



The AU-ECA-AfDB Land Policy Initiative

Progress Made & Way Forward

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Land, MDGS & Development

AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT

Equity

Peace and Stability

Sustainable Natural Resource Management

Poverty Reduction

Economic Development

Food Security

LAND POLICIES

EFFECTIVE LAND GOVERNANCE/MANAGEMENT

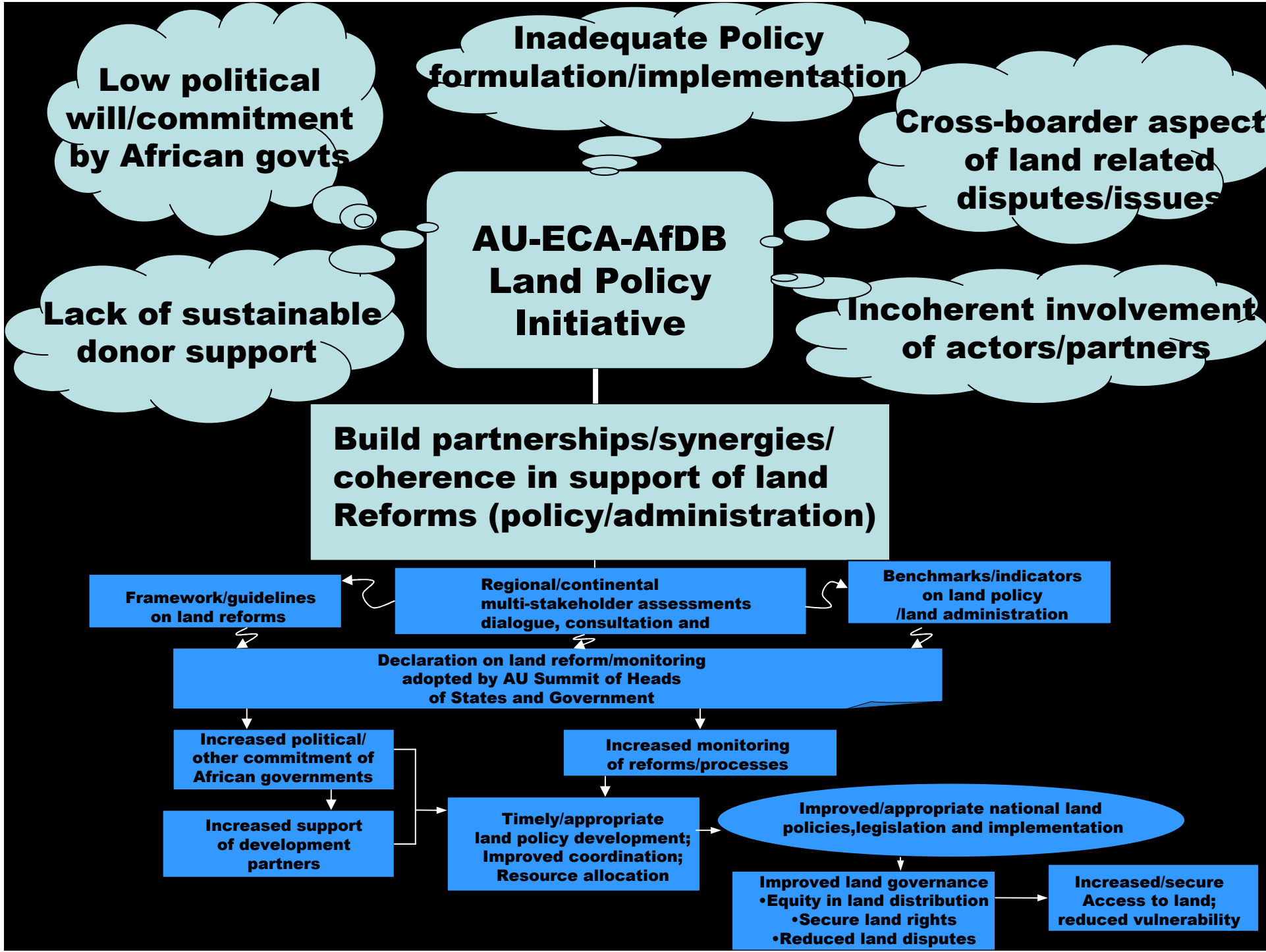
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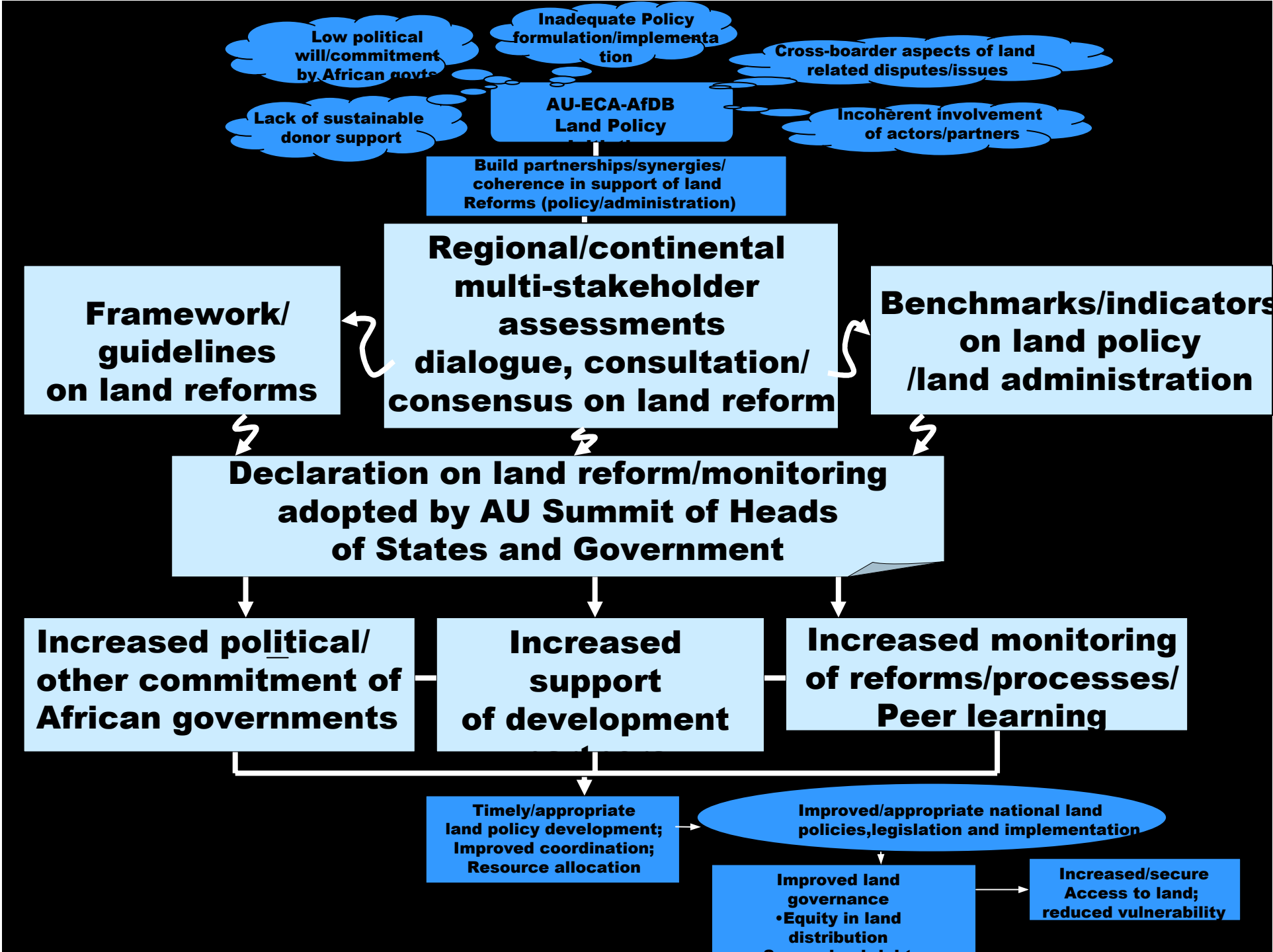
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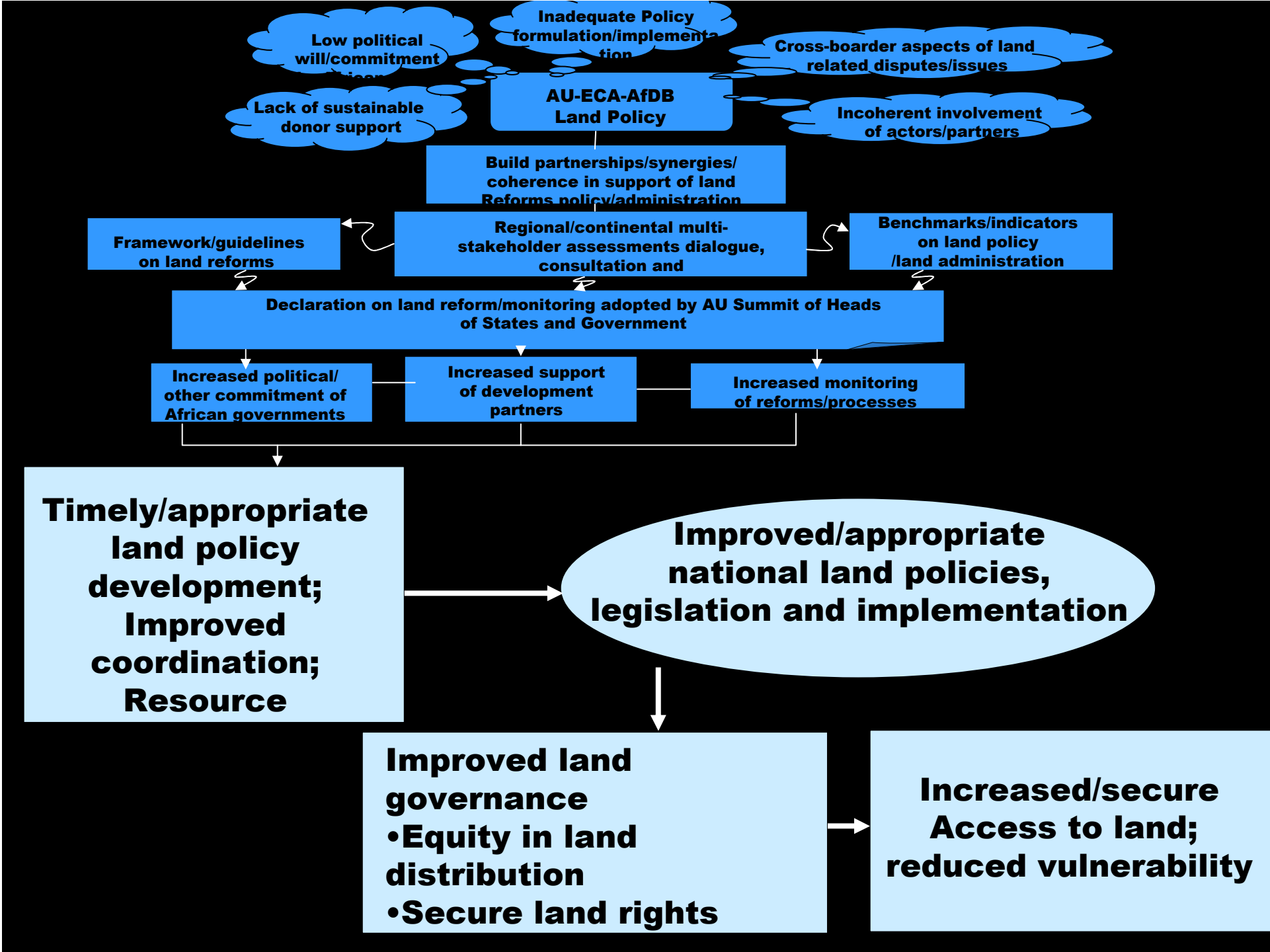
PARTNER SUPPORT

