

# POST NELGA SHORT COURSE REPORT

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## Event Summary

### Course convenors

Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS), University of the Western Cape  
African Land Policy Centre (ALPC)

### Funding Support

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

### Venue

Zanzibar Beach Resort, Zanzibar

### Number of Attendees

39 attendees representing nine (9) African countries (Cameron, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Rwanda, Uganda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia)

### Overview

Over a course of five days between 11th to 15th February 2019, PLAAS in conjunction with ALPC brought together practitioners, lawyers, academics, non-governmental organisations and public officials in the land sector for a short course titled: **NELGA Short Course: The Political Economy of Land Governance in Africa**. The course combined experts' short presentations by seasoned academics and experts on land governance policies and frameworks at regional and global levels. The course also focused on the socio-economic and political economy contexts in which land policies are to be implemented.

Among the objectives of the course were:

- Understanding the elements of land tenure in pre-colonial and colonial histories in Africa;
- Analysing variations in approaches to land policy and land law;
- Unpacking aspects of land corruption on the continent;
- Critically comparing and contrasting African land policy response with global guidelines.

### Contribution by the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST)

Sam Mwando, lecturer in the Department of Land and Property Sciences delivered a lecture on Urban Land Governance and Land Corruption in Africa, represented NUST-NELGA Node. As evident on the African continent, where land governance is deficient, high levels of corruption often flourish. Furthermore, the issue of land corruption is now prominent at the African Union agenda with this year's conference on Land Policy in Africa to be hosted in Ivory Coast in November 2019 themed **"Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa's Transformation"**. In addition to raising capacity of DLPS academic staff through such engagements, such opportunities raise the profile of NUST as an academic institution at continental level in areas of research and training.

This course is in line with the objectives of NELGA, to foster and enhance collaboration among academic institutions in Africa through training and research and share best practice.

The full programme of the short course is enclosed herein.

## Photo gallery



Sam delivering lecture



Morning of departure



Graduating Students



Prof Shivji delivering his lecture



Prof Isaacs