

Brief Report:

Status Workshop on the Land Governance Regional Scoping Study

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1. Background

The Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA), specifically the Southern Africa hub, through the leadership of the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) as a regional node, has embarked upon a Regional Scoping Study on Land Governance. The NELGA node at NUST had a meeting in September 2018 to review the timeline for the scoping study, which has been planned to culminate into a Land Governance conference in April 2019. Many challenges were raised at this meeting and it was therefore resolved to hold a status workshop on the Regional Land Governance Scoping Study in Windhoek, Namibia on 29-30 October 2018.



2. Objectives and participation

The objectives of this workshop were to; 1) obtain formal updates on the progress made by the individual country study teams to date, 2) to provide further input into the country scoping studies, 3) review the timeline, and 4) to jointly determine the way forward. The workshop was attended by 28 participants (see annex A) from all the seven (7) study teams who represented various academic institutions from the following countries;

- **Namibia:** Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) and University of Namibia (UNAM)
- **South Africa:** University of the Western Cape (UWC), through the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS)
- **Zambia:** University of Zambia (UNZA) and University of Lusaka (UL)
- **Zimbabwe:** University of Zimbabwe (UZ)
- **Malawi:** University of Malawi (UM), through the Polytechnic University of Malawi and the Chancellor College
- **Botswana:** University of Botswana (UB) and Ba Isago University
- **Lesotho:** National University of Lesotho (NUL)



3. Progress of the study teams

Study teams have made significant progress with Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe leading the pack. These countries have already produced draft reports. The other countries (Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho and South Africa) are at various stages in the process of consolidating the contributions from their individual team members.



4. Other workshop deliberations

Other relevant topics were also discussed at the workshop. The discussions were informed by the following presentations; Curriculum Development Workshop at UNZA (15-17 October 2018), ADLAND Research Development Workshop at NUST (20-23 August 2018), the German Study Tour on Land Management and Policy (9-20 September 2018), Namibia's Second National Land Conference: Process

and Lessons learned (1-5 October 2018) and a presentation on SLGA, NELGA and the work plan for NELGA Southern Africa.



5. Conclusion and the way forward

- After assessing the progress by the study teams, the conference was re-scheduled to July 2019.
- The timeline for the scoping study and other activities leading to the conference was revised accordingly.
- All the study teams are expected to submit their first draft reports on 30 November 2018.
- Consensus was reached on the payments (honorarium) of the study teams
- The exact dates of the 3-day conference will be determined and communicated at a later stage by the conference organising committee.
- The conference is envisaged to attract about 100 participants and a draft list of potential institutions to be represented at this conference have been developed.
- The NELGA node (NUST) will strive to engage countries such as Mozambique, eSwatini (Swaziland) and Angola to ensure their participation.

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