



Trip Report: Innovating Institutions to Help Land Reform Beneficiaries

South Africa and Uganda: November 2001 - May 2002

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Trip (Conference) Report

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Background

Between November 2001 and April 2002, Michael Roth participated in two high profile conferences aimed at strengthening policy research and implementation on land:

- South Africa National Land Tenure Conference—Durban
- Regional Workshop on Land Issues in Africa—Kampala

This trip (conference) report summarizes the outputs prepared for these conferences and anticipated results.

South Africa National Land Tenure Conference

In November 2001, a National Land Tenure Conference was held in South Africa as a culmination of an intensive process within the Department of Land Affairs aimed at developing a comprehensive national policy on land tenure security. South Africa's tenure reform program is meant to redress the legacy of dispossession by providing tenure security for vulnerable groups, including farm labor tenants, farm workers and other farm dwellers, as well as people who presently live under insecure tenure arrangements in communal areas.

Beginning in July 2001, the Land Tenure Center at the University of Wisconsin began assisting the Directorate of Land Affairs with organizing international speakers and the agenda. The National Land Tenure Conference – Finding Solutions, Securing Rights – was held 26-30 November 2001 at the International Conference Center, Durban in South Africa. Roughly 1,000 delegates attended the conference including representatives from government, farm interest groups, civil society organizations, donor agencies, research institutes, and development practitioners.

Michael Roth delivered one of the keynote synthesis presentations (attached) and served on the Conference Synthesis Committee. USAID/South Africa provided funds for airfare and per diem. Very modest expenditures of BASIS I carryover funds were also used to help support Roth's time.

On 30 May 2002, Michael Roth met with Vuyiswa Nxasana, Chief Director of Land Affairs to discuss follow-up activities to the National Land Tenure Conference:

1. LTC's assistance with preparing the Conference Synthesis Volume, Proceedings and Dissemination (Web page development)

2. Roth's availability during his stay in South Africa to become a participant in the DLA's reference group on farm worker rights and legislation
3. Development of action oriented research around farm workers rights and other topics to be developed
4. Support for BASIS II research on Equity Sharing Enterprises in South Africa
5. Assistance with capacity building and training

Roth has agreed to prepare a preliminary concept paper for the DLA that will lead to a proposal for submission to USAID/Pretoria for funding. Michael Roth is currently considering his time availability to serve on the DLA's reference group.

Regional Workshop on Land Issues in Africa—Kampala

In April 2001, the BASIS I CRSP managed by the Land Tenure Center and USAID Global Bureau jointly organized US researcher support and contributions to the Donor Consultative Meeting on Land Issues cosponsored by the World Bank's Land Policy and Administrative Technical Group, USAID and other donors. The BASIS CRSP issued a final report with peer comments on the World Bank's draft policy report, *Land Policy and Administration: Lessons Learned and New Challenges for the Bank's Development Agenda*. One of the recommendations of this Conference was the need for regional workshops to further contextualize land issues and policy prescriptions.

The World Bank along with the FAO, British, French, German and US Governments and host countries, following through on this recommendation, have organized four *Regional Workshops on Land Issues* in Africa (Kampala), Asia (Phnom Penh), Eastern Europe (Budapest), and Latin America (Mexico City) in 2002. The consultations taking place at these workshops will provide key inputs into the *World Bank Policy Research Report on Land Policy and Institutions* to be published in September 2002.

The Kampala, Uganda Workshop, held 29 April to 2 May 2002, brought together +/- 150 policymakers and experts in the land policy field from donor, program implementer, civil society and government organizations. The aim was severalfold: 1) review analytical work and practical experience on land issues; 2) discuss ways in which broadly agreed upon principles of land policy are translated into policy and programmatic interventions; and 3) assess the integration of land in national strategies for poverty reduction and economic growth.

Michael Roth was invited to serve as chair for the session "Integrating Land into Poverty Reduction Strategies of Southern Africa" and to prepare a synthesis (attached). His time was supported with World Bank funding and very modest BASIS CRSP resources from the BASIS II project—Institutional Innovations in South Africa.

Outputs

Roth, Michael. June 2002. *Integrating Land Issues with Poverty Reduction and Rural Development in Southern Africa*. Paper prepared for the World Bank Regional Workshop on Land Issues in Africa and the Middle East held in Kampala, Uganda, 29 April to 2 May 2002.

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