

# Participatory and Integrated Land Use Planning in Ethiopia

A cross-sectoral approach to sustainable land use management

## The challenge

In Ethiopia, a rapidly growing population size, continued dependency on agriculture as well as an increased urbanization and industrialization have led to inappropriate use of land and degradation of natural resources. The increasing pressure on land in the rural and peri-urban areas has led to conflicts among different interest groups and clashes between communities and the government.

Although existing institutions and laws regulate urban and rural land use, they lack sectoral interleaving, know-how and sufficient capacity to implement participatory and integrated land use planning. As a result, the Government of Ethiopia stipulated the preparation of national and regional integrated land use plans in the national development strategy “*Growth and Transformation Plan II (GTP II)*” and established the National Integrated Land Use Planning and Policy (NILUPP) office responsible for cross-sectoral coordination of land use planning processes at all administrative levels.

To effectively coordinate the development of participatory and integrated land use planning, improved knowledge concerning the instruments and procedure of participatory land use planning is paramount. Additionally, implementing institutions at all levels should possess the capacity to develop new regulation and reinforce existing ones.

## Objectives

The overall aim of the project is to promote the principles, standards and instruments of participatory and integrated land use planning at federal, regional and local level.

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## Our approach

PILUP follows multi-level approach to support participatory and intersectoral land use planning. The project deploys participatory approach where various stakeholders are involved in the decision-making process. Thereby, enabling public discourse and reconciliation of interest to mitigate conflicts arising from competing land use interests. One of the applied methods is the integration of spatial planning in various sectors (e.g. infrastructure, housing, environmental and water protection). To legitimize land use plans, the project fosters transparency, participation and inclusive negotiation processes of different interest groups. In doing so, agriculture shall be maintained as the essential motor for overcoming poverty and hunger, while preserving the country’s ecosystem services and biological diversity at the same time.



Community representatives map resources on satellite imageries



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*Four integrated land use plans were validated by community representatives and sector experts in Benishangul-Gumuz and Amhara regions*

## Outputs



Enhancing the awareness and understanding of integrated and participatory land use planning



Enhancing skills, knowledge and technical capacities of partner organizations



Strengthening of the development of technical guidelines, regulations, legislations and the national land use policy



Implementing planning principles and developed methods, standards and procedures

## Main activities

1. Established structures for capacity building of relevant actors in planning, conflict management, land use and analysis of geodata and M&E systems for integrated planning processes.
2. Established platforms for various stakeholders to be involved in the decision-making processes.
3. Established close cooperation and coordination with NILUPP Office and other relevant stakeholders.
4. Produced and disseminating target group-oriented communication and knowledge products.
5. Undertook proper documentation and dissemination of best practices and lessons learned.
6. Initiated close cooperation with local land users, civil society organisations and implementing authorities' coordination to ensure that principles, standards and guidelines are practiced in the two pilot regions.

## Results



**3** instruments of participatory and integrated land use planning are applied as standards



Ecological, economic and social concerns were taken into consideration in **4** land use planning procedures



Citizen participation involving women, disadvantaged groups, young and older people was ensured in the planning procedures



Map of project regions in Ethiopia

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