Why Policy/Admin reform?

- **Fact: The land question is emotive**
- **It is urgent to tackle the land question**
 - Demand for land is increasing
 - Potential consequences of this demand is varied
- **Addressing potential pitfalls through improved land governance**
 - Awareness of dimensions of land question-- economic religious, social and cultural
 - What types of governance systems-- work need for guidelines?
 - AU-ECA-AfDB Land Policy Initiative (LPI)– a response to this demand
 - *Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa-- Consultative process*







Objectives/Expected Outcomes

- **Development, peace and security-----Improved land governance ensuring secure land rights, access to land, equity in land distribution and reduce land disputes and vulnerability**
- **Specific objectives/outcomes:**
 - **Build partnerships/synergies/ coherence in support of reforms (policy/legislation/admin)**
 - **Enhance political/ financial commitment of African governments**
 - **Increase support of development partners**
 - **Facilitate monitoring of reforms/processes**

Stakeholders/Partners

- **Local Level**
 - **Land users: Smallholder farmers, pastoralists, natural resource users, urban dwellers and investors**
 - **Traditional authorities and customary institutions**
- **National level**
 - **Sectoral ministries, land agencies and institutions, local government**
- **Regional--Pan African and regional institutions**
 - **African Union; Economic Commission for Africa; African Development Bank; RECs**
- **Global**
 - **UN (FAO; IFAD; UNHABITAT; UNDP), World Bank**
- **All Levels:**
 - **Development partners; Research and Training Institutions; Civil Society Organizations; Networks**

Road Map/Critical Steps

The activities of the roadmap include:

- A continental Consultative Workshop**
- Regional Assessments and Consultations**
- Development of Benchmarks/Indicators**
- Draft/review of Framework and Guidelines**
- African Experts/Ministers Meeting**
- Summit of African Heads of State and Government**

Lessons Policy in Development/Implementation

- **Assess underlying context, issues, lessons**
- **Understand and include stakeholders**
- **Engrave land reform in national development processes**
- **Political commitment key to land reform**
- **Technical and financial capacities much needed**
- **Building consensus on implementation strategy, capacity to manage change, collecting baseline data**
- **Need for development of systems, indicators and data for monitoring progress**

Way Forward: Action Plan

- **Policy Development**
 - **Technical advisory services**
 - **Knowledge generation and management**
 - **Raising awareness, training and capacity building**
- **Policy implementation**
 - **Reform of institutions and procedures of land admin.**
 - **Increased knowledge and capacity for land admin.**
 - **Increased awareness of procedures**
 - **Systems/tools for securing land rights**
- **Monitoring progress**
 - **Development of indicators**
 - **Piloting**
 - **Instituting systems for monitoring progress**
 - **Peer review and learning**
- **Research, collect/disseminate best practices**
- **Innovation in financing policy/admin reforms**¹¹

Thank you!!

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