



# THE NEXT DECADE OF LAND POLICY IN AFRICA: ENSURING AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

11-14 November 2014

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



2014 CONFERENCE ON  
LAND POLICY IN AFRICA

## PROGRAMME



African Union



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LAND POLICY INITIATIVE

# The Conference at a Glance

Despite the importance of land governance to Africa's developmental agenda, to date, there has been no continental platform organized for exchange, networking and sharing of experiences within the continent among researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders. To bridge this gap, the Land Policy Initiative (LPI) will hold a Conference on Land Policy in Africa biennially, in support of the implementation of the African Union Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa. The Conference in 2014 will be the inauguration of this important event.

The Conference on Land Policy in Africa will have a catalytic effect, creating a platform for presentation of research findings and focusing the attention of Governments, parliamentarians, farmers, researchers, civil society, private sector, land practitioners (surveyors, mapping companies, administrators), and development partners on the issues and status of land policy development and implementation in Africa. The conference meets the existing need of African stakeholders, and complements existing initiatives aimed at exchanging information and lessons on land policy reforms.

The overall goal of the Conference is to strengthen advocacy for comprehensive land policy, and to deepen capacity for land policy in Africa through improved access to knowledge and information. This will support evidence-based land policymaking and implementation, including showcasing emerging and promising practices, and facilitating networking among land experts and land professionals in Africa.

The Conference adopts a scientific approach to capture a broad range of emerging knowledge, and generates interest in current land policy themes from a wide range of African policy actors - within academia and beyond.

## DISCUSSION THEMES

In support of the 2014 Africa Union Year of Agriculture and Food Security in Africa the specific theme of the inaugural Conference is: "***The next decade of land policy in Africa: Ensuring agricultural development and inclusive growth.***"

The main theme is complemented by the following specific sub-themes:

- Inclusive agricultural growth (agricultural investment, productivity experiences securing land rights in the context of large scale investments)

- Land governance frameworks – experiences in implementing frameworks and coherence at country level (specific land governance frameworks, implications for land management and land rights)
- Women's land rights – impact of land reforms and addressing persisting policy bottlenecks
- Securing land rights under different tenure regimes
- Experiences and emerging best practices in developing and implementing land policies (rural and urban)
- Land administration

## STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERSHIPS

The inaugural Conference on land policy in Africa is organized by the Land Policy Initiative (LPI) in partnership with the European Union (EU), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), UN-Habitat, the **Food and Agriculture Organization** of the United Nations (**FAO**), and the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) under the guidance of a Steering Committee comprising ECA, AUC, AfDB, and in collaboration with the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and a few leading African academic institutions, United Nations agencies, development partners, the private sector, civil society, RECs, natural resources stakeholders, NGOs, and agencies with an established track record of engagement with land policy issues.

**THE LAND POLICY INITIATIVE** was established in 2006 as a joint initiative of the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

To date some of the key highlights of the achievements of the LPI include the development of a Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa (F&G), adopted by the African Ministers responsible for land in April 2009, and further endorsed by African Heads of State and Government through a Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa during the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union, in July 2009. The F&G is facilitating the development and implementation of national land policies that foster economic growth and secure livelihoods of African people. The LPI is currently in the second phase of its activities, which focus on assisting Member States to implement the AU Declaration on Land in accordance with the F&G.

For more information visit [www.uneca.org/clpa](http://www.uneca.org/clpa) and [www.uneca.org/lpi](http://www.uneca.org/lpi)

<b>Tuesday, 11 November 2014: Conference Inauguration</b>		<b>(Room Assignment)</b>
17:00 – 18:00	<p><b>OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION CHAIR:</b> AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION</p> <p><b>Welcome by Chair</b></p> <p><b>Opening Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Union</li> <li>• Civil Society representative</li> <li>• Food and Agriculture Organisation</li> <li>• UN HABITAT</li> <li>• African Development Bank</li> <li>• United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>Inauguration of Conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African Union Commission</li> <li>• Minister of Agriculture, Federal Republic of Ethiopia</li> </ul>	(Medium Conference Centre)
18:30 – 20:00	<p><b>OFFICIAL COCKTAIL FUNCTION</b></p> <p>Launch of the AU Guiding Principles on large Scale Land Based Investments</p>	(Multipurpose Hall)



