



Huairou Commission's  
**Global Initiative on Women's Security of Tenure**  
is a multi-stakeholder platform to advance an alternative approach to women's security of tenure that is grounded in grassroots women's experiences.

#### What this initiative will do:

- 1. Bring together stakeholders that believe in the mission of securing women's tenure.** This initiative recognizes that for change to occur, a shared goal must unite people working on multiple levels and in many arenas. Therefore, this initiative is a call to action for grassroots community practitioners, lawyers, academics, urban planners, land surveyors, traditional leaders, government actors and other development practitioners to work together to secure women's tenure.
- 2. Consolidate our understanding - map successes & challenges.** Whether people in your field do literature reviews, community mapping or fact-finding, the first step is to determine what is already known and what gaps exist.
- 3. Plan Actions. Act on Plans.** The platform will be a space to both share your own discipline's expertise and to collaborate across fields in multi-stakeholder working groups. This initiative will prioritize actions and research that address the gaps identified by grassroots women community practitioners as the greatest challenges they face with regards to tenure insecurity.
- 4. Champion what works.** The platform will be a space to champion and exchange best practices towards securing women's tenure.

#### How to Participate:

- **Join as a collaborator.**  
Become part of a multi-stakeholder cluster that works to address a gap in the thinking or practices around women's security of tenure.
- **Join as a contributor.**  
Attend a consultation on women's tenure security and contribute your individual or your organization's current work to the collective body of thought and practices on women's security of tenure.

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# GLOBAL INITIATIVE ON Women's Security of Tenure

This initiative broadens the insufficiently narrow discussion around women's security of tenure, from product-centered and focused on titles, to process-centered and focused on an alternative framework approach that grounds women's security of tenure in grassroots women's experiences.

The struggle for women's security of tenure has historically focused on access to land titles, namely through legal reform.

In reality, land ownership is just the tip of the iceberg.

OWNERSHIP



USE

Women's security of tenure must include how women use land and housing. Women's empowerment is embedded in their participation in household and community decision-making about land and housing.



CONTROL

Women's security of tenure must also include a woman's ability to control property. Control entails the ability to produce and profit from land as a productive asset, to be safe in her home and to have her control recognized by her community.