



## OpenLandContracts.org: Self-Study Training Modules

This set of self-study training modules was prepared by the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI). The set includes:

1. Four training modules, each provided as a separate set of PDF slides:
  - Training Module One: OpenLandContracts.org: Introduction and Key Features
  - Training Module Two: Analyzing Land Contracts using OpenLandContracts.org
  - Training Module Three: Understanding Land Contracts and Land Investments
  - Training Module Four: Land Contract Transparency: Benefits and Limits
2. A short tutorial video to guide users through searching and viewing contracts on OpenLandContracts.org;
3. A contract analysis exercise.

All components are available for download from the OpenLandContracts.org **Guides** page (<http://www.openlandcontracts.org/guides>). Should you have any questions regarding the module, please email [info@openlandcontracts.org](mailto:info@openlandcontracts.org).

### Training Objectives

The Self-Study Training Modules were designed for users of OpenLandContracts.org to independently engage with and learn more about the repository and land contracts more generally. The Self-Study Training Modules' objectives include:

- Introducing users to OpenLandContracts.org;
- Providing an overview of the repository's key features;
- Helping users to better understand key pieces of information found in land contracts;
- Providing information on the characteristics and implications of land-based investment, the legal frameworks that govern such investment, and the relevance of land contracts; and
- Exploring the benefits and limitations of land contract transparency.

### Materials Needed

Users can choose to view the slides by downloading and working through them on a computer, or by downloading and printing a hard copy of the slides.

To view the short tutorial video and complete the contract analysis exercise, users should have access to a stable Internet connection.

### **Who should use these training modules?**

These modules are relevant to anyone who wishes to learn more about using the key features of OpenLandContracts.org. They will also be of interest to individuals interested in improving their understanding of land contracts.



### **About the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment**

The Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, a joint center of Columbia Law School and the Earth Institute at Columbia University, is the only university-based applied research center and forum dedicated to the study, practice, and discussion of sustainable international investment. One of the Center's key areas of focus is investment in land and agriculture. The Center launched OpenLandContracts.org in October 2015, with support from the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

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