



UNIVERSITY of the
WESTERN CAPE



SHORT COURSE:

The Political Economy of Land Governance in Africa

7 - 13 October 2018 | University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa



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. The course forms part of a wider initiative called the Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa which aims to strengthen African expertise on land governance.

What is offered?

The University of the Western Cape (UWC) will present a certified 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. The first course will be held at UWC in Cape Town, South Africa, and subsequent courses will be held at other universities across the continent.

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. The curriculum will address the continent as a whole, but each course will also have a regional focus. The first course will focus on Southern Africa. Subsequent courses will deal with case studies from East, West, Central, and North Africa. 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 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 3-4 years of work experience. Applicants without a university degree may be considered, if they have 10-15 years' work experience.

How do I apply?

Applicants are required to submit the relevant supporting documents listed below:

- Motivation letter
- Curriculum vitae (including employment history)
- Academic transcripts
- Identity document or passport

Closing Date for applications: 14 September 2018

Contact:

Applications:

Send your application to nelga@plaas.org.za

Queries:

Joy van Dieman
Institute for Poverty, Land & Agrarian Studies (PLAAS),
University of the Western Cape,
Private Bag X17,
Bellville 7535,
South Africa.

Course Coordinators

- Prof Moenieba Isaacs
- Prof Ruth Hall

Tel: +27 21 959 3730/3733

www.plaas.org.za

Our partners:



Implemented by

giz Deutsche Gesellschaft
für Internationale
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH