

Digital Seminar on Women Land Rights in Africa

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Over eighty participants from different countries in Africa and the global community took part in the PLAAS and NELGA monthly online seminar on August 27, 2020. This edition featured content from PROPAC and OXFAM work on land rights. #WomensLandRights Below is a stream of twitter thread from the online discussion



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Questions for discussion

- How do we operationalise the African Union guidelines, frameworks and protocols providing for and protecting women's land rights at the national and grassroots level?
- How do we better understand land matters which are not only embedded in our customs and traditions but also in our religions?
- How do we keep on movement building during and post the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure the women's land rights agenda remains on track amidst systemic weaknesses in policy implementation within African states?



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Is it possible to create tools that women themselves can use to monitor governments' performance in protecting women's land rights? Emmanuel Sulle reports on an innovative project



Emmanuel Sulle (PLAAS)



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Sulle: PLAAS and its partners developed an easy to use score card that could be used by people on the ground to rate how their governments are doing.



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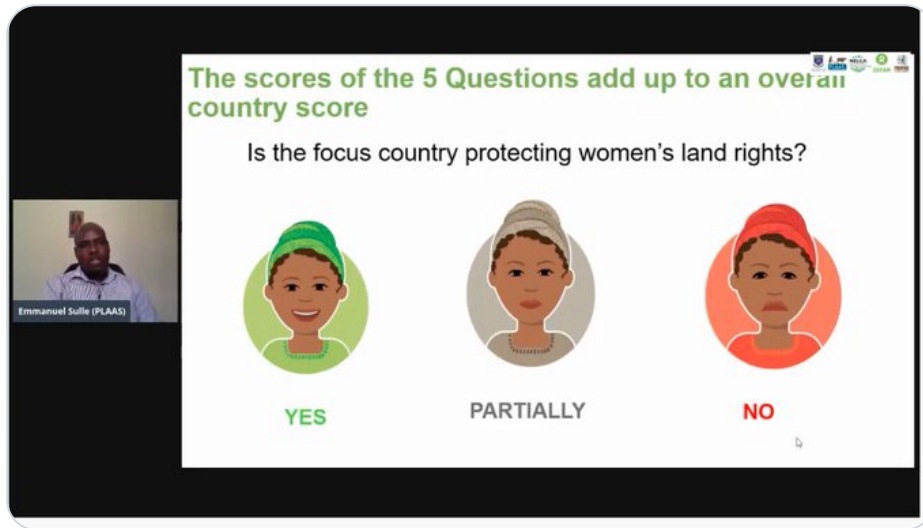


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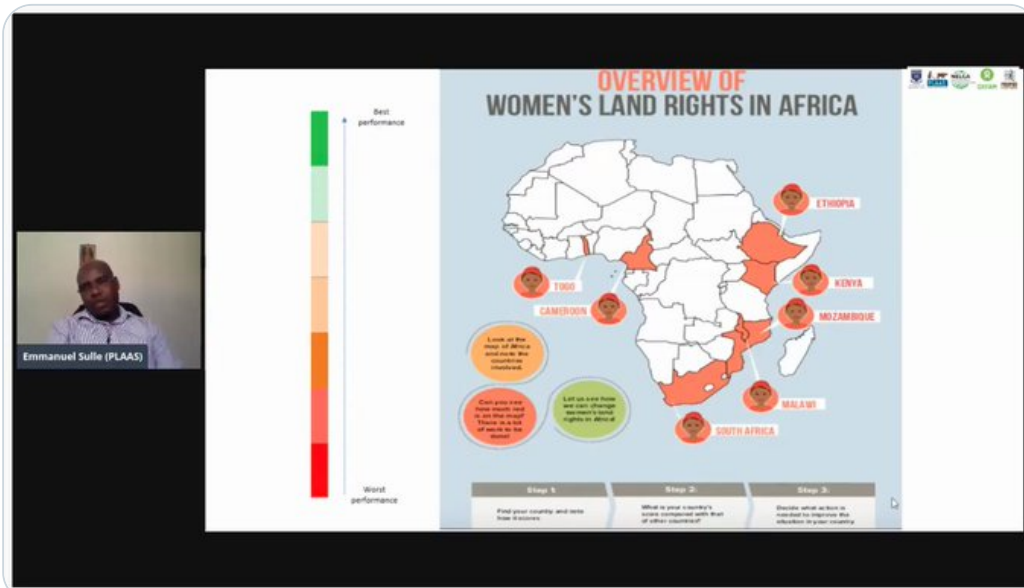
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Ownership is important, but as [@RuthHallPLAAS](#) points out, 'custom really matters', and we should not assume that individual land title is a panacea



