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In preparation for the upcoming launch of the UK government initiated Stern review on the economics of climate change, and the next Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in November 2006, IIED has prepared a series of Sustainable Development Opinion Papers on climate change

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LAND

Better land access for the rural poor: Lessons from experience and challenges ahead

Gestion des ressources naturelles et transformation des conflits au Kingui/Kaarta au Mali

Lorenzo Cotula, Camilla Toulmin, Julian Quan

This paper reviews recent policy and practice to improve land access for poorer groups. It examines shifting approaches to land reform, different means to secure land rights and to achieve more equitable land distribution, the particular vulnerability of certain groups to losing their land rights, and the need to address land rights within conflict resolution and peace building. It concludes with broad recommendations for protecting land rights of poorer and more vulnerable groups. It focuses on Africa, Latin America and Asia, while also referring to experience from Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

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Innovation en matière de sécurisation des droits fonciers en Afrique: leçons tirées de l'expérience

Les régimes fonciers évoluent constamment en réponse à la croissance démographique, aux cycles d'urbanisation, aux progrès technologiques, aux conflits et aux changements politiques. En Afrique, le régime foncier a fait l'objet d'interventions politiques dès l'époque coloniale ; le colonialisme a laissé sur la majeure partie du continent une structure de propriété foncière très hétérogène, qui ne respecte guère le droit coutumier ou les usages. Ce document examine les tendances actuelles du foncier, puis les politiques et pratiques novatrices visant à sécuriser différents types de droits fonciers. Il rassemble des perspectives tirées de sept études de cas, évoquées lors d'un atelier organisé par l'IIED à Londres les 25 et 26 mai 2006 rassemblant des chercheurs et praticiens impliqués dans la recherche et la mise en oeuvre de politiques foncières. Cette synthèse entend informer les débats politiques actuels et les initiatives visant à renforcer la sécurité foncière des groupes vulnérables pauvres qui constituent la majorité de la population africaine.

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