## Wednesday, 12 November 2014: Securing land rights under different tenure regimes

09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Plenary Session I: What have we learnt from efforts to secure land rights in Africa?</b>  <i>Session Chair: Abebe Haile Gabriel</i>            (Plenary Hall, Old Conference Centre)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Securing land and resource rights in Africa - review of the last decade - <i>Clarissa Augustinus, GLTN</i></li> <li>• Strengthening Women's Land Rights in Africa – <i>Hubert Ouedraogo, Land Policy Initiative</i></li> <li>• Lessons from the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure – <i>Andrew Hilton, FAO</i></li> </ul>		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 - 12:30 (Parallel)	<p><b>Colloquium 1: Experiences, challenges and options of securing land access for all</b>  <i>Session Chair: Clarissa Augustinus</i>            (Small Conference Room 1)</p> <p><b>Joseph K Kidido</b> - Youth Access to Agricultural Land in the Tschiman Traditional Area: Moving from Conceptual Construction to Field Investigation</p> <p><b>Oracle M. Diki</b> – Struggle for land in the city</p> <p><b>Gashu A. Achameleh</b> – The Challenges of Land Rights in the Transitional Peri-Urban Agricultural Areas of Ethiopia in the Era of Urbanization: A Property Rights Approach</p>	<p><b>Colloquium 2: Experiences of securing group or community land rights</b>  <i>Session Chair: Prosper Matondi</i>            (Small Conference Room 2)</p> <p><b>Karyn E. Ntsimii</b> – Legislative Action and the Recognition of Community Land Rights: The Case of the Contribution of REPAR to the Advocacy Network in Cameroon</p> <p><b>Abebe Mulatu</b> – Protecting Pastoral Land-Use Rights in Ethiopia</p> <p><b>Samuel B. Biitir</b> – Securing land rights under the tendamba/ family customary system of land tenure. The case of Wa Municipality</p>	<p><b>Colloquium 3: Women's land rights: impact of land reforms and addressing persisting policy bottlenecks</b>  <i>Session Chair: Regina Pritchett</i>            (Small Conference Room 3)</p> <p><b>Joyce Nangobi</b> – Women's land rights: Impact of Land Reforms and Addressing Persisting Policy Bottlenecks.</p> <p><b>Zelallem Y. Atsbeha</b> – Challenges to the Implementation of the Rural Land Law as a tool of Empowering Women in Ethiopia: the case of Amhara Region</p> <p><b>Fati Al Hassan</b> – Women's Access to Justice: Grassroots Women's Approach to Securing Land Rights</p> <p><b>Rebecca Ochong</b> – Gender and land governance- the role of African land professionals</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break		

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14:00 - 15:00  
(Parallel)

### **Focused Discussion I: Experience in applying the social tenure domain model (STDM) to secure land rights**

*Session Chair: Ibrahim Mwachane* - (Small Conference Room 1)

**Veronica Katulushi** – Securing Women’s Land Rights in Customary Land Tenure Through the Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM): The case of Mungule Chiefdom, Chibombo District, Zambia

**Pamoja Trust** – Sharing lessons on the use of social tenure domain model for urban and rural experiences in Kenya, Uganda and Zambia

### **Focused discussion II: Emerging land issues in African agriculture and implications of the food policy and institutional reform**

*Session Chair: Josue Dione* - (Small Conference Room 2)

**Jordan Chamberlin** – Land Scarcity and African Agriculture: Implications for food security and poverty reduction strategies

**Milu Muyanga** – Small may not be beautiful in Kenya: farm size-productivity relationship revisited

**Christopher Manyamba** - Understanding the Youth, Agriculture and Food Security Nexus in Malawi. From an Agricultural Policy Perspective

### **Focused discussion III: The role of parliaments in strengthening land governance**

*Session Chair: Joan Kagwanja* - (Small Conference Room 3)

#### *Pan African Parliament*

- Hon. Abdoulie K. Jawla – Gambia
- Hon. Bernadeta Mushashu – Tanzania
- Hon. Mockar Zerouali – Algeria
- Hon. Patrick Mayombe – DRC
- Hon. Patrick Mwalula Mucheleka – Zambia

15:00 - 16:30

### **Thematic Session 1: Lessons from formalisation initiatives**

*Session Chair: Liz Alden Wily*  
(Small Conference Room 1)

**Heriniaina Rakotomalala** – Formalising Land Rights by Young Household Heads: The Case of Nine Rural Communes in Madagascar

**Asante Abedi Lewis** – Contested Space - Commercial driven Land use transition and indigenous adaptive strategy

**Souley Ouattarra** – Achieving Land Security in Rural Areas in Burkina Faso

**Steve Lawry** – The impact of Land Property Right Interventions on Investment and Agricultural Productivity in Developing Countries: A systematic Review

### **Thematic Session 2: Innovative approaches to financing secure access to land**

*Session Chair: Madiodio Niasse*  
(Small Conference Room 2)

- French Cooperation, Alain Durand Lasserre
- GIZ, Christian Graefen
- SDC, Manuel Flury
- USAID, Mercedes Stickler
- UN HABITAT, Solomon Haile
- Landesa, Jennifer Duncan
- European Commission, Joachim Knoth

### **Thematic Session 3: Legislative and operational tools to secure land rights**

*Session Chair: Odame Larbi*  
(Small Conference Room 3)

**Jaap Zevenbergen** – GLTN Tools and approaches

**Naomi Kenney** – Implementation of a Legislation Assessment Tool for Gender-Equitable Land Tenure in Sierra Leone

**Karol Boudreaux** - Operational guidelines for land based investment

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16:30 - 17:00

Coffee Break

17:00-18:00

**Plenary session II: Formalisation and experiences with community titling (Roundtable)**

*Session Chair: James Opiyo-Omoding* (Plenary Hall, Old Conference Centre)

