

Empowering women and girls in rural areas: transforming challenges into opportunities



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Lessons learnt from the SIGI and Wikigender-Ciheam-UfM Online Discussion

OECD's Social Institutions and Gender Index

Formal Laws

Wikigender-Ciheam-UfM joint online discussion (17-21 Sept)

Social Practices

Discrimination against rural women

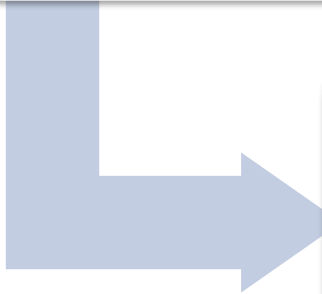
Informal Laws

Social Norms

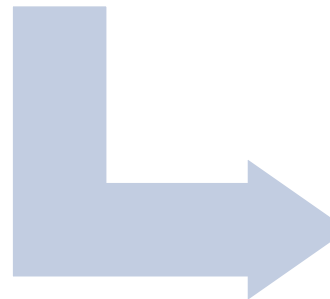


1. Discriminatory legal frameworks restrict women's land rights

Obstacle:
Discriminatory
inheritance rights
(1/3 of Mediterranean
Countries)



Policy
Recommendation:
**promote and
strengthen** women's
land and inheritance
rights



Good practice:
**Tunisia's Equal
Inheritance Law**



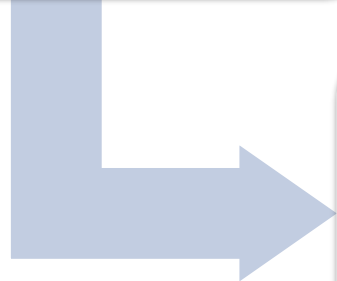


2. Discriminatory social norms weaken political commitment towards rural women's empowerment

Obstacle:
Discriminatory **social norms** on women's access to land



Policy Recommendation:
Address discriminatory social norms and practices



Good practice:
FAO Dimitra Clubs





A comprehensive approach to women's land and inheritance rights





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