

Rwanda Initiative for Sustainable Development -RISD Approach to SDGs implementation

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RISD – who we are and what we do

- Rwanda Initiative for Sustainable Development (RISD) is a Policy Research and Advocacy National Non-Governmental Organisation
- RISD started her operations in Rwanda in 1997
- RISD influences policies through research, monitoring and provision of reliable data to both policy makers and practitioners including the CSOs and development partners
- Since 1999, RISD has focused mainly on land related issues in terms of influencing the land rights policies through action oriented research and advocacy
- RISD's strength is rooted on working through networks and grassroots engagement initiatives



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RISD cont' d

- RISD has networks at local, regional and international levels
- RISD's work supports the government in achieving national and international development commitments through monitoring implementation and sharing of experiences
- Through these networks, RISD is taking a leading in monitoring the implementation of the Africa Land Policy Framework and Guidelines (ALPFG), focusing on agreed upon indicators related to: gender, disputes, food security, equality and Responsible Governance
- Through the provision of reliable data, RISD influenced the Africa Land Policy Initiative (ALPI) to qualify Rwanda as the model country in the region with the most progressing land policy



RISD Cont'd

As a member of the International Land Coalition (ILC), since 2012, RISD has initiated a Scorecard tool to monitor the implementation of the ALPFG on land policy in Africa.

The ALPFG Scorecard is now implemented in 3 countries, and is under consideration to be implemented internationally

The ALPFG Scorecard is based on monitoring individual country progress, and not ranking countries

The ALPFG Scorecard is rooted on its capacity to engage multi-stake holders on dialogue related to the progress of the land policy indicators in each specific country, this include in particular the voices of the grassroots and that of the CS



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Scorecard Tracking Areas – F&G

- The land policy development process
- The land policy implementation process
- Appropriate institutional framework
- Adequate resource allocation (financial, human, technical)
- Legal framework
- Strengthening the tenure security of women
- Centrality of land in the development process



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Why the Scorecard?

- The SC considers economic, social and political aspects in policy formulation and implementation strategies
- Combines gender sensitive, pro-poor and participatory approaches
- Strengthens the tripartite partnership between governments, CS and development partners
- Engages the grassroots through consultations
- Provides an avenue for different viewpoints leading to effective advocacy through stimulating constructive dialogue and policy debate
- Tracks the link between policy guidelines and practises of implementation which gives gov't the opportunity to learn from different experiences



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Scorecard methodology

- Identify a set of benchmarks, targets and indicators to assess progress (or lack of it) in the implementation of ALPFG
- Collect both quantitative and qualitative data on progress from available documents and stakeholders' personal knowledge and experience of context
- Validate data in partnership with relevant stakeholders
- Share findings to inform further debates, planning and taking lessons



Who uses Scorecard information

- Decision Makers
- Civil society
- Development partners



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SDGs and land rights

- Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- **Target 1.4:** By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, **ownership and control over land** and other forms of property, ...
- **Goal 2:** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- **Target 2.3:** By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land,



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SDGs and land rights cont'd

- Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Target 5.a: Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, ***as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property***, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws
- Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels



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CS approach to Implementing SDGs

- RISD was part of the CS team that influenced the UN and Decision makers on inclusion of land and Gender rights in the SDGS
- Monitoring agreed indicators
- Development of friendly data collection tools that put under consideration the priorities of the grassroots
- ALPFG Scorecard can be adopted to the SDGs monitoring without inventing the wheel
- The success of monitoring government commitments like ALPFG and SDGs is rooted on existing or willingness of the tripartite relationship/partnership in any particular country (government, CS and development partners) – Rwanda is a model in this area and this is why it is the pilot country for the ALPFG and the Scorecard



Way forward

- This Week is a Civil Society Week, being celebrated in the Capital of Colombia, and the main them is “Jointly taking forward the SDGs Agenda”
- RISD is committed to working with the SDGs Grate Lakes Regional Initiative to advance and support government commitments



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