



The new land question:

re-examining the evidence, engaging the voices, producing new knowledge, exploring the options.

The Integrated Land Management Institute (ILMI), the Department of Land and Property Sciences (DLPS), the Network of Excellence in Land Governance: Southern Africa Node (NELGA-SAN), based at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) are leading a process 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 process will consist on a series of events and research-related activities in partnership with a wide array of stakeholders, including **‘subject-matter specialists’, generalists, grassroots, students and international colleagues, as well as government organisations, ministries and agencies (O/M/As)** in Namibia.

This process is also expected to complement and **remain in dialogue** with the process that the Namibian government has triggered in the context of the **Second Land Conference** to be held in October 2018.

A working committee will identify issues relevant to ‘the new land question’ and expand on these through a series of **two ‘policy dialogues’ every month** that will be held internally or open to the public. In both cases, **documentation of the process will be made available** online.

ILMI’s website will also host an **online database with relevant publicly-available documents** in order to enable an informed debate on the matter. Currently, the website can be found here:

<http://ilmi.nust.na/?q=new-land-question>

Furthermore, we will partner with local and regional media houses in order for the process to be shared widely and to allow for **decentralised knowledge diffusion**, as most events are foreseen to take part in Windhoek.

The process **will start in July 2018** and will aim at highlighting key issues for the **‘Land governance conference’**, which is scheduled in **April 2019** and will be undertaken in partnership with the stakeholders established through the NELGA network and beyond.

Interested parties are welcome to **contact the working committee** and associate with the process in a more engaged way.

More information can be found on the flipside of this page.



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Terms of reference

The objective of this process will be of knowledge production and dissemination. Furthermore, the platform for this event will be the university, which is a public institution furthermore enabling freedom of expression and committed to serving the public interest. By taking part in the process, contributors and participants commit to abide to these principles, and be respectful of the variety of positions that will be hosted throughout the process. Participation will be free of charge, as costs will be borne by the support that NUST has secured to support activities on the field of land governance. The process is expected to be documented and made available publicly, hence we will encourage the use of publicly-available documents; however, in cases where confidential documents or information are employed, the committee may decide to place an embargo on the public release of the process' documentation. The intellectual property of this documentation remains from the onset on the public domain. Views expressed in the process and/or documented by the committee will not represent those of the institutions involved. Therefore, the institutions involved are not liable for the views aired within the process. The committee acknowledges that these efforts are not exhaustive, and therefore welcome other initiatives and process in subject-related matters in other platforms, for different kinds of public, and through different angles.

Thematic areas

Institutional and Legal Frameworks for Tenure Security; Tenure Security for Sustainable Livelihoods; Governance and Land Administration; Spatial Planning and Development Processes; Spatial Justice and Bottom-up Processes; Transport and Infrastructure Development and Management; Role and Function of Participatory Processes; Space, Architecture and Culture; Human-Ecosystems Interaction; Development and Environmental Sustainability; Impact of Climate Change on Land and Livelihoods; Land and Housing Delivery Systems; Affordability of Land and Housing in Namibia; Taxation, Service Delivery and Equity; Formal and Informal Property Markets; Labour and Tenure Security in Agricultural Contexts; Food Security and Soil Capacities; Ancestral Land and Oral Tradition; Comparing Rural and Urban State-Supported Interventions (e.g. Resettlement, Conservancies).

Programme website

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Related websites

<http://ilmi.nust.na/>

<http://nelga.nust.na/>

<http://fnrss.nust.na/?q=department/land-property>