**Klaus Deininger** – Making land records more affordable

**Clarissa Augustinus** - What lessons can we learn from the Mexican customary land registration system for African customary areas

18:00 - 19:00

**SIDE EVENT I: Strengthening Women’s and Land Rights in the Next Decade of Land Governance: Successful Practices for Scaling up**

*Huirou Commission* (Small Conference Room 1)

**SIDE EVENT II: Strategic guidance to recognize, protect and support tenure rights to commons for national food security and wellbeing**

*IASS* (Small Conference Room 2)

## Thursday, 13 November 2014 : Inclusive agricultural growth - Agricultural investment, productivity and land rights in the context of large scale investments

09:00 – 10:30	<b>Plenary Session III: In search of inclusive agricultural growth – trends and challenges</b> <i>Session Chair: Josue Dione</i> (Medium Conference Centre) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa's agricultural growth – How close are we to the revolution? – Ngongi Namanga</li> <li>• Land policy, land governance and the CAADP agenda – Joan Kagwanja</li> <li>• African Union Guiding Principles on Large Scale Land Based Investments – Abebe Haile Gabriel</li> </ul>		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 - 12:30 (Parallel)	<b>Colloquium 4: Land governance frameworks in the coming decade – implementation dynamics and implications for agriculture</b> <i>Session Chair: Andrew Hilton</i> (Small Conference Room 1) <p><b>Paul Jere</b> – Issues and Options for Improved Land Governance in Malawi - Application of the Land Governance Assessment Framework</p> <p><b>Mathieu Boche</b> - Towards Improved Due Diligence of Proposed Investment Projects: A Framework</p> <p><b>Regina Pritchett</b> - Land governance in the coming decade – what prospects for women's rights</p> <p><b>Esther Obaikol</b> - Monitoring tenure security a foothold for policy reform and practice change in Africa: The Case for Global Land Indicators as a Common Framework for Tracking Progress on Land Issues</p>	<b>Colloquium 5: Securing inclusive growth in the context of large scale land based investments</b> <i>Session Chair: Mandi Rukuni</i> (Small Conference Room 2) <p><b>Eric P. Pamen</b> – FDI and access to land</p> <p><b>Clemence Nhliziyo</b> – Lessons from Land and Economic Investments in Zimbabwe: The case of Chisumbanje Ethanol Investment</p> <p><b>Evans S. Osabuohien</b> – Youth Employment, Agricultural Transformation and Land Deals Nexus in Nigeria and Tanzania</p>	<b>Colloquium 6: Securing land rights in the context of large scale investments</b> <i>Session Chair: Janet Edeme</i> (Small Conference Room 3) <p><b>Richmond Antwi-Bediako</b> – Land rights and implications of jatropa investments in Ghana: the boom, bust and land transformation.</p> <p><b>Andrew Chilombo</b> – Large scale land investments on customary land: a case study of Nansanga farm block in Zambia</p> <p><b>Emmanuel Mlaka</b> – The paradox of smallholder food security in the emergence of large scale land investments</p> <p><b>Doreen N. Kobusingye</b> – Decentralization and Power Complexities in Large Scale Land Allocations: The Case of Amuru Sugar Project in Uganda</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break		
14:00 - 15:00 (Parallel)	<b>Focused Discussion IV: 'The Model Matters'</b> <i>Session Chair: Ruth Hall</i> (Small Conference Room 1) <p><b>Chrispin Matenga</b> – Searching for Inclusive Agricultural Business Models: A Comparison between the Large-scale Plantation Model (Zambeef) and Nucleus-estate Out-growers Scheme Model (Zambia Sugar/Illovo) in Zambia</p> <p><b>Abdirizak Nunow</b> – Land scarcity, capital investment and high-value harvests in Meru County, Kenya</p> <p><b>Gertrude Dzifa</b> – Local Impacts of Global Resource Scarcity on Ghanaian agricultural modernisation</p>		
	<b>Focused Discussion V: 'Towards an integrated implementation of the VGGT and F&amp;G'- FAO and Land Policy Initiative</b> <i>Session Chair: Harold Liversage</i> (Small Conference Room 2)		
	<b>Focused Discussion VI: Demonstration of the African Land Portal on LSLBI – Land Policy Initiative</b> <i>Session Chair: Lillian Bruce</i> (Small Conference Room 3)		

