The German Federal Agency of Environment (UBA) published a synthesis report in October 2015. The report summarises major findings of the research and discussions undertaken in the project "Global Land Use and Sustainability (GLOBALANDS)", in which the Ecologic Institute played a major role. The synthesis report describes future pathways towards global sustainable land use and presents recommendations for German policy. The report ends with remaining questions, which need further investigation and discussion. It is available for download.

The aim of the GLOBALANDS project was to identify promising existing land use policies and to develop possible governance tools towards a more resource efficient and sustainable global land use. Different approaches were discussed in workshops with selected German, European and inter-national stakeholders, and respective
The Synthesis Report particularly highlights current "windows of opportunity" to strengthen sustainable land use through international policies, for example:

- The proposed UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in which land is covered partially,
- Mainstreaming of sustainable land use in existing UN and international governance systems such as UN conventions to allow for more coherence,
- Better safeguarding of sustainable land use in project-level financing of bi- and multilateral development agencies and bodies.

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- GLOBALANDS project website

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- Current International Governance of Land Use: Key Findings from GLOBALANDS
- Policy Recommendations to Strengthen Sustainable Land Use – Final Conference of the GLOBALANDS Project
- The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and its Relevance for Global Sustainable Land Use

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