



Land, Conflict and Development: What Role for Donors?

OECD-USAID informal experts' seminar
19 and 20 June 2003

Room D, OECD Headquarters
2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris

Annotated agenda

Thursday 19 June 2003

12.00-13.00

I. Conflict, peace and external assistance: where does land fit?

Chair: Henri-Bernard Solignac Lecomte (OECD Development Centre)

<p>Objective: This session will set out the aims of the workshop: (i) to help formulate preliminary proposals/ guidance on how donors can best incorporate land issues in their policy frameworks for the management and mitigation of conflict and (ii) propose next steps to further advance this agenda</p>

Welcoming remarks, by Henri-Bernard Solignac Lecomte (OECD Development Centre) and Jolyne Sanjak (USAID)

“Donor Policy Frameworks for Preventing Violent Conflict”, by Mark Berman (CIDA; Acting Chair, DAC Network on Conflict, Peace and Development Co-operation)

“Land and Conflict: Exploring Ways of Using Land Policy to Secure Sustained Peace”, by Jean-Louis Arcand (CERDI) and Nicolas Pons-Vignon (OECD Development Centre)

Comments and reflections from Policy Research Reviews: Klaus Deininger (World Bank) and Ian Bannon (World Bank)

13.00-14.00

Lunch

14.00-18.00

II. Land and conflict: mapping the issues

Objective: This session will analyse in greater detail the various links between land and conflict in developing countries.

14.00-15.10

Conflicts over competing access to land

Chair: Julian Quan (Department for International Development, UK)

This sub-session will focus on some of the main oppositions over access to land including:

- pastoralists vs. farmers,
- nomads or indigenous groups vs. central government,
- refugees/resettled populations vs. other refugees/local populations, etc.

Participants will seek to identify ways to deal with these oppositions and avoid the emergence of violent conflict.

15.10-16.20

Conflicts over rights and security of land tenure

Chair: Christian Oquet (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France)

Firm and widely-accepted systems of tenure guaranteeing land rights can help prevent conflict. This sub-session will look at the problems encountered when trying to put these principles into practice and identify ways to secure broadly accepted land rights:

- When does opposition of “traditional” vs. “modern” tenure systems seed conflict? (including issues of gender bias and perceptions of legitimacy);
- How can systems of tenure become widely accepted? (including efficient administrations and legal systems, political agreement when competing claims are too numerous, etc.).

16.20-16.50**Coffee break**

16.50-18.00

Conflicts over land distribution

Chair: Ian Bannon (World Bank)

Conflicts over land distribution tend to be *macro* and appear to be grievances that spark violent conflict. This sub-session will explore the link between unequal land distribution and conflict, and the possibility of addressing land distribution issues in a manner conducive to peace and development. In particular, participants will analyse:

- Land distribution as a factor of (income) inequality and conflict at the national/regional levels;
- Ways to achieve more desirable distribution or improved access without violence.

19.00**Dinner at *Le Flandrin* (4, place Tattegrain, 75016 Paris)**

Friday 20 June 2003

09.00-11.00**III. Identifying Effective approaches: lessons learned***Chair: Isabel G. Lavadenz Paccieri (World Bank)*

Objective: This session will bring in the experience of practitioners and look into ways of operationalising the conclusions of Session III.

- What are the difficulties of putting land policy and land administration into practice? What lessons/practices seem to work in mitigating and managing conflict rather than feeding into it or leaving it latent?
- Immediate post-crisis settings: What issues arise in immediate reconstruction and stabilisation phases of the conflict cycle, esp. regarding the resettlement of displaced populations?
- Indicators: How can donors assess vulnerability to land-related conflict? What indicators are available on potential escalation of conflict related to the dynamics of land issues? Should new indicators be developed? How can they be tracked?

11.00-11.30**Coffee****11.30-13.00****IV. Prioritizing the issues through the lens of conflict***Chair: Mark Berman (Canadian International Development Agency; DAC CPDC Network)*

Objective: This session will be a moderated discussion that will help formulate preliminary guidance/proposals within each of the three main sub-themes identified in the issues paper and discussed in section II.

- Which aspects of the issues discussed in Session II are most important for conflict mitigation and prevention? Do pre-conflict settings and places that are emerging from conflict require differentiated approaches?
- Where do those issues fit within the programmatic themes of development assistance (democracy and governance, economic growth, poverty reduction, environment, etc.)?
- Beyond financial and technical assistance provided by OECD countries and other donors, are there issues in policy coherence that significantly impact on vulnerability to land-related conflicts and/or on the ability to intervene?
- What does the conflict lens imply about the design, sequencing and timing of land interventions?
- What complementary programmes are important to ensure land interventions have the desired impact on reducing vulnerability to conflict or in keeping peace e.g., judicial systems, rule of law, participatory governance, etc?

13.00-14.30**Lunch****14.30-16.00****V. Wrap-up: which way forward?***Chair: Michael Roeskau (OECD Development Co-operation Directorate)*

The Preliminary conclusions and discussion will help refine the issues paper; produce a 2-page set of meeting conclusions on how donors can best incorporate land issues in their policy frameworks for the management and mitigation of conflict; and elaborate a proposal of possible next steps.

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