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Main Purpose of the WG

To provide policy recommendation on:

- Development of agricultural land markets
- Small farms access to land
- Development of operational National Land Consolidation Programmes



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Why do agricultural land markets not function in WB?

1. Numerous problems with land registration prevents land from access to the market
2. Excessive land fragmentation and small holding sizes
3. High degree of informality in land market
4. Agricultural land markets are neglected by land registers
5. Traditional attachment to land
6. Limited access to credit
7. Lack of information about land market development



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Key Drivers/Stakeholders

1. Government
2. Ministry of Agriculture
3. Land registers / cadastre agencies
4. Local government
5. Agricultural extension service
6. Farmers / farmers associations
7. International organizations and donors
8. Financial institutions (credit)
9. Media (awareness raising)





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Policy recommendations (1/2)

1. Need for overall land policy
2. National Land Consolidation Programme with improvement of agricultural infrastructure and solving land registration problems in one integrated process
3. Establish State Land Bank / Fund to support land consolidation and the development of land markets
4. Institutional and capacity development
5. Need for regulation and protection of agricultural land
6. To ensure that policy instruments are coordinated and push in the same direction in line with overall land policy



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Policy recommendations (2/2)

7. Stimulate land markets and reduce land abandonment by introducing land tax on unutilized land
8. Better coordination between institutions
9. Introduction of centralized information system on land market development (number of transactions, prices etc.)
10. Better regulation and enforcement of change of land use
11. Adopt legislation to prevent further land fragmentation
12. Encourage cooperation (producer groups, cooperatives etc.)



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