



# Things to Consider as a Land Entrepreneur

## **Motivations**

- 1. Are you looking at this as a short or a long-term commitment?
- 2. Consider your vision. Is it specific or adaptable?
- 3. Is this endeavour driven by ambitions for lifestyle, world-changing aspirations, or simply a means of livelihood?
- 4. Are you seeking independence or collaboration?

### Assets & Skills

- 1. What is your idea? Do you have an "elevator pitch" ready?
- 2. What skills can you contribute to a new venture?
- 3. Do you own or have access to equipment, livestock, or other resources including land?
- 4. What level of capital do you have available?
- 5. Are there any additional skills or plans you need to develop before accessing land?
- 6. Do you have sufficient farming, sector-based experience to take on land? Can you demonstrate this?

#### **Requirements**

- 1. What level of income do you need to achieve from this opportunity?
- 2. Do you require accommodation as part of your business plan?
- 3. What land/property resources do you need to start the new enterprise and what are your expansion plans
- 4. What are your infrastructure requirements?
- 5. Is your business idea flexible?
- 6. Is your preferred location fixed or flexible? Do family or other commitments influence your decision?

#### **Readiness**

- 1. Are you prepared for a land opportunity when it arises? If not, what is your lead time?
- 2. Do you already have the necessary financing in place? If not, how will you address this?
- 3. If you are applying for grants, what are the typical timelines for applications, responses, and project initiation? Are there requirements which relate to access to land?
- 4. Do you have a proposal ready to present to a landowner now? Have you prepared a model or business plan which you can share, or do you have an idea that you would like to develop?

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