

AFGROLAND Project Workshop

Kenya, 13-18 September 2015



AFGROLAND: African Food, Agriculture, Land and Natural Resource Dynamics
in the context of global agro–food–energy system changes

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Background

AFGROLAND is a project financed jointly by France, South Africa and Switzerland through the Belmont Forum and Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI). The objective of this research project is to improve our understanding of how changes in the global agro–food–energy system affect countries in the global South, especially in Africa. The analysis includes case studies in Madagascar, Mozambique, and Kenya. The research focuses on emerging agrarian investment patterns and how they are shaped by the changing global food system and national governance systems. The investigations focus on the impacts of changes on land use, agricultural production, natural resource management, food security, and various socio-economic outcomes (e.g. employment and livelihoods). The project involves researchers from CIRAD (France), University of Pretoria (South Africa), and the Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern (Switzerland), and from research partners in the three countries each; CETRAD in Kenya, Observatoire foncier in Madagascar and new organization to be identified in Mozambique.

Workshop objectives

The aim of the workshop was to elaborate detailed research questions, and hypothesis for each work package (WP) that fit to the overall framework, and with the different scientific frameworks. This would lead each WP in refining its methodology and the research tools, and would further allow for joint elaboration of an integrated package of methods for the whole AFGROLAND project.

Organizationally, the aim was to agree on a very precise workplan and to specify the needs in terms of resources (people and finances).

The added value compared to the kick-off workshop in Pretoria (2-5 March 2015), were expected as follows: to conduct well-grounded discussions in connection with the visit of specific investment cases in the field; and to have more time for engaging per WP to determining the details. In this regard Kenya was to set the scene, also for the work in the other countries (Madagascar and Mozambique).

Workshop organization: CETRAD / CDE

The workshop was jointly organized by CETRAD and CDE. While CDE was responsible for the coordination among the different research partners and the program of the internal workshops, CETRAD managed all organizational issues within Kenya, and especially proposed and conducted the field excursion. Boniface Kiteme of CETRAD moderated the whole workshop. All institutions involved in the AFGROLAND were represented at the workshop: CIRAD, UP, CDE, CETRAD, and Observatoire foncier.

Workshop program

The workshop program included project internal workshops, field excursions with stops at a variety of large agricultural investments and covering different potential study regions (Mt. Kenya and Naivasha) and a stakeholder dinner to inform about the project, collect feedbacks and discuss research questions. The day-by-day program looked as listed below, the detailed program is provided in annex 1.

- Day 1, Sunday 13 September: Internal workshop in Nairobi
- Day 2, Monday 14 September: Excursion around Mt Kenya

- Day 3, Tuesday 15 September: Internal workshop in Nanyuki
- Day 4, Wednesday 16 September: Excursion Nanyuki-Naivasha
- Day 5, Thursday 17 September: Internal workshop held in Naivasha and stakeholder dinner held in Nairobi
- Day 6, Friday 18 September: Internal workshop held in Nairobi

Workshop outputs

The workshop preparations and activities conducted during the workshop led to three main outputs: a AFGROLAND project flyer, a detailed AFGROLAND research plan, and detailed workshop notes.

- **AFGROLAND project flyer (Annex 4):** Just before the workshop, WP5 prepared a 2-page project flyer titled “*African Food, Agriculture and Land Use Change*”. The flyer was distributed to stakeholders visited during the field excursion and to participants at the AFGROLAND stakeholder dinner in Nairobi.
- **AFGROLAND research plan:** a detailed research plan was compiled elaborating i) the revised research questions, hypothesis and research methods for each WP; ii) the study regions for each case country and criteria for the selection of investment cases to be investigated; iii) a joint work plan and iv) a matrix that maps synergies between the different WPs, especially in terms of data sets / results elaborated by one WP (output) and to be used by another WP (input). The draft version of this research plan is currently under internal revision, and shall be available in a final version by end of October 2015.
- **Detailed workshop notes (Annex 3)** were compiled for each day of the Kenya workshop from 13-18 September 2015. These notes serve as internal reference document.

List of Annexes:

- Annex 1: Objectives / expected outcomes / program
- Annex 2: Participant List AFGROLAND workshop and stakeholder dinner
- Annex 3: Notes compiled during field excursions and internal workshops
- Annex 4: AFGROLAND project flyer

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