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STAGE 1: SETTING THE LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

NAME	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE
Agriculture Investment Sourcebook	<p>A comprehensive guide on agricultural investments. The guide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides information on how to develop sustainable agricultural policies and build institutional capacity;• Discusses different aspects of investments such as technology, information services, fisheries, agribusiness and market development, rural finance, water, vulnerability and disaster management; and• Offers case studies as a way of comparing different approaches to agricultural challenges and can serve as source for enhancing agricultural knowledge in the host country.	World Bank
Community Development Agreement Model Regulations & Example Guidelines	<p>This report provides a draft model community development agreement regulations suitable for adoption into legislation or which can be modified for use as guidelines.</p>	World Bank
Foreign Investment, Law and Sustainable Development: A Handbook on Agriculture and Extractive Industries	<p>The handbook is about how to use law to make foreign investment work for sustainable development. It aims to provide a rigorous yet accessible analysis of the law regulating foreign investment in low and middle-income countries, what this law is, how it works, and how to use it most effectively. Topics covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laws promoting investment flows;• Achieving a fair economic deal (corporate structure; taxation regime);• Social and Environmental considerations; and• Transparency, anti-corruption, other investment issues <p>The handbook aims to support government officials in low and middle-income countries in their management of foreign investment for sustainable development, and to support civil society efforts to influence decisions and hold government and investors to account.</p>	IIED

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Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework	<p>In June 2011, in an unprecedented step, the United Nations Human Rights Council unanimously endorsed a set of Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The Guiding Principles establish an authoritative global standard on the respective roles of businesses and governments in helping ensure that companies respect human rights in their own operations and through their business relationships.</p> <p>The Guiding Principles were developed by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Business and Human Rights, Professor John Ruggie of Harvard Kennedy School, over the six years of his UN mandate from 2005 to 2011. They elaborate on the three pillars of the UN "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework that Prof. Ruggie proposed to the Human Rights Council in 2008.</p>	United Nations Human Rights Council
IFC Performance Standards on Environmental and Social Sustainability	<p>The IFC's Performance Standards on Social and Environmental Sustainability are considered to be the gold standard in achieving sustainable development. Available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish.</p>	International Finance Corporation-World Bank Group
IISD Guide to Negotiating Investment Contracts for Farmland and Water	<p>The IISD Guide to Negotiating Investment Contracts for Farmland and Water is a legal and policy tool for governments and communities that are involved in negotiating investment contracts with foreign investors. The guide focuses on a particular type of contract involving long-term leases of farmland. Part I, Preparing for Negotiations, is designed to assist in the preparatory phase. Part 2, Model Contract, is structured like an investment contract for the lease of farmland and proposes model provisions.</p>	International Institute for Sustainable Development
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Knowledge-Exchange Platform for Responsible Agro-Investment (RAI)	<p>A knowledge platform and toolkit for addressing questions of international investment in developing country agriculture.</p>	World Bank

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OECD Policy Framework for Investment in Agriculture	A flexible tool which helps governments evaluate their investment policies in the ten areas essential to creating an attractive environment for investors and in enhancing the development benefits of agricultural investment.	OECD
Principles for Responsible Contracts: Integrating the Management of Human Rights Risks into State-Investor Contract Negotiations: Guidance for Negotiators	A guide that sets out and explains 10 principles that can help guide the integration of human rights risk management into contract negotiations.	United Nations Human Rights Council
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Tripartite declaration of principles concerning multinational enterprises and social policy (MNE Declaration) - 4th Edition	<p>The principles laid down in this universal instrument offer guidelines to MNEs, governments, and employers' and workers' organizations in such areas as employment, training, conditions of work and life, and industrial relations.</p> <p>The prominent role of MNEs in the process of social and economic globalization renders the application of the principles of the MNE Declaration as timely and necessary as they were at the</p>	ILO

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Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security	A reference and guide to improve the governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests with the overarching goal of achieving food security for all and to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security.	FAO
WRI Rights to Resources Interactive Map: Sub-Saharan Africa	The Rights to Resources interactive map presents information on citizen and community rights to natural resources in sub-Saharan Africa. National framework laws for each of the 49 countries in the region were reviewed to answer eleven questions about local use rights to five natural resources: water, trees, wildlife, minerals, and petroleum . The information on the map can help Governments compare property rights regimes across natural resources and countries. Users can also download the data set in Excel format .	World Resources Institute

