



# Learning event: Sustainable land management practices and tenure in the Sub-Saharan Africa context: experiences, challenges and opportunities

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. C.E.T.**

## Zoom

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## Background

The World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) was established in 1992 as a global platform. It is today the world's largest repository of field-tested Sustainable Land Management (SLM) technologies and approaches. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) recommends using the database (for reporting on SLM best practices). The WOCAT Global SLM Database additionally helps the SLM community avoid, prevent, reduce, and reverse land degradation through disseminating land management knowledge, providing empirical support to decision-making, and enabling scaling up good SLM practices. The WOCAT Global SLM database's tools documenting SLM technologies and approaches were not originally designed to capture how tenure governance interventions can contribute to addressing land degradation. In 2022, FAO suggested to WOCAT and technically and financially supported WOCAT to work on filling this gap through the Development of a Land tenure for SLM Tool to integrate the land tenure dimension into the WOCAT Global SLM Database.

AfrioCAT was constituted in 2021 as a WOCAT Regional Cluster for Africa. It was launched during the 13th United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD Conference of Parties (COP 13)) in Ordos, China as an engagement platform to unite and scale Sustainable Land Management action in Sub-Saharan Africa. AfrioCAT seeks to build a community of practice to foster the uptake of SLM, encourage mutual learning and innovation in SLM through South-South Exchange and collaboration, and build joint capacity to influence SLM-relevant policies at local, regional, and national levels.

Several AfrioCAT Partners including the Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) (ABC), Land, Landscape and Development Research Lab (LLANDEV) Madagascar, the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), and the WOCAT secretariat, **are organizing an AfrioCAT online learning event on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. The event targets SLM practitioners in the AfrioCAT community and beyond, who are interested in learning and contributing to a better understanding of the dynamic relationship between land tenure and the specific SLM practices implemented at the grassroots.

The **specific objective of the online learning event** is to

- **Increase WOCAT partners’ capacity** on land tenure in the SLM context
- **Provide a platform** for discussing the linkages between SLM and tenure in the African region
- **Create awareness** on the draft WOCAT “Land tenure for Sustainable Land Management Tool”, prepared with the support of FAO.
- **Present the LLANDEV experience** testing the tool
- **Discuss possible opportunities** for future implementation in the AfrioCAT context

The learning event would also like to trigger a **practice-based discussion around three key questions**:

- What is the impact of tenure insecurity on SLM practices implementation?
- What practices are most impacted by tenure insecurity and why?
- What type of tenure issues represent the highest risks to SLM practices? How could they be mitigated?

This event entails a **2-hours interactive session** alternating short presentations, practical experiences on land tenure and SLM, technical presentations, and participants’ reflections on implications at the contextualization level.

## Agenda

TIME	SESSION	FACILITATOR
10:00 A.M. - 10:10 A.M.	Welcome note and opening remarks	Stephanie Jaquet (ABC) for WOCAT
10:10 A.M. - 10:20 A.M.	<b>Introduction by Key partners with a focus on:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Broader presentation on SLM context in Africa</li> <li>▪ AfrioCAT</li> <li>▪ Relevance of land tenure to partners’ work? How it is addressed in the context of the SLM activities</li> </ul>	LLANDEV and NEPAD – lead partners for AfrioCAT

10:20 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	<b>Land tenure an SLM in the context of the UNCCD</b>	Aurelie Bres, FAO
10:30 A.M. - 10:35 A.M.	<b>ProSoil example from Burkina Faso: Local Land Charter relating to the Management of the Banks of the “Son” River in the Municipality of Lena</b>	Joachain Pale, GIZ
10:35 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
10:45 A.M. - 10:55 A.M.	<b>Land Tenure for SLM: Introduction to the SLM tool and results from Madagascar.</b>	Guglielma Dapassano and Harifidy Rakoto
10:55 A.M. - 11:10 A.M.	<b>Deep dive Madagascar: Practical experience in linkages between land tenure and SLM from existing projects</b>	LLANDEV
11:10 A.M. - 11:20 A.M.	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
11:20 A.M. - 11:55 A.M.	<b>Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implication of linkages of land tenure and SLM in an African setting</li> <li>▪ Possible opportunities, and challenges for uptake among partners</li> </ul>	Moderator
11:55 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	<b>Closing remarks and outlook</b>	Nicole Harari (WOCAT Secretariat)

## References

Land tenure for sustainable land management – Questionnaire (2022). [WOCAT](#)

Fire Break for Agriculture: [https://qcat.wocat.net/en/wocat/technologies/view/technologies\\_6742/](https://qcat.wocat.net/en/wocat/technologies/view/technologies_6742/)

Individual Village Reforestation:

[https://qcat.wocat.net/en/wocat/technologies/view/technologies\\_6482/](https://qcat.wocat.net/en/wocat/technologies/view/technologies_6482/)

Land Tenure for SLM, lessons from Madagascar

Land tenure for SLM, guidance for implementation