INTRODUCTION TO THE YOUTH AND LAND RESPONSIVENESS CRITERIA

WHAT LAND MEANS TO YOUTH

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Year 1970
63% RURAL
37% URBAN

Year 2000
53% RURAL
47% URBAN

Year 2020
44% RURAL
56% URBAN
1.2 billion youth in the world.
• Unequal opportunities undermine youth development.
• In the long term, intergenerational inequity deprives youth of their political, economic, social and cultural rights.
• YOUTH REPRESENT BOTH A CHALLENGE AND AN UNTAPPED POTENTIAL.

• YOUTH ARE INCREASINGLY MOBILE, SOCIAL AND CREATIVE IN A RAPIDLY TRANSFORMING WORLD.

• YOUTH, AS ONE OF THE LARGEST DEMOGRAPHICS, IS INCLUSIVE OF NUMEROUS VULNERABLE GROUPS WHOSE NEEDS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED.
YOUTH AND LAND

• Land is a limited and valued commodity

• Land access and tenure ➔ Adults only area

• Land has more than a material or utilitarian aspect for youth.

• Youth’s relationship to land is intertwined with their pursuit of identity, community and cultural expression
WHAT CONSIDERATIONS YOUTH HAVE FOR LAND

- Economic
- Social
- Civic and Political
- Cultural
Youth Responsive Land Policies

- Tenure Security
- Land Ownership
- Inheritance
- Mobility and Displacement
- Public Spaces
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- A simple and practical method to assess the capacity of land-related assumptions, policies, frameworks and projects to respond to the needs and concerns of youth in relation to land.
- Five main categories of questions (themes);
  - Analysis of influencing and non-inducing factors;
- Yes/No questions;
- Why is a question relevant from a youth perspective;
- Probing questions;
- Examples and possible indicators.
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• **What can it be used for?**
  - Collect and analyse youth and land data at local, national and regional levels;
  - Collect baseline data for specific youth and land-related projects;
  - As a planning and implementation tool for projects and programmes;
  - At the problem identification stage of planning, before an intervention is designed;
  - To assess the impacts that a land-related project/programme may have on youth;
  - To make recommendations to a policy-maker on improving the youth responsiveness of the land sector.

• **What does it tell you?**
  - Different needs for land by different youth categories (who needs what, when, why);
  - Youth differences in both access to and control over land resources and benefits (what resources are available, to do what);
  - Factors that influence different needs of youth in terms of access to and control over land resources and benefits (external constraints and opportunities);
  - Different possible ways to address youth and land issues at different levels.
HOW TO USE THE YOUTH AND LAND RESPONSIVENESS CRITERIA

i) Work with all the thematic categories, or

ii) Use specific sections which are more relevant to the focus of your project.

Once you know which part of the tool you will be using, you can decide to:

• Use the first column of “Questions” to make a quick assessment of the situation, if you are already conversant with the inducing and non-inducing factors in your context;

• Or use the third column of “Probing Questions” to explore in more depth the land aspect you are assessing, more particularly if you are not contextually aware or if the participants do not seem to grasp the land context;

• Or you can use a combination of both the “Questions” and “Probing questions” to have a more detailed understanding of the contextual factors, existing challenges and opportunities, and alternatives to act on.

Whichever way you choose to use the tool, the analysis that follows is key to achieving results. It is important that the participants’ inputs are concretized into actions to be taken.
EXAMPLE OF PREVIOUS PILOT PROJECT

- Team for Nature and Wildlife (Youth Empowerment for Green Jobs programme) – Kathmandu, Nepal
- SISI NI AMANI - Nairobi, Kenya
- Instituto Sincronicidade para a Interaçao Social - São Paulo, Brazil
- Young Voices Network – Harare, Zimbabwe
- ActionAid International – Northern Uganda
- Norwegian Refugee Council - Somalia
## The Global Land Tool Network Strategy for 2018–2030

### Vision

A world in which everyone enjoys secure land rights

### Mission

Partners working together to develop and implement inclusive fit-for-purpose and gender-responsive land tools to improve living conditions for all, prioritizing women, youth and vulnerable groups in both urban and rural settings

### Goal

Improved tenure security for all, with a focus on women, youth and vulnerable groups

### Strategic Objectives

- **Accelerate** reforms of the land sector by fostering global, regional and national discourse on responsible land governance and transformative land policies
- **Institutionalize** inclusive, gender responsive and fit-for-purpose land tools to scale up tenure security interventions
- **Monitor** land-related commitments and obligations by mobilizing international, regional and national partners to track progress and build evidence
- **Share and develop** capacities, knowledge, research and resources on land tenure security

### Actions

- Review, prioritize, develop & implement appropriate land tools that are inclusive, gender responsive and fit-for-purpose
- Develop and share knowledge on relevant land related issues
- Develop capacity of key land actors, institutions and change agents
- Measurement, learning, accountability

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