

Farm Succession

Explore opportunities on farm succession practices, together with the cooperative, youths and farmer members. Agriterra supports in breaking the taboo by starting discussions on the importance of farm succession at cooperative and household level.

- Development of a lobby agenda around land rights and inheritance laws to favour the position of youth and women in agriculture.
- Develop a deep understanding of local cultural and legal aspects of farm handovers.
- Map different initiatives that counter the negative effects of land fragmentation through innovative management solutions, like the Kibinge Farm Management programme of Kibinge Coffee Cooperative in Uganda and promote these kind of initiatives.
- Co-develop farm succession plans

What is farm succession?

It is a process occurring over time during which a family plans for the transfer of knowledge, skills, labour, management, control and ownership of the farm business between the founder (retiring) generation and the successor(next) generation.

Why farm succession?

Distributing assets in accordance with wishes, including treating all children fairly.

- Determine future land use for the long term
- Maintain quality of life for current owner(s) after succession
- Sustain profitability during and after the succession period
- Develop a stepwise managerial transition process



Where to start "it all starts with conversation"

1. Schedule a family meeting
2. Assemble your team
3. Establish goals for succession
4. Make a list of assets
5. Make a list of debts
6. Gather existing documents
7. Agree on a timeline
8. Take action

What can a cooperative do?

Create (job) opportunities

- Lobby and convince stakeholders of other land-use policies in favour of the new generation and to enhance youth's opportunities
- Employment opportunities for youth
- Provide services on behalf of the cooperative
- Create paid advice/training/work at other organisations who want to know more about or want to work with young farmers

