

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONTRACT FARMING

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“Contract Farming: Implementing the Legal Guide through the Development of Contract Templates”

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IISD is an international non-governmental organization which mission is to promote human development and environmental sustainability through innovative research, communication and partnerships. IISD provides practical solutions to the challenge of integrating environmental and social priorities with economic development

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IFAD, FAO and UNIDROIT are organising a series of activities to support the implementation of the *Legal Guide on Contract Farming*. The role of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) is to develop a model template for contract farming to guide the parties to the contract and other stakeholders. This will include a generic contract template, including commentary and explanations, and two commodity-specific templates to illustrate how the generic template can be adapted to groups of

commodities. The contract farming templates will be based on the *Legal Guide on Contract Farming* and drafted under the guidance of FAO's contract farming team.

IISD has experience drafting contracts and working with governments. IISD is currently advising and helping a number of developing country governments to draft or improve their own contracts to promote investment in the agriculture sector. The focus has been on a particular type of contract between States and foreign investors, involving long-term leases of farmland. In a number of cases, the lease agreements included provisions for contract farming. IISD has reviewed over 80 contracts and developed [*The IISD Guide to Negotiating Contracts for Farmland and Water*](#), which includes a model contract.
