

Around the world, citizens' groups are taking action to change the way investments in natural resources are happening, to protect the rights of citizens and the environment for a fairer and more sustainable world. IIED's Legal Tools for Citizen Empowerment initiative develops analysis, tests approaches, documents lessons and shares tools and tactics amongst practitioners.

Enhancing accountability in agribusiness investments: experiences from West Africa

A recent rise in agribusiness investments has increased pressures on land in many low- and middle-income countries. Rural people have come together to protect their rights, seek better terms or oppose the investments. This webinar will share insights from an initiative to improve accountability in Cameroon, Ghana and Senegal. While much attention has focused on holding companies to account, this initiative worked to make land management authorities more accountable to their constituents.

Panellists: Mamadou Fall from Innovation Environnement Développement en Afrique (IED Afrique), Senegal; Mark Kakraba-Ampeh from the Land Resources Management Centre (LRMC), Ghana; and Samuel Nguiffo from the Centre for Environment and Development (CED), Cameroon. The initiative developed diverse approaches in the three countries, responding to different local contexts. Mamadou, Mark and Samuel will discuss locally negotiated "land charters" in Senegal, grassroots committees in Ghana and "junior lawyers" in Cameroon, respectively.

Mamadou, Mark and Samuel will tackle questions such as: what are the key features of the approaches developed? How can communities and practitioners use these approaches to enhance accountability? What are the challenges, and how can they be addressed?

Further details

The webinar will take place on 6 June 2017 at 12pm-1.30pm GMT+1 (UK). An introduction to the webinar and the topic will be followed by discussion with the panellists and a facilitated discussion amongst webinar participants. Should you or your colleagues be interested in participating in this webinar, please contact us at legaltools@iied.org.

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