

BRIEF REPORT:

Workshop on Curriculum Development: A specialised Postgraduate Programme in Land Governance and Property Rights in Africa for the University of Zambia (UNZA), Lusaka, Zambia, 15-17 October 2018

Background

The School of Law at the University of Zambia (UNZA) has been offering only one master's programme for the past 53 years and wishes to develop a specialised Master's Programme in Land Governance. UNZA want input from relevant academic institutions in Zambia as well as selected institutions from countries in the region, namely Namibia and Zimbabwe in the development of the program. ADLAND and NELGA were approached for assistance. During a meeting in April 2018 at NUST, Windhoek between ADLAND, NELGA and UNZA it was decided that a workshop will be held at UNZA, Lusaka for the development of this program. It was agreed that representatives from ADLAND as well as academic institutions from Zambia, Zimbabwe and Namibia would be involved in this workshop.

The Workshop on Curriculum Development

A 3-day workshop on curriculum development, with the emphasis on land governance was conducted between 15 – 17 October 2018 in Lusaka, Zambia. The workshop was co-ordinated by the representative from ADLAND, Dr Peter Ekbäck of KTH, as well as Dr Mulenga from UNZA. The key objectives of the workshop were to discuss;

- The curriculum development process,
- Best practices in curriculum development by learning from experiences from Zimbabwe and Namibia,
- How the needs assessment should be conducted,
- Ideas about the programme structure and delivery
- Creating a flowchart setting out the steps for the development of the programme at UNZA.

This workshop was attended by two consultants and 19 participants in general from academic institutions. The academic institutions represented were;

- Namibia University of Science and Technology - Namibia
- University of Zimbabwe - Zimbabwe
- University of Zambia; University of Lusaka; Copperbelt University - Zambia

The main achievements of the 3-day workshop are as follows;

- i) A flowchart for the curriculum development process was adopted,
- ii) A curriculum development team was elected,
- iii) Steps on the way forward which includes all the approvals necessary, were agreed upon.

Conclusion and the way forward

The workshop was a very good start for the development of the programme at UNZA. It equipped the participants with the rigorous process involved in Curriculum development and getting it approved for implementation and registration on the National Qualification Framework. Group activities carried out by participants ensured achievement of these objectives. The workshop was concluded with the handing out of certificates of attendance to the participants.