

## <h2>Additional Resources</h2>

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### <h3>Guides to Land Contracts</h3>

<span style="font-weight: 400;">Guides for non-lawyers seeking to better understand </span><a href="http://ccsi.columbia.edu/files/2017/03/Ag-Guide-v17-FINAL-11-Mar-2016.pdf"><span style="font-weight: 400;">agricultural</span></a><span style="font-weight: 400;"> and </span><a href="http://ccsi.columbia.edu/files/2017/01/GuidetoLandContracts-ForestryProjects.pdf"><span style="font-weight: 400;">forestry</span></a><span style="font-weight: 400;"> investment contracts. Created by CCSI in collaboration with <a href="https://islp.org/" target="\_blank">International Senior Lawyers Project</a> (ISLP) staff and volunteers.</span><br /><br />

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### <h3>Briefing Material for Civil Society Organizations: Bridging the Information Gap</h3>

<span style="font-weight: 400;">This short </span><a href="http://ccsi.columbia.edu/2019/05/22/briefing-for-grass-roots-organizations-bridging-the-information-gap-how-access-to-land-contracts-can-serve-community-rights/" target="\_blank"><span style="font-weight: 400;">briefing note</span></a><span style="font-weight: 400;"> explains how local organizations can use land contracts to support communities to protect their rights. With the contracts, organizations can help communities to:</span>

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<li>Understand company and government obligations related to a company project;&nbsp;</li>

<li style="font-weight: 400;"><span style="font-weight: 400;">Monitor whether those obligations are being fulfilled; and</span></li>

<li style="font-weight: 400;"><span style="font-weight: 400;">Hold companies and governments to account for bad contracts or for failing to deliver on commitments important to communities.</span></li>

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### <h3>Guide for Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs)</h3>

<p><span style="font-family: verdana, geneva, sans-serif; font-size: 8pt;"><a href="https://earthrights.org/wp-content/uploads/eia\_manual\_final\_0.pdf">This guide</a>, produced by EarthRights International, provides context for and explains the importance of Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIAs).&nbsp;It briefly describes the content which is usually found in ESIs (pp. 6-19), highlights&nbsp;the&nbsp;parts of ESIs which are important for non-legal experts&nbsp;to pay attention to (e.g. civil society and community advocates), and&nbsp;outlines important considerations for those&nbsp;who are involved in conducting ESIs and/or writing ESIA reports. ESIA reports are often lengthy and technically complex documents. This guide is intended to help visitors understand, read, and use the ESIA documents found on OpenLandContracts. Although the latter parts of the guide are geographically specific, it contains valuable information relevant to understanding ESIs in any jurisdiction.</span></p>

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