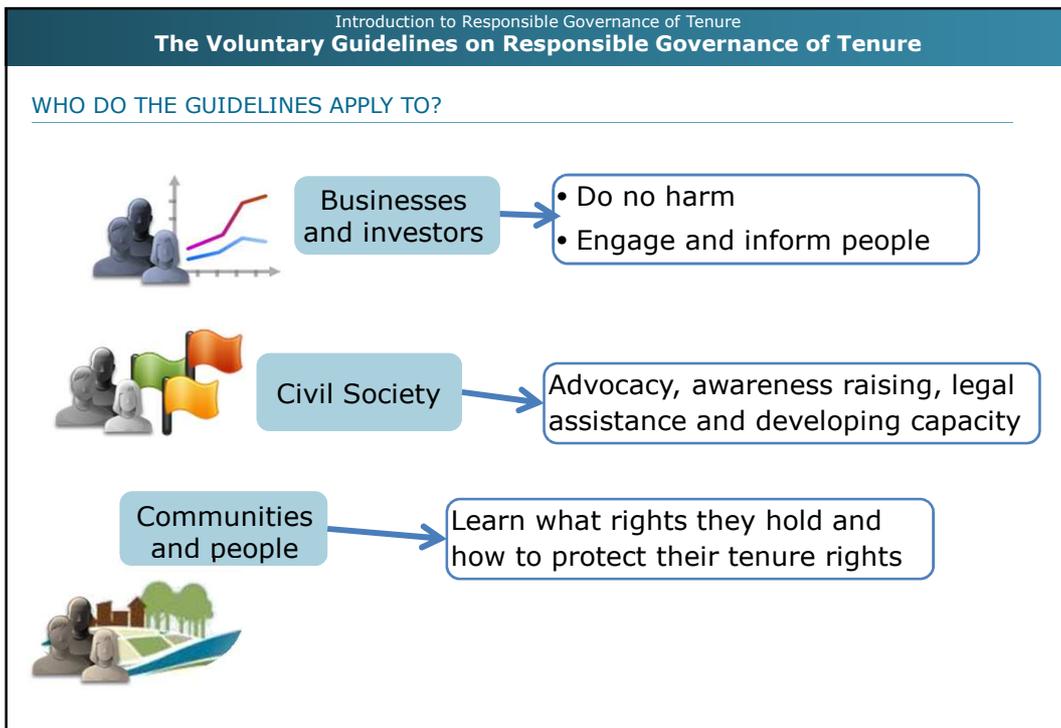
Academics

Civil society

Businesses and investors

Communities and people





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HOW CAN THE GUIDELINES PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE OF TENURE?

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 For example...



As a model for **developing** new strategies, policies, laws, agencies or services.

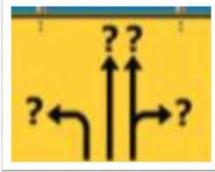


Need for **monitoring and evaluation** of reforms

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To find **guidance or direction** when the laws and practices of a country are not clear.



Input in policy development and court cases

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 To **educate and support arguments or calls** for strategies, policies, laws or systems, or for reform of existing strategies, policies, laws or systems.

 Used by the wider community

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 To define **processes** for developing responsible governance.

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Many more uses for the Guidelines are likely to arise as the needs to deal with tenure issues and improve governance of tenure emerge.



## The Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure

### SUMMARY

The Guidelines are a set of **recommended principles and practices** on how tenure rights can be governed.

They represent an unprecedented **international consensus** on tenure. They are **voluntary** and do not replace laws and treaties.

The Guidelines are directed primarily at **governments**. However, they also address **tenure rights holders**, the **private sector** and other groups within society, such as **civil society** groups and **academics**.

The Guidelines can be used to **assess** laws and systems, to **develop** new strategies, to **find guidance** or direction when the laws and practices of a country are not clear, to **advocate and educate** on tenure rights and to **define processes** for developing good governance.