Lessons from country experiences

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Best practices

- No magic solutions
- No perfect country or law
- Only examples of countries trying to make things better with different degrees of success
What tools/studies are available?

- **Research** – CIRAD, ILC, World Bank, UNCTAD, FAO, IFAD
- **Developing training materials** – e.g. guides, handbooks, model laws and contracts
- **Soft law tools and policies** – e.g. National agricultural investment plans (NAIPs), AU Guiding Principles on Large-Scale Land-Based Investments, strategies, etc...
- **Hard law tools** – e.g. national laws & regulations, investment contracts
Inclusive development

- Integrating smallholders in Lao PDR and Liberia
- Establishing community agreements in Lao PDR, Liberia and Mozambique
- Experience of palm oil in South East Asia
- Tea plantations in Kenya
Conserving Natural Resources

- Water rights and use in an investment code in Burkina Faso
- Climate resilience in Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua
Governance structures and transparency

• Transparency – e.g. Ethiopia, Liberia, Cambodia
• Laws that strengthen the rights of communities – e.g. Zambia, Mozambique, Vietnam
• Grievance mechanisms and dispute resolution – e.g. Lao PDR, Indonesia
Conclusion

Responsible agricultural investment does not happen by accident....it happens by design:

• Good policies
• Good practices
• Good laws
• Good enforcement
Thank You!

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