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An International Resource Panel Think Piece



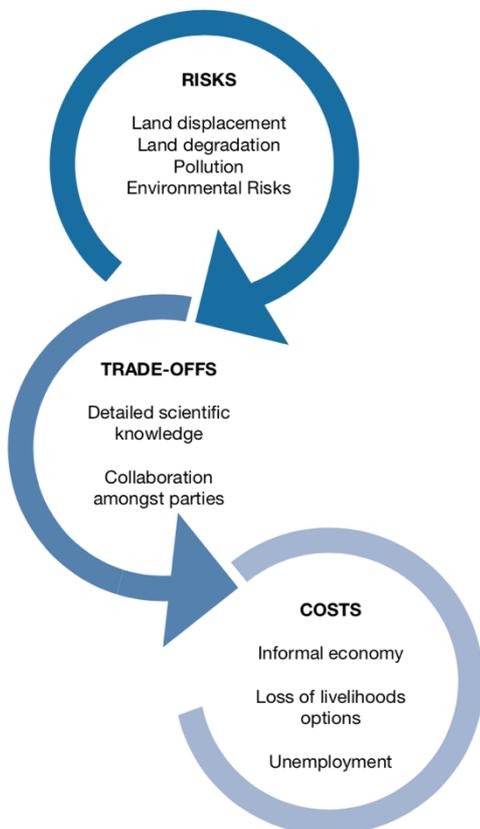
Land Restoration for Achieving SDG 16: Promote Peaceful and Inclusive Societies for Sustainable Development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions.

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Dr. Isabel B. Franco, researcher at AIBE was appointed contributing author for *The International Resource Panel (IRP)*, a global scientific panel hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme aimed to build knowledge on sustainable development from a natural resources perspective. Her global impact research piece '*Land restoration for achieving SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels*' provides science-policy options on the socio-economic interlinkages between land restoration and the Sustainable Development 16, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (SDG 16).

The piece shows how general co-benefits and land restoration for SDG 16 can foster fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from land restoration. It also argues that addressing land restoration issues in alignment with the SDG 16 will have extra benefits of reducing risks, overcoming existing trade-offs in conflict environments. Other co-benefits such as reduction of violence, child labour, illegal land use, bribery and the fostering of accountability, inclusive participation, stronger institutions and protection of fundamental rights over land are some of the added benefits of land restoration in line with SDG 16.



The piece also presented specific strategies for maximizing benefits of land restoration for SDG 16, namely mobilization and allocation of resources, restoration implementation and new pathways for dispute resolution and international support for capacity-building in the justice system. Implementing such strategies will hopefully help stakeholders involved in land restoration disputes overcome possible risks, trade-offs and costs of land restoration for SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, as shown in figure 1.

This policy-relevant piece showing potential new pathways towards sustainable management can be consulted clicking the link below:

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