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<p>15:00 - 16:30</p>	<p><b>Thematic Session 4: Exploring the nexus of land administration and the future of smallholder agriculture in Zambia</b>  <i>Session Chair: Nancy Kachingwe (Small Conference Room 1)</i></p> <p><b>Nicholas Sitko</b> - Land Alienation by Elites and its Effects on Agricultural Growth in Zambia</p> <p><b>Munguzwe Hichaambwa</b> - Smallholder Farm Size, Agricultural Commercialization, and Potential Broad Based Rural Poverty Reduction: Evidence from Zambia</p> <p><b>Jordan Chamberlin</b> - What are the Drivers of Rural Land Rental Markets in sub-Saharan Africa, and how do they Impact Household Welfare?: A comparison of Zambia and Malawi</p> <p><b>Brian P. Mulenga</b> - Rural-Rural Mobility, Land and Labour Markets in Zambia</p>	<p><b>Thematic Session 5: African youth, employment and agricultural growth</b>  <i>Session Chair: Marc Wegerif (Small Conference Room 2)</i></p> <p><b>Cyriaque Hakizimana</b> - "It is like waiting for the rain in a dry season": Assessing the Impacts of the Failure of Inter-generational Land Transfers on Rural Youth in East Africa.</p> <p><b>Bebby S. Andriamanalina</b> - Rural Youth, Agriculture and Access to Land: The Case of Madagascar</p> <p><b>Manase K. Chiweshe</b> - An Investigation into the Marginalisation of Adolescent Girls from the Agrarian Structure and its Impacts on their Livelihoods in Africa: Experiences from Zimbabwe</p> <p><b>Andiswe Jukuda</b> - Can Agriculture be a Remedy for Rural Youth Unemployment</p> <p><b>Gillo M. Lekane</b> - Coffee Crisis and Rural Youth Attitude towards Agriculture: The Case of the Western Province of Cameroon</p> <p><b>Gertrude D. Torvikey</b> - Land for Equity and the GADCO Rice Project: A Sustainable Agriculture Model for the Youth and for Ghana?</p>	<p><b>Thematic Session 6: Traditional authorities and local land management</b>  <i>(Panel discussion)</i>  <i>Session Chair: Hon. Abdoulie K. Jawla (Small Conference Room 3)</i></p> <p><b>Eria Serwaijja</b> - Accumulation 'from below': Land Grabbing Within and Between the Local Communities of Amuru district, Northern Uganda</p> <p><b>His Royal Highness Senior Chief Chibesakunda XI</b>          Bwembya Bob Luo, Zambia</p> <p><b>Romanus Alaanneh Che, Cameroon</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Matthew Otto Ker Kwaro Acholi (Chiefdom of Acholi), Uganda</b></p> <p><b>Nana Frimpong Anokye Ababio, Ghana</b></p>
<p>16:30 - 17:00</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>		
<p>17:00 - 18:00</p>	<p><b>Plenary session IV: Can Africa achieve agricultural growth which is inclusive?</b>  <i>Session Chair: Nana Frimpong Anokye Ababio (Medium Conference Centre)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marc Wegerif, Oxfam</li> <li>• Ward Answuu, Land Matrix</li> <li>• Madiodio Niasse, ILC</li> </ul>		
<p>18:00 - 19:00</p>	<p><b>SIDE EVENT IV: Youth and Land in Africa (FARA, FAO and PLAAS)</b>          (Small Conference Room 1)</p> <p><b>SIDE EVENT III: Focus on Smallholder Farmers (ILC)</b>          (Small Conference Room 2)</p>		



## Friday, 14 November 2014: Experiences and emerging best practices in developing and implementing land policies

09:00 – 10:3	<p><b>Plenary Session V: The Africa agenda on land – successes, challenges and nexus with agricultural productivity (Policy maker panel)</b>  <i>Session Chair: Sue Mbaya</i> (Medium Conference Centre)</p> <p>Polymakers including government officials, parliamentarians and representatives of Regional Economic Communities</p>		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 - 12:30	<p><b>Colloquium 7: Land administration and the future of smallholder agriculture</b>  <i>Session Chair: Catherine Gatundu</i> (Small Conference Room 1)</p> <p><b>Fetene A. Wubante</b> – Acquisition of Land Holdings and Compensation practice in Ethiopia: Amhara Region - Bahir Dar City surrounding farming areas</p> <p><b>Mkpado Mmaduabuchukwu</b> – International Land Trade and Investment Capacity in African Agriculture: How can the People Benefit?</p> <p><b>Frank Byamugisha</b> – Effective Land Administration in Africa: Promising Practices and Way Forward</p>	<p><b>Colloquium 8: Addressing capacity for land policy development and implementation in Africa</b>  <i>Session Chair: Stig Enemark</i> (Small Conference Room 2)</p> <p><b>Ernest L. Molua</b> – Institutional Requirements for Building Resilience and Sustainability in Agricultural Land Management in the Central African sub-region</p> <p><b>Solomon Haile</b> – Towards an Africa Capacity Development Framework for land Policy</p> <p><b>Essimi J. Biloa</b> – Gender responsive microcredit policy, inclusive growth and food security in Cameroon</p>	<p><b>Colloquium 9: Country experiences in developing and implementing land policies</b>  <i>Session Chair: Romanus Alaangheh Che</i> (Small Conference Room 3)</p> <p><b>Ahanda S. Nicaise</b> – Policies and Laws Governing Land Tenure, Dichotomy or consistency in Africa: the Case of Pastoral Lands in Cameroon and Niger</p> <p><b>Freedom Mazwi</b> - Sugarcane production after the Fast Track Land Reform Programme in Zimbabwe: A focus on out-growers in Triangle, Hippo Valley and Mkwazine estates.</p> <p><b>Stanley N. Toe</b> – Land Reform in Liberia: Developing the First National Land Policy</p>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break		

