

U.S. Global Leadership on Land

The United States Government is a global leader in the land and resource governance sector. Through international agreements, global coordination, and bi-lateral development assistance, the United States supports programs and policies that create more transparent, accountable, accessible, predictable and stable access to land and other resources, enabling greater responsible private sector investment and fostering broad-based economic growth. Through USAID, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and the Feed the Future Initiative, the U.S. Government provides technical support, training and thought leadership on strengthening land tenure and property rights to local and national governments, civil society organizations and the private sector. Over the past several years, the U.S. has leveraged its financial resources and technical expertise to promote land and resource governance priorities in key international fora.

Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

The United States chaired the CFS Open-Ended Working Group that negotiated the VGs, leading a two-year, inclusive, multi-stakeholder process that resulted in unanimous endorsement by 96 CFS members in 2012. The U.S. Government is also participating actively in the CFS's development of the Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment (RAI), which will provide a framework to promote responsible investment in agriculture.

G8

Under U.S. leadership in 2012, the G8 initiated support for the VGs and launched the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition, which commits members to policy reforms intended to strengthen land governance and accelerate responsible agricultural investment. Building on progress achieved in 2012, the 2013 G8, under U.K. leadership, announced bold steps to improve transparency in land transactions, including a series of Land Partnerships.

Global Donor Working Group on Land

The United States played a key role in the creation of the Global Donor Working Group on Land, launched in July 2013. The group is comprised of donors and development agencies committed to supporting the VGs and improving coordination around development programs that focus on land governance. USAID led one of the group's first initiatives, developing a comprehensive database of member organizations' land and resource governance programs.