

Land observatories to foster transparency, participation, and decisions on land acquisitions

Land acquisitions may be monitored using an interactive, “crowd-sourced” web-based knowledge platform. The knowledge platform supports efforts to strengthen multi-stakeholder and evidence-based decision-making processes regarding the sale and use of land.



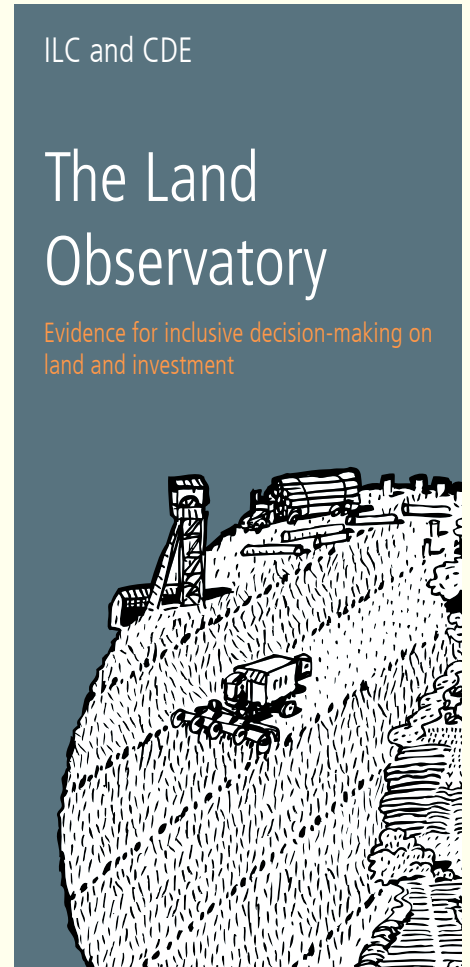
Rubber plantation in Laos. Source: CDE/GIZ.



New rubber plantation in Southern Laos. Source: CDE/GIZ.



Researcher in rubber plantation, Laos. Source: CDE/GIZ.



Local populations' access to land is threatened by large commercial investments stemming from domestic and foreign interests. Often, land deals are not transparent and local stakeholders have little or no means of participating in decision-making.



Land Observatory Processes

Relevant Project Web-links

- www.landobservatory.org
- <http://landportal.info/topic/land-observatory>
- <http://landportal.info/landmatrix>

We track the land acquisitions, the actors involved, and the geographical context in which these activities take place.

The project enhances efforts to monitor land deals at global scale using the Land Matrix (see box below).

What's the Land Matrix?

The Land Matrix is an online public database that permits all users to contribute to and improve data on land deals, and for this data to be visualised. The visualisations offer both overviews of the data and complete access to the public database down to the level of an individual deal.