STAGE 2: PRE-NEGOTIATION

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Community Guide to Getting a Fair Deal from Companies and Investors	This is a “How To” guide for rural communities considering whether to share their land and natural resources with investors. The guide explains how a community can proactively prepare themselves before an investor approaches them, what questions community members should ask both themselves and investors before going into contract negotiations, and how to ensure that they receive truly equitable benefits in return for sharing their land and resources. The guide also includes actions that communities can take if, having already signed an agreement in the past, they feel as though they are being treated unfairly or want to enforce elements of the contractual agreement.	Namati
FAO Investment Centre Environmental Impact Guidelines	Guidelines that provide an overview of how to conduct environmental impact assessments of agriculture and sector-related investments.	FAO Investment Centre

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Getting it Right: Human Rights Impact Assessment Guide	<p>This guide is a step-by-step process that allows assessment teams to take stock of the positive and negative human rights impacts of an investment project. Throughout the steps, information and additional references are provided including reference documents on human rights, examples of research techniques, relevant websites, and details on where to find specific information.</p> <p>The guide is available in English, French, and Spanish.</p>	International Center for Human Rights and Democratic Development
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ICMM Land Acquisition and Resettlement: Lessons Learned	<p>The publication provides recommendations for managing the resettlement of local communities who have been displaced or whose livelihoods have been impacted due to the presence of mining. This includes ensuring adequate compensation and development opportunities.</p> <p>The document is structured around 10 modules that cover planning, stakeholder engagement, compensation, livelihood restoration and monitoring impacts among other topics.</p> <p>It is targeted primarily at companies, but also contains information and guidance relevant for all stakeholders, including government representatives.</p>	International Council on Mining & Metals

IISD Guide to Negotiating Investment Contracts for Farmland and Water	<p>The IISD Guide to Negotiating Investment Contracts for Farmland and Water is a legal and policy tool for governments and communities that are involved in negotiating investment contracts with foreign investors. The guide focuses on a particular type of contract involving long-term leases of farmland. Part I, Preparing for Negotiations, is designed to assist in the preparatory phase. Part 2, Model Contract, is structured like an investment contract for the lease of farmland and proposes model provisions.</p>	IISD
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Investment Contracts for Farmland and Water: Ten steps	<p>This policy document is a tool for parliamentarians, government officials, landholders and local communities who are involved in negotiating investment contracts with foreign investors for agricultural land and water including preparing the negotiating environment and conducting feasibility studies and impact assessments.</p>	IISD
Knowledge-Exchange Platform for Responsible Agro-Investment (RAI)	<p>A knowledge platform and toolkit for addressing questions of international investment in developing country agriculture.</p>	World Bank
New Alliance Analytical Framework for Responsible Land-Based Agricultural Investments	<p>This analytical framework is designed to assist investors in aligning their policies and actions with global and continental guidelines on responsible land-based investments, most notably the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT) and the Guiding Principles on Large Scale Land Based Investments in Africa (LSLBI). The Framework offers investors a due diligence and risk management resource to apply to their land-based agricultural investments. It is an effort to provide advice and highlight best practices related to structuring investments in the most responsible way possible. The Framework includes red lines that indicate in which situations investment projects should be cancelled if no benign alternatives can be found. The Framework was developed by an international group of land experts and vetted through consultation with a broad array of stakeholders. The New Alliance and Grow Africa Leadership Council welcomed and recognized the Analytical Framework as a tool for investors, and agreed to assess experience with the framework in one year.</p>	New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition
Open Contracting	<p>A collaborative online platform for public procurement practitioners, this online platform seeks to provide a space where interested stakeholders from civil society, government, the private sector, media, academia, and others can share, learn, connect and collaborate around experiences in open contracting. Open Contracting seeks to help ensure broader consensus around the importance of enhanced disclosure and participation in public contracting, at all stages of the contracting process and</p>	

