

Memorandum of information European tender LAND-at-scale in Chad

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In this memorandum of information, the contracting authority provides answers to the questions asked and remarks posted in the context of the above-mentioned European tender. This memorandum of information forms an integral part of the tender document.

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1.	L@S 2020- 2022	Are the reports and publications of the first phase of the project 2020-2022 (implemented by Oxfam) made available for all? This would help with understanding the current state of affairs with L@S in Chad.	In consultation with Oxfam, we have prepared a shortened version of the first annual report (April 2022 – March 2023) to provide more insight on the state of affairs related to the work of Oxfam and their partners in Chad. This version is uploaded as Annex 9. We would like to highlight that the current Tender concerns a different assignment within the LAND-at-scale program.
2.	Diversity of land managem ent systems	Considering the complexity and specificities of Chad regional cultures, including regarding how land management is considered and viewed, why is the project focusing on an area close to the capital city only? Although tenderers are invited to propose another pilot zone, there is a risk of not considering regional uniqueness and traditional regimes. What is RVO position on this?	The first area was selected not just because of its proximity with Ndjaména, but more importantly due to the possible integration of - and synergies with - ongoing activities (AFD, Invest International, local government, consumer groups). The area provides a microcosm of all the challenges related to the issues of land governance and agrobusiness development. There is an opportunity to build a strong pilot project taking in consideration lessons learned from previous research. To address regional uniqueness we invite organisations to propose other intervention zones with different characteristics. The project will have an inception phase of 6 months, focused on learning and gaining a better understanding of the context and feasibility of the project. During this phase, the project sites will be decided in collaboration with EKN, RVO and the implementing organisation(s).
3.	FAO workshop on land policy - May 2023	In May 2023, the FAO organised a workshop to validate the diagnosis of the land situation and the strategic axes of the national land policy at the level of the multi-stakeholder committee. Did EKN N'djamena or RVO participate? What were the conclusions or action points of this workshop and how are they reflected in the terms of reference?	EKN attend the FAO workshops. The outcome was a set of technical recommendations made by a group of experts to the government. They provided the needed language that will need to be integrated in the new land policy. The report is available and can be provided by FAO. This reform process is still uncertain and might be slowed down by the current transition period and political process. The first and foremost goal of this assignment should focus on the local and community level, in the spirit that it is at this level that land tenure security must be achieved for the communities, and that local actors

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			(including the communities themselves) master good solutions to innovate and make land management more efficient and inclusive. To develop innovative approaches, tools and instruments for land governance as alternatives to the current formal practices and to pilot these innovations at the local level, leading to a more transparent and inclusive land management system locally. Secondly, the tested innovations will feedback to and support the ongoing legal reform process. To inform the legal reform process through sharing results of the pilots, and thus strengthen the legal and regulatory framework and its implementation through practical experience.