



**NEW LAND QUESTION
Programme 2018-19**

SESSION 4

The Ancestral Land Question

Tuesday, September 11th, 2018; 14h00-17h00

Venue: NUST Hotel School, Marula Room

This event is undertaken in partnership with the Civil Society Working Group on land reform and supported by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).

Differently from the National Land Conference in 1991, the second edition aims at addressing the 'ancestral land question'. There are several parties that have a claim to the land on ancestral grounds, these vary in nature and since Namibia has not yet enabled a mechanism to honour ancestral land claims, these remain as social demands. At the same time, there has been academic research undertaken, and there are also new openings for further research that could shed new light into these claims. Various resources exist currently in the National Archives of Namibia, consisting of maps, voice recordings, deeds of sale, among others. There are also methodologies (e.g. oral histories) that are typically used elsewhere for making the case for ancestral land claims. The session proposes to discuss the nature of the existing claims to ancestral land, and then discuss the tools at hand to undertake further research to outline the nature and extent of the 'ancestral land question' today.

Programme

- 8h00 Tea, coffee for arrival and registration
- 8h15 Constitutional provisions for ancestral land claims and redistribution
Yvonne Dausab, Chairperson, Land Reform and Development Commission (LRDC).
- 9h00 Restorative Justice within the context of Land Reform in Namibia from a human rights perspective
John Nakuta, University of Namibia (UNAM)
- 9h00 Panel Discussion: Key recommendations on historical injustices and ancestral land claims for Land Reform
Sima Luipert (Nama communities), Prof Mutjinde Katjiua (Herero communities), Abner Xoagub and Rosa Namises (Damara Communities), Brigitte Oases (//Naosan-/Aes).
- 10h30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11h00 Youth Perspectives and recommendations on historical injustices and land reform
Elsarien Katiti, National Youth Council.
- 13h00 LUNCH BREAK
- 14h00 Panel discussion on openings for research, available resources, and methods for presenting ancestral land claims.
*Werner Hillebrecht, Namibia History and Heritage Consultant
Prof. Alinah Segobye, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*
- 15h00 Moderated discussion

About 'The New Land Question' programme The aim is to activate the university as a platform to re-examine 'the land question' in Namibia, define the contemporary nature of the situation, and identify emerging questions from a contemporary, multi-disciplinary, and projective point of view. The programme is coordinated by the Integrated Land Management Institute (ILMI) and led by a committee that can be reached at newlandquestion@nust.na