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# Over the heads of local people: consultation, consent, and recompense in large-scale land deals for biofuels projects in Africa

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<sup>1</sup>FPIC 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](#)).

<sup>2</sup>Based on FAO definitions and estimations of land suitable for agriculture.

<sup>3</sup>Interview with Sudanese government official, 22 February 2009.

<sup>4</sup>Interview with government official, 18 February 2009.

<sup>5</sup>Tanzania'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.

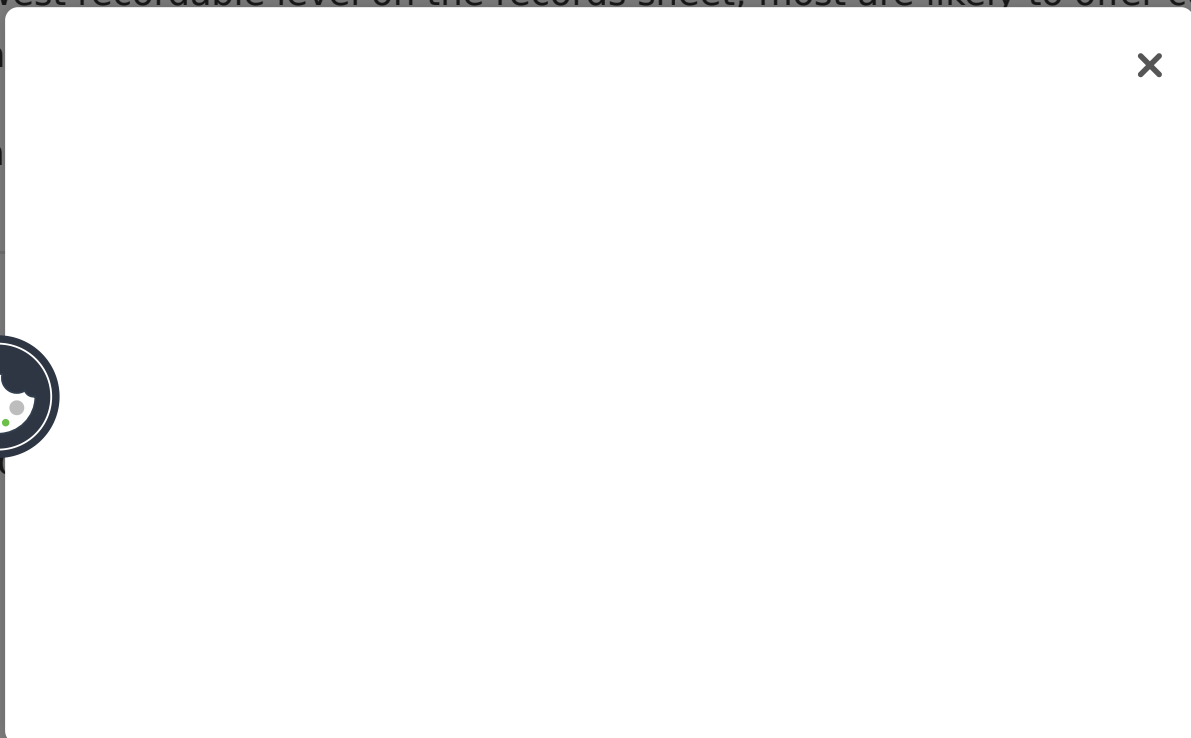
<sup>6</sup>Interview with an FAO country officer, 11 February 2009.

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