	<p>across all sectors. This community is used to support knowledge exchange between countries, identifying challenges and proposing solutions needed to address those challenges.</p> <p>The Open Contracting Resources section contains a list of monitoring resources and a database of tender information from countries around the world.</p>	
Principles for Responsible Contracts: Integrating the Management of Human Rights Risks into State-Investor Contract Negotiations: Guidance for Negotiators	<p>A guide that sets out and explains 10 principles that can help guide the integration of human rights risk management into contract negotiations.</p>	UN Human Rights Council
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Stakeholder Engagement: Feasibility Studies and Project Planning	<p>A guide that details how to engage project stakeholders in environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) studies, as well as describing actions that must be taken to ensure that all stakeholders are listened to and included in the project's feasibility assessment.</p>	International Finance Corporation
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STAGE 3: CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

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ATNS Database: Agreements, Treaties and Negotiated Settlements with Indigenous Peoples in Settler States	<p>A database of agreements between indigenous peoples and others in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and South Africa.</p> <p>The database offers a range of features including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background information on each agreement; • Links to related agreements, organizations, signatories and events; • A glossary of relevant terminology; and <p>Direct access to published and online resources.</p>	Agreements, Treaties, Negotiated Settlements Project
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IBA Community Toolkit Section 3: Preparing for Negotiations	<p>A section of the IBA Community Toolkit that addresses how communities to get organized for negotiations with investors by developing a structure for managing negotiations, gathering information materials, developing strategies, and establishing negotiation positions.</p>	The Gordon Foundation

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Investment Contracts for Agriculture: Maximising Gains and Minimising Risks	<p>This joint IISD, World Bank and UNCTAD discussion paper marries two substantial bodies of research to show how investment contracts can be set up to promote sustainable development. It presents the top five positive outcomes and the five downsides from private sector investments in large-scale agricultural projects. The paper also proposes legal options to maximizing the main positive outcomes and minimizing the main downsides through better drafting of contracts between investors and governments for the lease of farmland.</p>	IISD-World Bank-UNCTAD
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Natural Resource Contracts: A Practical Guide	<p>The goal of this guide is to explain common topics that are addressed in natural resource contracts and to provide suggestions for improving contracts that are vague or unfavorable to host countries. The guide also includes references to additional resources that will be useful for advocates who want to learn more about particular topics and issues.</p>	Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide
OpenLandContracts.org - A Land & Agriculture Contracts Database	<p>A searchable database of large-scale land, oil palm and forestry contracts, agreements and key terms.</p>	The World Bank, Natural Resource Governance Institute and the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment

Principles for Responsible Contracts: Integrating the Management of Human Rights Risks into State-Investor Contract Negotiations: Guidance for Negotiators	A guide that sets out and explains 10 principles that can help guide the integration of human rights risk management into contract negotiations.	UN Human Rights Council
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Stabilization Clauses and Human Rights	A study on the impact of stabilization clauses in investment contracts that affect a state's action to implement its international human rights obligations.	IFC

STAGE 4: IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING

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A Practical Guide to Dealing with Land Disputes	This guide has been written for all those working in the land sector, in natural resource management and in urban and rural development. It aims to broaden the understanding of the complexity of causes that lead to land conflicts in order to provide for better-targeted ways of addressing such conflicts. It also provides a number of tools with which to analyse land conflicts.	Babette Wehrmann, GTZ Land Management

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Community Development Agreement Library	<p>SDSG is establishing a public library of materials related to Community Development Agreements (CDA) between resource companies and local communities. Some of these may also involve government at the national or local levels. The goal of the library project is to allow sharing of experience and actual models from different countries and regions.</p> <p>This library includes materials about Community Development Agreements, which are also called by different names, such as IBAs, or “Impact Benefit Agreements.” Some of the materials also include discussions of how CDAs are negotiated, or which discuss overcoming the difference in capacity of the various parties to negotiation.</p> <p>In addition, the library includes copies of actual agreements that have been negotiated in different communities, in any language.</p>	Sustainable Development Strategies Group
Community Development Agreement Model Regulations & Example Guidelines	<p>This report provides a draft model community development agreement regulations suitable for adoption into legislation or which can be modified for use as guidelines.</p>	World Bank
ERBD Guidance Note on Grievance Management	<p>This guidance note is produced by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (ERBD) and outlines the internal requirements, specifications, and principles behind the ERBD's grievance management process. This resource is a helpful example from a large development bank on its grievance mechanisms.</p>	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (ERBD)
Evaluating a Grievance Redress Mechanism Worksheet	<p>A worksheet created by the World Bank for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) posing important questions for evaluating a grievance redress mechanism.</p>	World Bank
FAO Investment Centre Environmental Impact Guidelines	<p>Guidelines that provide an overview of how to conduct environmental impact assessments of agriculture and sector-related investments.</p>	FAO Investment Centre

