



# **NELGA SOUTHERN AFRICA: ACHIEVEMENTS, PROGRESS AND FUNDING**

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# 1. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:2017-2020

- **BACKGROUND/INCEPTION:** NUST selected as a NELGA Node for Southern Africa in 2016. NUST began to operate as a NELGA Node in June 2017. The Node was launched on 19 February 2018 in Windhoek, Namibia
- **PARTNERSHIPS:** 30 partner academic institutions identified in 12 Southern African countries (Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Botswana, Lesotho, Eswatini, **Angola, Mozambique, Mauritius and Madagascar**).The target of 10 countries was exceeded. Several research institutions and non-academic partnerships identified (Government, NGO's and private sector).
- **DAAD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME:** 12 DAAD Scholarship Holders at NUST (2PHD&6Msc) and PLAAS (2PHD & 2Msc)
- **REGIONAL WEBSITE:** NELGA Regional Website (<http://nelga.nust.na/>)
- **POLICY DIALOGUES:** Over 10 policy dialogue platforms (conferences, workshops)
- **LAND GOVERNANCE TRAINING:** Over 10 land governance training (masterclass, DAAD summer schools etc.)

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS CONT'D



- **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON LAND GOVERNANCE**: Collaborative Research on Land Governance (LG scoping/8, Synthesis/1 and NAIP reports/5 & policy briefs/5). Overall 19 outputs (Research reports/books and policy briefs)
- **OPINION PIECES ON LAND GOVERNANCE**: 26 Newspaper opinion pieces on Land Governance
- **ACADEMIC EXCHANGE**: Academic exchange in Sweden (KTH), Germany (TUM) and Namibia (NUST)
- **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW**: Curriculum Development and Review (South Africa and Malawi)
- **NELGA NEWSLETTER**: NELGA REGIONAL HUB Bi-annual Newsletters
- **MOU'S WITH PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**: 14 partner institutions expressed interest, 1 MOU signed and 8 in progress
- **STRATEGY DOCUMENTS**: Research and Capacity Development Strategy (draft), Sustainability Strategy for NELGA (draft) and Gender Strategy for NELGA Southern Africa (draft)

## 2. FUNDING CYCLES



- **GIZ/NUST Agreement:** June 2017 – January 2019 (18 Months)
- **Cost extension:** February 2019 – June 2020 (18 Months)
- **No-Cost Extension:** from July 2020-December 2021 (18Months)
- Funding is guaranteed until **2024**

# 3. SUMMARY OF CURRENT WORK PLAN: JULY 2020- DECEMBER 2021



**Funding: until 2024 and pledge beyond**

## **1. WORK PACKAGE A: Coordination of Regional Hub**

- Contract management, financial reporting, progress reporting, stakeholder management, strategy documents

## **2. WORK PACKAGE B: Academic Exchange**

- Study visits to other partner institutions and hosting other institutions

## **3. WORK PACKAGE C: Educational Activities**

- Capacity building (e.g. on-line courses), Outreach, Land Governance Training (e.g. On-line Course on Land Governance and Corruption),

## **4. WORK PACKAGE D: Policy Dialogues**

- Conferences/seminars (WB, CLPA, AfRES etc), Collaborative Research on Land Governance (e.g. Scoping Study)

## **5. WORK PACKAGE E: Knowledge Management**

- Sharing and dissemination of Good practices (e.g. Opinion Pieces, Scoping Study, NAIP), Website updates, Formatting, Printing and Dissemination of Project Documents (e.g. Scoping study, NAIP, NELGA Newsletters, Opinion Pieces booklet, Strategy documents etc)



## 4. CONCLUSIONS AND CHALLENGES



- The node is fully established, exemplary and has achieved most of its set goals
- Impact of Covid-19 on the implementation of NELGA activities
- Responsibilities that comes with an expanding network
- DAAD Scholarship programme needs revival





**END OF PRESENTATION!!**

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