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13:30 - 14:30	<p><b>Focused Discussion VII: Costing and financing land administration services (CoFLAS) in developing countries</b>  <i>Session Chair: Diane Dumashie (Small Conference Room 1)</i></p> <p>GLTN and FIG</p> <p><b>Focused Discussion VIII: Converting from Manual Land Registration to GIS Enabled Land Information System: Case Studies from Sub Saharan Africa</b>  <i>Session Chair: Rex Ahene (Small Conference Room 2)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ghana – Mike Cheremshynsky LIS Design and Development Specialist</li> <li>• Ghana – Ben Arthur Lands Commission</li> <li>• Uganda – Richard Oput Commissioner, Land Reform Program</li> <li>• Uganda - Sarah Kulata Basangwa Commissioner for Registration</li> <li>• Tanzania - Subira Sinda Registrar of Titles, Ministry of Lands Housing &amp; Human Settlement Development</li> <li>• Tanzania - Barney Laseko Projects Coordinator, PMO</li> <li>• Mozambique - João Carrilho former MCA Land Project Coordinator</li> </ul> <p><b>Focused Discussion IX: Land Programmes in Ethiopia - An exploration</b>  <i>Session Chair: Solomon Bekure (Small Conference Room 3)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible and Innovative Land Administration Program (REILA);</li> <li>• Land Investment for Transformation (LIFT);</li> <li>• Sustainable Land Management Project (SLMP);</li> <li>• Ethiopian Agricultural Investment Land Administration Agency</li> </ul>					
14:30 - 16:00	<p>Stakeholder Round Table Discussions</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <p><b>Technical &amp; Development Partners</b>  Convenor:  EU</p> </td> <td> <p><i>Policy Makers</i>  Convenor:  Hubert  Ouedraogo</p> </td> <td> <p><i>Non-state actors</i>  Convenor:  Catherine  Gatundu</p> </td> <td> <p><i>Private sector:</i>  Convenor:  Ibrahim  Mwathane</p> </td> <td> <p><i>Research &amp; Academia:</i>  Convenor:  Ruth Hall</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>Technical &amp; Development Partners</b>  Convenor:  EU</p>	<p><i>Policy Makers</i>  Convenor:  Hubert  Ouedraogo</p>	<p><i>Non-state actors</i>  Convenor:  Catherine  Gatundu</p>	<p><i>Private sector:</i>  Convenor:  Ibrahim  Mwathane</p>	<p><i>Research &amp; Academia:</i>  Convenor:  Ruth Hall</p>
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17:00 - 18:00	<p><b>CLOSING PLENARY: PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE AFRICA LAND AGENDA IN THE COMING DECADE</b>  <i>Session Chair: Stephen Karingi (Medium Conference Centre)</i></p> <p>Stakeholder Reflections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical and development Partners</li> <li>• Policy Makers</li> <li>• Non-state actors</li> <li>• Private sector</li> <li>• Research &amp; Academia</li> </ul> <p>Africa Call to Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African Development Bank</li> <li>• United Nations Economic Commission on Africa</li> <li>• African Union</li> </ul>					

In order to ensure the success of the inaugural Conference on Land Policy, the Land Policy Initiative established a Scientific Committee. The purpose of the Scientific Committee was to deliberate on and to guide the substance and focus of the Conference. Since its establishment, the Scientific Committee has functioned as an advisory body to the LPI. Its key roles have included identifying the theme or sub-themes for the Conference; developing the Conference programme and its associated activities; preparing the 'Call for Abstracts' reviewing abstracts received and recommending to LPI on abstracts to be shortlisted for consideration and undertaking the peer review of draft conference papers.

## Rexford A. Ahene

Professor Rexford Ahene was born in Ghana and is a citizen of USA. He has a BSc in Land Economics and Real Estate from the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana, an M.A. in Agricultural Economics and Ph.D. Economic Development from the University of Wisconsin- Madison. He is a Professor of Economics and the founding Director of Africana Studies.



Dr. Ahene has served as a senior technical advisor and staff consultant for the World Bank and FAO as a Land Policy and Land Administration Specialist since 1994.

He is the principal architect and author of the *Tanzania Land Policy 1995* and the *Malawi National Land Policy 2000*, and has since 2006, served as the Senior Technical Advisor responsible for overseeing the design, development and implementation several land redistribution and land administration reform projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. Ahene recently (2006- 2012) completed overseeing the development and installation of Uganda's parcel based National Land Information System and computerization of Land Registry business process. He is the Co-author of two books and many scholarly articles, government documents and reports. Among his publications are refereed articles in the American Journal of Economics and Sociology, National Tax Journal and the Journal of Property Tax Assessment and Administration.