FCPF Grievance Redress Mechanism Manual	<p>This manual has been prepared for the Forest Carbon Partnership based on good practices identified in World Bank projects and beyond. It intends to serve as a starting point for project teams who need to work with clients to establish grievance redress mechanisms on the ground. It describes the procedures that will be followed by (client / contractor) to address complaints or concerns submitted by people who may be benefitted or impacted by (name of the project). It intends to provide clarity and predictability on how complaints will be received, assessed, sorted, and resolved, and monitored. Specific activities are described for each of these steps.</p>	World Bank
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Land Matrix Global Observatory	<p>The Land Matrix is a global and independent land monitoring initiative. Its goal is to facilitate an open development community of citizens, researchers, policy-makers, and technology specialists to promote transparency and accountability in decisions over land and investment.</p>	Land Matrix
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Rights-Compatible Grievance Mechanisms	<p>An effective grievance mechanism is an essential addition for any responsible company to its tools for monitoring, auditing and stakeholder engagement. But what exactly makes a grievance mechanism effective? This guidance aims to help answer that question. It provides a tool for companies and their local stakeholders jointly to devise rights-compatible, effective grievance mechanisms that maximise the opportunities to achieve sustainable solutions to disputes. A rights-compatible mechanism integrates human rights norms and standards into its processes and is based on principles of non-discrimination, equity, accountability, empowerment and participation. It can deal with most kinds of grievances (bar those raising criminal liability), including – but by no means limited to – those that reflect substantive human/labour rights concerns. Ensuring it is rights-compatible in both its process and outcomes is vital to the mechanism’s credibility and legitimacy, both locally and internationally, as well as to its potential success in practice.</p>	John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
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Social and Environmental Sustainability of Agriculture and Rural Development Investments: A Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit	<p>The purpose of this toolkit is to provide practical guidance in the monitoring and evaluation of the environmental and social sustainability of Agricultural and Rural Development programs and projects. Available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.</p>	The World Bank

Tripartite declaration of principles concerning multinational enterprises and social policy (MNE Declaration) - 4th Edition	<p>The principles laid down in this universal instrument offer guidelines to MNEs, governments, and employers' and workers' organizations in such areas as employment, training, conditions of work and life, and industrial relations.</p> <p>The prominent role of MNEs in the process of social and economic globalization renders the application of the principles of the MNE Declaration as timely and necessary as they were at the time of adoption. As efforts to attract and boost foreign direct investment gather momentum within and across many parts of the world, the parties concerned have a new opportunity to use the principles of the Declaration as guidelines for enhancing the positive social and labour effects of the operations of MNEs.</p>	ILO
UNCTAD Investment Dispute Settlement Navigator	<p>The UNCTAD Investment Dispute Settlement Navigator contains information about known international arbitration cases initiated by investors against States pursuant to international investment agreements (IIAs). Such arbitrations are also referred to as treaty-based investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS) cases.</p>	UNCTAD
Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security	<p>A reference and guide to improve the governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests with the overarching goal of achieving food security for all and to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security.</p>	Food and Agricultural Organisation
WRI Rights to Resources Interactive Map: Sub-Saharan Africa	<p>The Rights to Resources interactive map presents information on citizen and community rights to natural resources in sub-Saharan Africa. National framework laws for each of the 49 countries in the region were reviewed to answer eleven questions about local use rights to five natural resources: water, trees, wildlife, minerals, and petroleum.</p> <p>The information on the map can help Governments compare property rights regimes across natural resources and countries.</p> <p>Users can also download the data set in Excel format.</p>	World Resources Institute (WRI)