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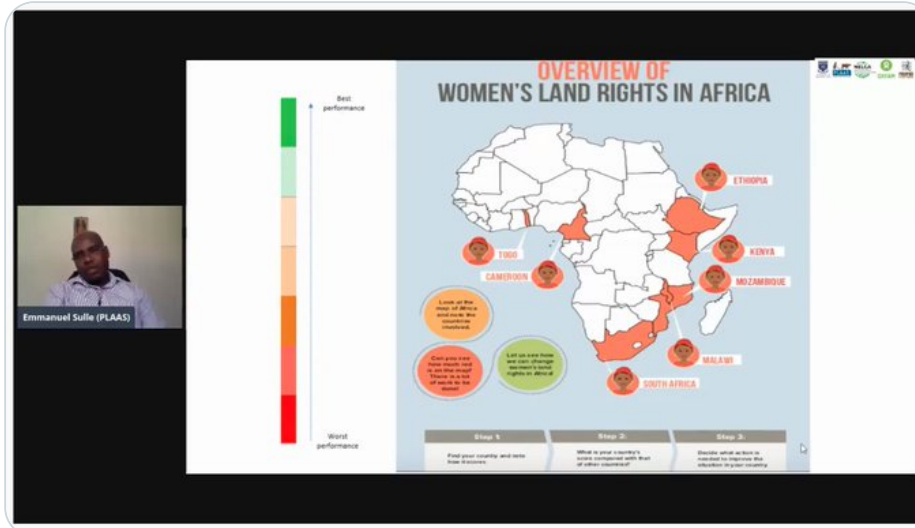


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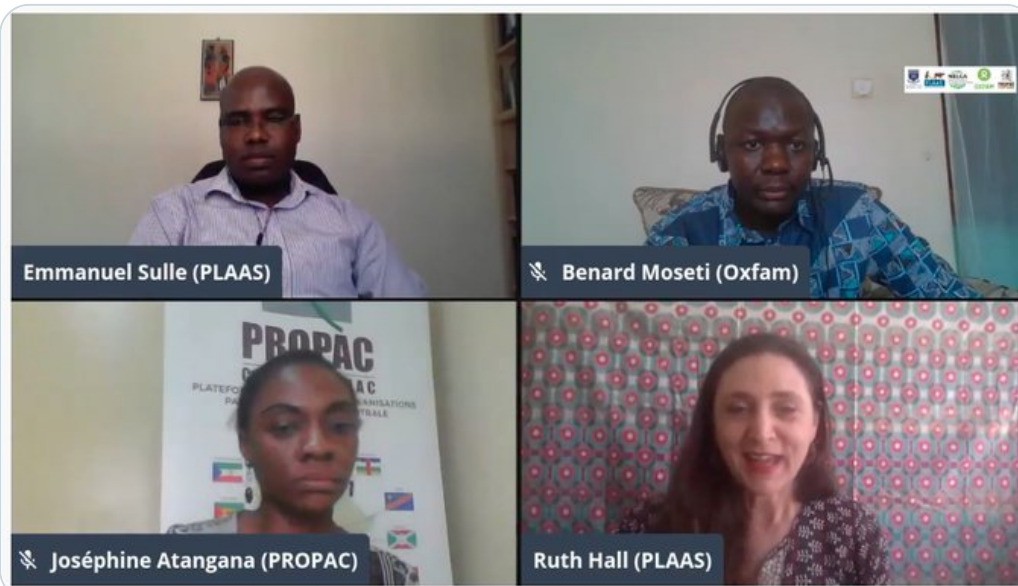
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There are big gaps between statutory and customary provisions which contravene provisions in formal laws on land rights - Benard Moseti [#womenlandrights](#)

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Moseti reminds us of the inspiring Kilimanjaro Initiative, in which women walked to the top of Kilimanjaro in support of human rights and women's land rights

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Climbing Mountain for Women Land Rights



A section of African women rural farmers: hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro was a symbolic gesture of the uphill task of addressing women land rights in Africa



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"Currently, we see increased commitment, partnerships and alliances from land rights actors and policy makers in Africa but we still need empirical evidence that can stand the test of time. There is still much to be done" - Benard Moseti @OxfamPanAfrica #WomenLandRights

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There needs to be a community of practice that makes continuous efforts to towards #Womenlandrights - Benard Moseti @Oxfam

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Joséphine Atangana of Propac: the biggest challenge is to give women the self confidence to stand up in their own communities and claim their rights as a human being @_alice_evans