## Lorenzo Cotula

Dr. Lorenzo Cotula is a Principal Researcher in Law and Sustainable Development and Team Leader of the Legal Tools Team at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). He leads research, capacity support and policy work on topics at the interface between law and international development, with a focus on land rights and natural resource investments in low and middle-income countries.



He also steers 'Legal Tools for Citizen Empowerment', an initiative to strengthen local rights and voices within natural resource investments in low and middle-income countries. Before joining IIED in 2002, Lorenzo worked on assignments with the Legal Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization and with two Italian NGOs. He holds academic qualifications in law, development studies and sustainable business from the University "La Sapienza" of Rome, the London School of Economics, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Cambridge.

## Klaus Deininger

Dr. Klaus Deininger is a German national with a Ph.D. in Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota, an MA in Agricultural Economics from the University of Berlin, and an MA in theology from the University of Bonn. He is a Lead Economist in the rural development group of the Development Economics Group.



His areas of research focus on income and asset inequality and its relationship to poverty reduction and growth; access to land, land markets and land reform and their impact on household welfare and agricultural productivity; land tenure and its impact on investment, including environmental sustainability; and capacity building (including the use of quantitative and qualitative methods) for policy analysis and evaluation, mainly in the Africa, Central America, and East Asia Regions.

## Catherine Gatundu

Coordinator for Land and Natural Resource rights ActionAid International



Catherine is an environmental scientist, with a Masters in Environmental Sciences, Australian National University. She works with ActionAid international, leading the work on expanding women's access to and control over land and Natural resources building coherence between Action Aid's work at local, national and international levels

Catherine has also represented Action Aid on land and Natural resources matters including: the CFS Led negotiations on Voluntary Guidelines for responsible governance of tenure for land, forests and Fisheries; FAO's forum of experts in the development of Gender focused implementation guide for the Voluntary guidelines; Organizing and moderating forums on women's rights to Land at the CSW side events and AWID forum (both in 2012); Member of the working group for Gender and Food Security assist BRIDGE- one of a family of knowledge services from Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex, with the thinking, framing, dissemination and monitoring and evaluation of the new Cutting Edge Programme on gender and food security (2012-2014).

Previously, Catherine worked as Deputy National Coordinator at Kenya Land Alliance between 2004 and 2010, which she had joined from Forest Action Network where she had worked as Programme Officer from 1997 to 2004.

## Ruth Hall

Professor Ruth Hall is an associate professor at the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS) at the University of the Western Cape, and holds a DPhil Politics and an MPhil in Development Studies from the University of Oxford.



She has done research on various aspects of land and agrarian reform in South Africa, and published four books on the topic. Her current work focuses on the Southern Africa region and beyond, and deals with land rights, agricultural commercialisation and 'land grabbing', the impacts of these processes on rural communities, smallholder production, food security and rural politics, and policy options to defend land rights and to build pro-poor pathways of agrarian change.

She is co-founder and co-convenor of the Land Deal Pol-

itics Initiative, a global research network, and is the coordinator of the Future Agricultures Consortium's work on land in Africa.

## Stephen Njuguna Karingi

Dr. Stephen Njuguna Karingi is the Director of the Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He joined ECA in 2004, before which he was a Senior Analyst and the Head of Macroeconomics Division in the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis in Kenya.

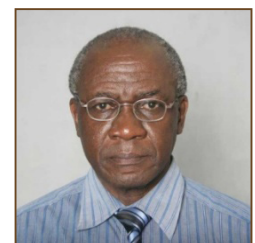


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## Lusugga Kironde

Professor Lusugga Kironde holds Phd in Land Economics from the University of Nairobi, Kenya, and a Masters Degree in Urban Studies from the university of Salford (UK). His interests are in land policy, land management and land development issues in



both rural and urban areas. He has consulted for national, regional and international organizations including the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, and the Ministry responsible for Local Government in Tanzania; United Nations Commission for Africa (UNECA); UN-HABITAT and the World Bank, mainly on land

issues. He is a Consultant and Professor of Land Policy and Urban Development at the School of Real Estate Studies, Ardhi University, Tanzania.

### **Prisca Mandikima**

Ms. Mandimika is trained as a Policy Analyst. She studied and graduated with a Msc. Policy (University of Zimbabwe) (University of Fort Hare, SA), Mphil. Land and Agrarian Studies (forthcoming), (University of Western Cape, SA), Bsc. Honors (University of Zimbabwe). Ms Mandimika was conferred with the Golden Key Membership by the University of Western Cape. She has written on, among others, issues of Agrarian Reform specifically on the Indigenization of the Large Scale Commercial Farming Sector and on Rural Development and opportunities in the Resettlement Programme with a focus on Land Tenure and land Use Planning. She has made contributions to international and regional debates and networks on land and Agrarian issues. her research interests lie in Land and Agrarian Reform, Rural Livelihoods, Natural Resources Management, Environmental Policy and Planning.



