

Land Redistribution in Africa

learning from experience

March 13th to 17th 2006 - Pretoria, South Africa

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This regional course will bring together various groups of stakeholders and practitioners to discuss land redistribution in Africa, a high political and development priority within the region.

Among the issues to be addressed during the course are: land redistribution mechanisms; the relationship between land distribution and growth and poverty; institutions for sustainable development; and the current situations and future scenarios in the land reform process for participating countries as well as a review of international experience from outside of Africa.

Objectives

The main objective of this course is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge between practitioners of land reform. At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify benefits, weaknesses and complementarities of different land redistribution mechanisms;
- Identify the different stakeholders involved in land reform, and their respective visions and roles;
- Have a better understanding of past successes and failures of land reform; and
- Identify concrete suggestions for improving the implementation of land reform in their own countries.

Starting from the analysis of the present situation in their respective countries, it is expected that participants will produce a strategic document formulating the next steps to follow in the land redistribution process.

Participating countries & target audience

Target countries include: Namibia, Malawi, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. This course is addressed to representatives of the four main categories of actors involved in the Land Redistribution process:

- **Government:** Senior officials, policy makers and policy analysts of relevant ministries;
- **Landowners & beneficiaries:** Leaders of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs);
- **Donors:** World Bank and other multilateral/bilateral staff involved in land programs / projects.

Optimal audience would be made of at least one representative of each category per country. Considering their profile, researchers, academics or representative of the media could also participate.

Workshop program

Monday March 13th - Why does Land Redistribution matter?

Tuesday March 14th - Land Redistribution in Africa: Progress to date

Wednesday March 15th - From land redistribution to sustainable growth: lessons learned from Asia

Thursday March 16th - Land redistribution mechanisms & their complementarity: the Brazilian experience

Friday March 17th - Going forward: How can we work together to achieve a common vision?

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