

# Mainstreaming Land tenure into TerrAfrica Background

Land tenure is a central issue for  
SLM/TerrAfrica

- It embodies the fundamental management arrangements of the very resources SLM is concerned with
- Failure to address land tenure issues has been identified as one of the barriers to SLM
- At the same time SLM provides the best framework to address LT issues in SSA;
  - How can we use the political momentum around SLM to address the LT issues?



## Background contd

- While Lt is fundamental to TA a number of partners are already addressing the issues from various angles. These include;
  - the Land Reform Support Facility of SADC supported by DDC,
  - the AU/AfDB/Nepad Land Tenure Initiative;
  - FAO voluntary guidelines
  - Forthcoming UNDP Cross practice initiative on land governance.
- It is important to take stock of the gaps and identify where and how the TA LT SAG will add value to ongoing initiatives.

# Objectives of the LT SAG

UNDP is leading the establishment of a LT SAG with the objectives of;

- Facilitating the mainstreaming of LT in TA processes
- Providing targeted assistance as needed on ongoing TA related country and regional level projects
- Assisting the TA secretariat with developing evaluation methods from an LT perspective and monitoring progress towards SLM



## Potential entry points for Lt in TA

- LT is a highly political issue (power, class, ethnicity)– How to engage with this aspect??
- Making use of the SLM Fora at a national level for addressing the LT issues
- Coalition building to forge partnerships and coordination amongst org working on the issue UNDP, FAO, ECA, ILC e.t.c
- Using the TA knowledge management component as well as CST
- Developing a multi-year programme of work to systematically mainstream Lt into Ta at various levels

## Planned Activities 2008/2009

- Phase 1 activities – initiation of the LT SAG 2008;
  - Seek inputs from TA partners and CO on the nature of LT interventions for LT-provide the building blocks for a LT programme of work
  - Finalisation of the background document on main land tenure issues for TA and LT entry points for TA
  - Establish LT SAG Core group with finalised ToR

## Way Forward



- Phase 2 – operationalisation of SAG 2009 onwards
  - Refinement of the LT SAG programme of work and budget
  - Production of ‘best practice’ in mainstreaming land tenure based on experiences/lessons learned by TA partners –based on a review of GEF LD projects
  - Development of key principles for SLM and land tenure – based on the existing guidelines
  - Provide technical support to TA partners and countries in addressing LT