Prisca Mandimika was appointed as the Special Advisor to the Minister of lands and Resettlement in 2007. Prior to this appointment she worked in the Ministry of Lands, Land Reform and Resettlement in Harare, Zimbabwe. She has 20 years of professional working experience in various capacities with Government, Private Sector Partnerships and Civil Society on land related issues.

### **Sue Mbaya**

An influential and highly respected member of the African and international land and social policy communities, Sue Mbaya has been central to several land policy processes in the Africa region.



She was a member of the team which prepared the Framework and Guidelines for Land Policy Reform in Africa adopted by AU Heads of States in a Declaration in July 2009.

She led a team of drafters who prepared the African Union Guiding Principles on Large Scale Land Based Investments, recently endorsed by AU Conference of Ministers responsible for Agriculture.

Sue Mbaya is a consultant for the LPI, involved in various processes to implement the decisions of the African Union on land including the preparation of the inaugural Conference on Land Policy in Africa. Her country experience in the land sector spans East and Southern African countries

in which she is highly regarded among governments, parliaments, donors and civil society.

Sue Mbaya has a unique combination of thematic experience including agriculture, livelihoods security and public health which allows her a rare integrated perspective. She holds a Masters degree in plant genetics.

### **Mandi Rukuni**

Professor Mandivamba Rukuni is Founder and Executive Chairman of the Mandi Rukuni Seminar Group and Founder and Trustee of the Barefoot Education Trust for Afrika (BEAT).



He also serves as lead advisor to the Government of Zimbabwe, UNDP, and World Bank in preparation for the National Land Audit for Zimbabwe under a multi-donor program in support of Ministry of Lands and Rural Resettlement, which aims to accelerate the rehabilitation of the land sector as a prerequisite for recovery and development of agriculture and other land based economic sectors.

Prior to this work, he served eleven years as Director for Africa Programs at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and twenty years as Professor of Agricultural Economics and Dean of Agriculture at the University of Zimbabwe. He has served on many international boards, international program and management reviews, and Zimbabwean boards.

### **Remy Sietchiping**

Remy Sietchiping is Project leader for the Global Land Tool Network based at UN-Habitat Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. He graduated from Melbourne University (Australia) with a Ph.D in Geography.



For the last 18 years, he had gained substantial expertise and experience in the areas of land use planning, land management, spatial information systems (GIS), policy analysis and advising, strategic planning and community development, urban and slum growth modelling and tools, social and environmental sciences, indicator development, and research techniques.

Before joining UN-Habitat in 2007, he worked for State government of Victoria (Australia), UNECA in Ethiopia, University of the West Indies in Jamaica, University of Melbourne and Deakin University both in Australia.

The Land Policy Initiative (LPI) was established in 2006 as a joint initiative of the African Union Commission (AUC), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB). In its first phase (2006-2009) the LPI was successful in developing a Framework and Guidelines (F&G) on Land Policy in Africa, with a view to facilitating national land policy development and implementation processes. The F&G, which was developed through a rigorous roadmap of activities, including regional assessments and consultations on land policy, was adopted by the African Ministers responsible for land in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in April 2009. They were further endorsed by the highest level of African governance—the AU Heads of States and Governments, through a Declaration on land issues and challenges in Africa, during the 13th Assembly of the African Union in Sirte, Libya, in July 2009. The launch of the implementation of the Declaration marked the beginning of the second phase of the LPI, at the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture in Lilongwe Malawi in October, 2010.

In its second phase, the LPI aims to “assist member states in the implementation of the AU Declaration Land Issues and Challenges in Africa, in accordance with the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa, in order to achieve socio-economic development, peace and security, and environmental sustainability. To accomplish this main goal, the LPI has set the following objectives:

- Advocate for the recognition of land in the development agenda of African member states;
- Coordinate and Galvanize efforts and partnerships in support of land policy development and implementation;
- Facilitate resource mobilization and partnerships in support of and policy and governance;
- Encourage dialogue and raise awareness of land issues and challenges;
- Facilitate capacity development in supportive of land policy development, implementation and monitoring
- Promote professional networking and knowledge sharing in support of evidence based land policies;
- Develop and build capacity for monitoring and evaluation tools and systems; and
- Provide technical support and advisory services to Regional Economic Communities (RECS) and member states on land policy development and implementation

The LPI operates under a governance structure that reflects the tripartite nature of the LPI partnership as well as the collaborating and supporting institutions and entities.. That structure includes the following key organs: The AU, ECA, AfDB Chief Executives; the AU-ECA-AfDB Joint Working Group on Land; an LPI Steering Committee. LPI Focal Persons from AUC, ECA and AfDB; and an LPI secretariat. The bios of the Joint Working Group on Land as well as the Focal Persons of the LPI is included here below.

## The Joint Working Group on Land

The Joint Working Group on Land provides close oversight and guidance in the implementation of the LPI program. The Group meets at least twice a year but more often as needed.

