WOMEN’S LAND RIGHTS IN AFRICA
SCORECARD 2019

A tool for women on women’s land rights advocacy in Africa
How to use this scorecard

In the scorecard, we ask these 5 questions

Theme 1
Is provision made in the law to guarantee equal land rights for women?

Theme 2
Are women’s legislated land rights protected and enforced?

Theme 3
Are women able to assert control over the land they use?

Theme 4
Are women making decisions about land governance?

Theme 5
Are women’s land rights protected against large-scale, land-based investments?

And we answer each question like this

Yes
Partly
No

The same graphics have been used to indicate the overall situation on women’s land rights in each country.

How the scores happen

Each country is scored according to five themes. Each theme has a number of sub-themes (a different number of sub-themes per theme). Each sub-theme is given a score. The sub-theme scores are added together to get a theme score. The five theme scores are added together to get a country score.
It appears that most countries have made progress in developing laws that support women’s land rights. But much work is needed to implement these laws so that women can benefit from them.
Find your country and note how it scores.

What is your country’s score compared with that of other countries?

Decide what action is needed to improve the situation in your country.

Look at the map of Africa and note the countries involved.

Can you see how much red is on the map? There is a lot of work to be done!

Let us see how we can change women’s land rights in Africa!
THIS SCORECARD IS FOR

MEASURING how committed governments are to women’s land rights in each country.

COMPARING how women are confronting their governments about land rights.

LEARNING how women are tackling their land rights issues.

SHARING lessons emerging from efforts by women to tackle their land rights issues.

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