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¹FPIC is formalised through article 32 of the 2007 UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Its fundamental principle is that indigenous people have the right to approve or veto proposed developments on their lands, based on full information, representative institutions, and iterative, culturally sensitive negotiation, backed up by effective systems for grievance, redress, and mitigation (Colchester and Ferrari [2007](#)).

²Based on FAO definitions and estimations of land suitable for agriculture.

³Interview with Sudanese government official, 22 February 2009.

⁴Interview with government official, 18 February 2009.

⁵Tanzania's Land (Amendment) Act 2004 introduced another land access arrangement – the establishment of joint ventures between foreign investors and local groups (under Article 19(2)(c) of the Land Act, as amended). Under this arrangement, local groups retain land rights while the investor obtains lesser land rights from the local group.

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