

SHORT COURSE:

The Political Economy of Land Governance in Africa

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Call for Applications

WHY THIS COURSE?

Across Africa, the majority of both rural and urban residents have insecure tenure rights, either in law or in practice. They face the legacy of land dispossession, colonial legal codes, contested customary tenure systems, and growing pressure on land in the face of commercial investments. How can land rights and land governance in Africa be strengthened? To address these challenges requires building a highly-skilled cohort of land professionals and land policy makers. This short course will equip these leaders to resolve the land challenges facing the continent.

What is offered?

The University of the Western Cape (UWC) will present an endorsed short course on the Political Economy of Land Governance in Africa. The course will be presented by the Institute for Poverty, Land & Agrarian Studies (PLAAS) in collaboration with the African Land Policy Centre (ALPC). The course will be hosted in collaboration with Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), in Accra, Ghana. The medium of instruction and assessment will be in English.

What will the course address?

We view the political economy of land governance to include the pre-colonial and colonial histories; statutory and customary tenure rights; land policy and land law; land administration in rural and urban contexts; land corruption; large scale land acquisitions, gender and class; and natural resource access and management.

What is the course content?

The key themes and concepts that will be covered in the course will include:

1. Pre-colonial and colonial histories of land rights in Africa
2. Statutory versus customary land tenure in Africa
3. Land policy and land law in Africa
4. Land administration in rural and urban contexts in Africa
5. Land corruption in Africa
6. Natural resource access and management in Africa
7. Large-scale land acquisitions, gender and class in Africa
8. Land policy responses and African and global land policy guidelines

What regional focus?

The course will address key concepts in land governance and apply these to regional case studies. We hosted two short courses in Southern Africa and in East Africa. The third course will focus on West Africa, but will also make reference to other regions. The curriculum will address the continent as a whole, but each course will also have a regional focus. We will draw on scholars, experts and lecturers from the partner NELGA institutions:

- Ardhi University in Tanzania for East Africa
- Namibia University of Science and Technology for Southern Africa
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana for West Africa
- University of Yaoundé I in Cameroun for Central Africa
- IAV Hassan II for North Africa and
- St Louis, Gaston Berger in Senegal to coordinate the French speaking countries in West Africa.

What funding is available?

The course is funded by United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), through the Network of Excellence in Land Governance in Africa (NELGA). Funding is available for 30 – 35 participants to cover course registration fees, travel and accommodation.

How will participants be assessed?

Assessment methods will be made up of a pre-contact assignment, a site visit report, a country paper on land governance, and final submission of a learning portfolio.

Candidates will receive either:

- A **Certificate of Attendance** for those who attend at least 80% of the sessions and participate in 50% of all in-class assignments, but do not complete the assessment activities, or
- A **Certificate of Competence** for those who successfully complete all assessments.

Who can apply?

Applicants should hold an undergraduate degree and have at least 3-4 years of work experience. Applicants without a university degree may be considered, if they have at least 10-15 years' work experience. Applicants should be conversant, write and understand English.

How do I apply?

- Applicants should apply via the link below. <https://forms.gle/fwMVYJoB7WmNXuZd9>
- Applicants who are shortlisted will be required to provide an updated Curriculum Vitae and passport.
- Kindly note only successful candidates would be contacted by the end of June 2019.

Closing Date for applications: 7 June 2019

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