



The Network of Excellence on Land Governance Southern Africa

Striving to improve education and training for good land governance across Africa

NUST – NELGA Southern Africa Node University

Background

To strengthen human and institutional capacities for the implementation of the African Union’s agenda on land the African Land Policy Centre (ALPC), formerly African Land Policy Initiative (LPI), has established a **Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)** in cooperation with Germany, World Bank and other partners.

NELGA is a partnership of leading African universities and research institutions with proven leadership in education, training and research on land governance. Currently NELGA has more than 50 partner institutions across Africa.

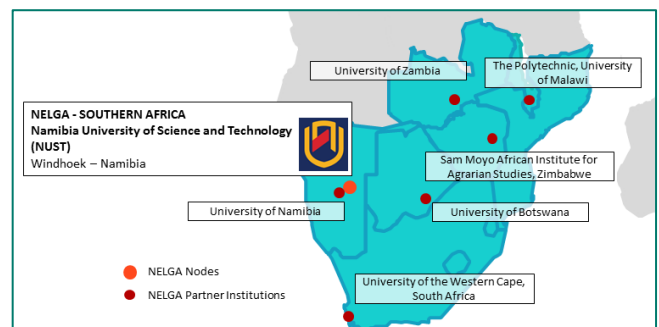
For better coordination of NELGA in the different regions, a lead university has been selected for each AU region (so-called “regional nodes”) to implement and coordinate NELGA activities jointly with other NELGA institutions.

NELGA Nodes — NUST

Known for being a trendsetter in higher education and applied research internationally, the **Namibian University of Science and Technology (NUST)** aims to become a leading university in Africa. The Department of Land and Property Sciences (DLPS) at NUST together with the Integrated Land Management Institute (ILMI) are at the forefront of research and outreach in the field of land governance and administration.

NUST was selected as a **NELGA Node for Southern Africa**, because of its proven leadership and track record in academic education, training and research on land governance.

To date, under the NELGA scholarship programme, NUST and PLAAS (Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, South Africa) have together **granted 11 scholarships (6 masters and 5 PhD’s) on land governance.**



In August 2017 NUST participated at the conference **“Partnership for Action: Improving Land Governance in Africa”** held in Pretoria, South Africa. The conference was used as a platform to promote NELGA by organising a side event and round table discussion. As a result NUST has identified jointly with the regional land community crucial areas of cooperation and potential partner institutions.

Activities

The key activities of the NELGA Node and partner institutions in Southern Africa include:

- Conducting a **Regional Research Scoping Study**;
- Organizing and hosting **workshops** for researchers and policy-makers;
- Organizing national and regional **multi-stakeholder dialogues** on topics related to land governance;
- Establishment of a **community of practice** for academics and practitioners;
- Setting up a **repository for data** on land related issues;
- Hosting **master classes**
- Publishing a **regional Journal on Land Governance.**