### **Abebe Haile Gabriel – Chair, Joint Working Group on Land and LPI Steering Committee**

Dr. Abebe Haile Gabriel, an Ethiopian national, and currently the Director of Rural Economy and Agriculture at the African Union Commission. He



is responsible for managing the department's portfolios which cover agriculture, food security, rural development, environment and natural resources. Prior to his appointment as Director of Rural Economy and Agriculture, Dr. Abebe served the Commission of the African Union in various progressive capacities including as Director of the AU Specialized program on Semi-Arid Food Grains Research in Africa (SAFGRAD) based in Burkina Faso, and as Head of Rural Economy Division, which was the focal unit for formulation and adoption of the AU Policy Framework on Pastoralism in Africa, as well as the AU Framework and Guidelines for Land Policy in Africa, among others.

### **Stephen Karingi, Member Joint Working Group on Land and LPI Steering Committee**

Dr. Stephen Njuguna Karingi is the Director of the Regional Integration, Infrastructure and Trade Division of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He joined ECA in 2004, before which he was a Senior Analyst and the Head of Macroeconomics Division in the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis in Kenya.



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**Sheila KHAMA,  
Member LPI Joint  
Working Group on  
Land and LPI Steering  
Committee**

Ms. Sheila KHAMA is a natural resources policy advisor and a former private sector executive with twenty years work experience in and out of Africa. Sheila is a member



of the senior management team of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) and heads the newly established African Center for Natural Resources (ANRC). Prior to this, Sheila led a gas, oil and minerals program of support to sub-Saharan policymakers at the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET) in Ghana.

As a private sector executive she worked in Botswana's mining and financial services sectors at Anglo American Corporation, De Beers and First National Bank respectively. Roles included compliance oversight for twenty subsidiaries of the Anglo American Group, Chief Executive of the representative office De Beers Group, negotiations of mineral concessions and directorships on subsidiary boards.

Sheila serves on sustainability panel of Lafarge SA, the Technical Advisory Group of Oxford University's Natural Resources Charter and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network on extractives and land resources. She is Chairperson of AGAMAL, a non-profit entity financed by the Global Fund to contain malaria infection in Ghana

**The LPI Steering Committee**

The LPI Steering Committee Members include: AUC, ECA, AfDB, eight Regional Economic Communities recognized by the African Union (Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), East African Community (EAC), Economic Community of Central African states (ECCAS), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Southern African Development Community (SADC), Union du Maghreb Arab (UMA)), NEPAD Agency (NPCA), Pan African Farmers Organisations (PAFO) and the Pan African Parliament (PAP). Observer members include the European Union; FAO, IFAD and UN-Habitat.

**The LPI focal persons**

LPI three Focal persons from the AUC, ECA and LPI provide critical technical input to the LPI organs and help to build synergies between the programs of the tripartite partners and the LPI activities of the program.

**Janet Edeme, LPI Focal  
Person AUC**

Dr. Janet Edeme is the Head of Rural Economy and Africa Union Commission under whose mandate the LPI falls. She is a Member of the Joint Working Group and LPI Focal Person at the AUC.



**Joan C. Kagwanja, Focal  
Person, ECA and  
Chief, LPI Secretariat**

Dr. Joan Kagwanja has over 20 years experience in African developmental issues, having held positions at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).



She joined ECA in August 2001 and worked closely with AUC, ECA and AfDB directors and focal persons to establish the Land Policy Initiative (LPI) in 2006. As ECA focal person, she coordinated efforts and provided technical inputs towards the development of the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa (F&G), adopted in the AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa in July 2009.

As the Chief of the LPI secretariat since January 2012, Dr. Kagwanja is leading a team of LPI secretariat staff members in strategy and program development and implementation of activities aimed at facilitating the implementation of the AU Declaration on land.

Dr. Kagwanja has a PhD in Agricultural Economics (International Trade and Development) from the University of Missouri, Columbia, USA and a Bachelors Degree in Economics from Berea College, Kentucky, USA.

**James Opio-Omondi,  
LPI Focal Person, AfDB**

Dr. James Opio-Omoding is the Chief Agricultural Economist, African Natural Resources Centre, (ANRC) AfDB. He is an Agricultural Development and Policy Economist with over Twenty four year's professional



experience in environment and agricultural policy analysis/management and local governance, all gained by working with governments; African Development Bank; European Union (EU) and the UN. In particular, Opio-Omoding is a specialist in environmental; agricultural; public and macro-economic policy, private sector development, decentralisation; participation and service delivery and investment management. Opio-Omoding is also a recognized economist on Local Governance specialising in public sector issues; local economic development; natural resources based management and rural development.

Opio-Omoding holds MA Economics and Management of Rural Development (University of Manchester, UK); Master of Public Policy (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) and BA Economics and Rural Economics, Makerere University, Uganda.

## The LPI Secretariat

The LPI Secretariat is based at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and is charged with developing and implementing programs and projects in support of the implementation of the AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in collaboration with relevant continental organisations, RECs, member states and other stakeholders groups. The LPI secretariat has staff members comprising land policy, monitoring and evaluation, and communication advocacy experts as well as research fellows and programme management personnel.