

# LAND FOR LIFE ETHIOPIA

TOGETHER FOR PEOPLE-CENTERED LAND GOVERNANCE

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“Land belongs to the dead, the alive and the unborn”

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Land for Life Ethiopia was established in 2020 by a group of government officials, academics, entrepreneurs, and activists that promotes people-centered land governance and aims to provide space for all, particularly community representatives, to contribute to inclusive and transparent policy development and implementation. The main highlights described in this newsletter show the activities accomplished during the budget year, together with our stakeholders.

### Retrospect: A look back at 2022

- Second General Assembly Meeting
- Workshop on Investment Proclamation and Regulation, & Joint Venture
- Mid-Term Assessment Workshop
- Sensitization Workshop on Pastoral Development Policy & Strategy
- Establishment of Community, Investor, & Local Government Forum
- Workshop on Land Use & Land Use Planning
- The VGGT 10+ National Level Dialogue

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## Second General Assembly Meeting

Land for Life Ethiopia undertook its second General Assembly meeting on March 27th, 2022 at Azzeman Hotel in Addis Ababa. After a thorough discussion, the General Assembly endorsed the following points: - Land for Life Ethiopia 2021 Annual Performance report was unanimously approved; Land for Life Ethiopia 2021 Audit Report was approved by a unanimous vote; and Land for Life Ethiopia 2022 plan and budget approved by unanimous vote.



## Mid-term Assessment Workshop

Land for Life Ethiopia conducted a mid-term assessment workshop at JeCCDO Training Center (Bishoftu) from February 18-19, 2022. Different partners of Land for Life Ethiopia from civil society organizations, the private sector, Oromia government regional bureaus, and similar initiatives participated. The participatory mid-term assessment aimed at creating a common understanding among stakeholders on the status of Land for Life, corresponding insights, and the way forward.



## Workshop on Investment Proclamation & Regulation & Joint Venture

Land for Life Ethiopia organized a workshop on the Federal and Oromia Regional Investment Proclamation and Regulation, and Joint Venture Concept on 4th February 2022 at Mado Hotel, Addis Ababa. The workshop was a good lesson learnt that gave an overview of both the Federal and Oromia Regional investment laws and the concept of joint investment concept.



## Sensitization workshop on Pastoral Development Policy and Strategy

In collaboration with the Oromia Irrigation and Pastoral Development Bureau, Land for Life Ethiopia organized a sensitization workshop on Pastoral Development Policy and Strategy on May 14, 2022, in Addis Ababa, Azzeman Hotel. The workshop brought together more than 70 participants to deliberate on the pastoral development policy and strategy and Oromia regional pastoralism context.



## Establishment of Community, Investor, & Local Government Forum

Land for Life Ethiopia established Community, Investor, and Local Government Forum (CILGF) in Lume woreda (Mojo area) and Adami Tulu woreda (Batu area), where local communities and local government, including Abba Gada and women representatives participated. The forum created a space for participants to discuss the challenges and opportunities of the investment in their surroundings and alternative solutions that could help solving the challenges related to the investment.

## Workshop on Land Use and Land Use Planning

In collaboration with the Oromia Land Bureau, Land for Life organized a one-day workshop on "Land Use and Land Use Planning and its Current Context at the Global, National, and Oromia" on August 26, 2022, at the Kilole Hotel, Bishoftu. More than 50 participants from the government, private sector, and civil society organizations attended the workshop.



## The VGGT 10+ National Level Dialogue

Land for Life Ethiopia organized a national dialogue on the 10th Anniversary of the VGGT on October 14/2022 at Elilly International Hotel. The dialogue brought together different relevant actors that created an opportunity to raise awareness of the VGGT and the importance of governance of tenure, and through the deliberation made during the event, different priority governance of tenure and action steps were identified to be taken forward.





## Workshop on Agriculture and Food System & Land Use Planning Policies and Laws in Ethiopia

The workshop was held on December 12, 2022, at Hundaol Hotel in Modjo. The purpose of the workshop was to create awareness and strengthen the capacity of major stakeholders of Land for Life Ethiopia on agroecology (Fundamentals of Agriculture and Food System) and Land Use Planning Policies and Laws in Ethiopia

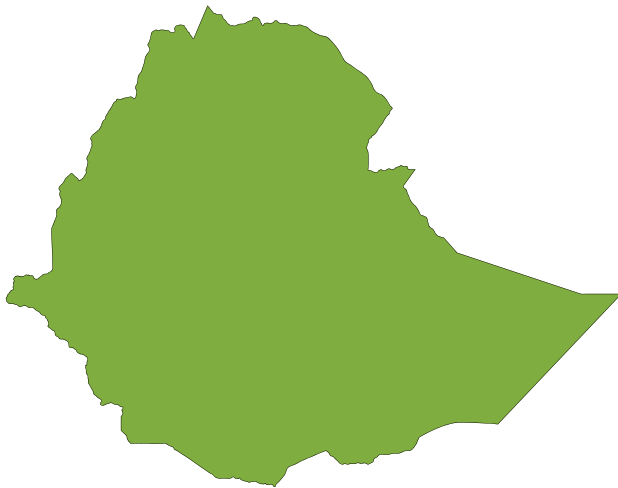


## VGGT+10 workshop for South West Ethiopia Regional State

Under the VGGT+10 initiative in Land for Life Ethiopia; VGGT awareness creation Training Workshop for South West Ethiopia Regional State Stakeholders was held in Mizan Aman town where stakeholders from government, CSO, Private, Smallholders, and Pastoral communities, Associations, and Academies participated.



### ABOUT THE LAND FOR LIFE INITIATIVE



The Land for Life Initiative is a multi-country intervention underway in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Burkina Faso, and Ethiopia. It is supported by the German NGO Welthungerhilfe and the German Ministry for Economic Collaboration and Development (BMZ). The objective of this initiative is to contribute to the formulation and implementation of national policies on land governance and agricultural investments that are consistent with international standards and, in particular, the human right to adequate food.

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