

# 2<sup>nd</sup> National Land Conference



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# Resettlement



- Not all lost land therefore not all can be resettled - rather concentrate on those who lost land south of the red line.
- Cannot acquire livestock if somebody has no land to start on – required number of livestock is a mismatch of the reality. All should be eligible regardless of having livestock or not.
- Experience/knowledge in farming and or horticulture can be acquired after resettlement therefore should not be hindering someone from being considered for resettlement
- Resettling from each region of the country on a GRN bought farm is keeping peace at the expense of those who really lost land. Give priority to the people of the region when a farm is bought in a specific region.
- Curb the practice of creation of CC's to avoid farms being sold off or expropriated.
- Use a checklist when buying a farm to determine justice is done to farmworkers on the farm in question farm. E.g. Existence of workers, number of workers, existing written contracts.

# Farm Workers



- Create a specific policy that covers the needs of farm workers
- Commercial and AALS farmers should be obligated to be a member of a body that supports them to cater for the wellbeing of their workers
- Such a body should be vested with powers that enables them to ensure minimum wages are paid; suitable housing is provided; annual leave is granted; children have access to schools; workers have alternative housing in a town or farm of their choice to avoid being dumped on the roadside.
- A law to be in acted to make dumping of farm workers along roadsides a crime therefore punishable by law
- SSC should be pro-active in ensuring registration of farm workers. Have a section that deals specifically with farm workers.

# Ancestral Land



- Change the constitution to allow claims and compensation for ancestral land. Criteria for claims will be discussed when we get to that point. There is substantial evidence in most cases.
- Commercial farmers grabbed land from the inherent people therefore expropriation without compensation is fair if they are not willing to come to the table. Expropriate from commercial farm owners with more than one farm. From both black and white.
- Windhoek is appreciated but the fact remains that Khomas also needs to accommodate those who lost land in Khomas before and during the Odendaal plan implementation. Open up land in the Khomas district e.g. //Hoeses, Daan Viljoen area, Neudamm, Ongombo East and West and also south of Windhoek.
- Headmen and Chiefs are crucial in the talks around ancestral land and should stand by their clan to strengthen their voices.

# Urban Land



- The Municipality of Windhoek failed the nation in providing low-cost housing. They lacked behind hence the scenario we find ourselves in today. Shacks and Ghettos. They should re-consider their current trend of running after the money by way of selling land for high-rise buildings. They should invest the gains from such buildings into low-cost housing.
- A census of those evicted, dismissed by farm owners to be conducted in Windhoek to proof the plight for land in Khomas (e.g. 40 years on farm – dismissed = ending up in Windhoek informal settlements)

# Absentee Landlords



Taking land from Absentee Landlords is a song sung every day and is out of tune. End the song and get it in tune!!!

**Thank you**