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analysis, the book addresses four grassroots examples, which offer ideas for institutional and legal innovation from the local to the global level. This interdisciplinary title will be of great interest to students and scholars of international environmental law, agriculture, land law, development studies and global governance, as well as policymakers and practitioners working in these fields. "The Open Access version of this book, available at <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429198304>, has been made available under a Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial-No Derivatives 4.0 license."