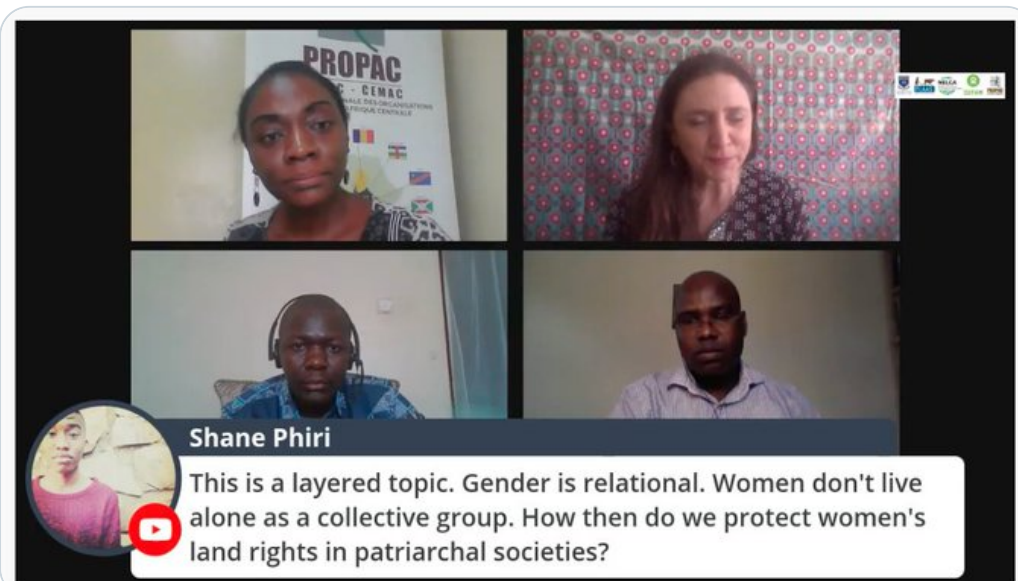


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A good question from SARChI student Shane Phiri: how do you protect the situation of women given the reality of gendered power relations in patriarchal society?



Shane Phiri

This is a layered topic. Gender is relational. Women don't live alone as a collective group. How then do we protect women's land rights in patriarchal societies?

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In Africa there is lack of awareness on land rights and that is because women have less access to education and information as primary land users - Emmanuel Sulle, [#Womenlandrights](#)

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In Africa, there is a lot of access of knowledge around land rights. This coupled with customary laws that contradict land rights leads to continued struggles around land rights by women.

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"What we have been working on is letting women from rural areas to participate in land rights forums so that they voice why it is important that countries implement land rights law in different countries in Africa"

[@benmoseti](#) from Oxfam PAP

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"Are women able to assert control over the land they use? Are women's land rights protected against large scale investments in Africa?"

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[@Josephine](#): Propac supported civil society organizations using the findings of the study. Trained local women on land rights. Trained them on transformative leadership.

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'Women need to be given tools to protect their rights as human beings first.' Josephine Atangana

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“We must recognize the importance of empowerment of women economically...women need to take their place in decision making processes” - Josephine Atangana

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[@Josephine](#): We trained women in areas affected by largescale landbased investment such as mining, agriculture, etc, on how to engage with government and private sector to assert their rights.

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It is so sad that there are countries in Africa including South Africa that are still denying women of their rights to land & their interests are not taken into account. Their rights are not protected under patriarchal customary land tenure. Great conversation 🗨️ #WomensLandRights



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"Inclusive ownership of land needs to stem not only from statutory laws but also from marital laws that have a big influence on women land ownership" @esulle46 from @PLAASuwc

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'The importance of empowerment of women economically and in all forms is imperative- Josephine Atangana

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'It is possible for women to have individual land ownership and collective ownership but this depends on the situation they face including the context in which they belong' Josephine Atangana

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“A war to realizing women’s land rights in Africa” -
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Communal titles over individual titles are increasingly suitable for women land tenure system especially as patriarchy creates bottleneck for women land rights -
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"What do you gain, when half of the team was not on the field" @benmoseti - @Oxfam @PLAASuwc cc @OxfamPanAfrica @RuthHallPLAAS #WomensLandRights



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[@PLAASuwc](#) [#WomensLandRights](#) [@Bernard](#): One of the successes of our advocacy, government and policy makers have documented issues that we raise. This is a sign of commitment. But we also train civil society organizations to put pressure on governments to claim women's land rights.

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Collective or individual land titling? Which is best?

There is research evidence that the two options dont always work. We need approaches that are driven by people not bureaucracy [@esulle46](#)

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Research and advocacy on Womens land rights is still on going be on the look out for more [@esulle46](#)

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