

# 3rd Land Governance and Societal Development Conference

Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST, Namibia), Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU, China) and University of Bayreuth (UB, Germany)

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Venue: NUST (HTTPS), SJTU and UB.  
Day 1: <https://shorturl.at/dBY23>  
Day 2: <https://shorturl.at/chABS>



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## Conference Booklet

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## 1. Background

The Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST in Windhoek, Namibia) and the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF, in Shandong, China) have been collaborating to promote land governance knowledge by organizing a global dialogue, networking and knowledge-building since 2021. During this period, NUST and HSF, as equal partners, organised land governance conferences in 2021 (online) and 2022 (hybrid). In addition, they have organized knowledge exchanges on urban-rural land governance at the side of the International Federation Surveyors Congress (Warsaw, Poland) in 2022 and Working Week (Orlando, United States) in 2023.

In operationalising this partnership, other global players have been involved. These include the Zhejiang University (China), International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA Southern Africa), Shanghai Jiaotong University (China), Technical University of Munich (Germany), Journal Land Use Policy (of Elsevier), International Islamic University Malaysia, CABI Publishers (United Kingdom), University of the Philippines, East China Normal University (China), and many others.

This year, NUST together with the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) in China and University of Bayreuth (UB) in Germany, with the usual support of the HSF Shandong office in China are in collaboration to host the 3rd Land Governance and Societal Development Conference. This trilateral collaboration (between NUST, SJTU and UB) is necessary to continue to find innovative ways to grow and promote knowledge on land governance in ways that would benefit societies worldwide.

Land governance is a societal development issue concerned with the structures, processes and rules that determine how (including what and which) decisions are made about the availability, access and use of land, as well as the way those decisions are implemented and enforced, and the way competing interests in land are administered and managed. Land governance presents opportunities for addressing societal land issues as it relates to decisions and activities put in place to improve the living conditions of people irrespective of spatial delineations. Land governance that is people-centered can transform societies from reduced poverty to increased wealth, from food insecurity to food security, from disempowered to empowered, and from underdeveloped to developed communities. Hence, land governance (in the context of societal development) has various dimensions, including land reform and land policy, urban development, rural development, peri-urban development, and spatial development. In addition, land restoration, real estate and property rights, rural-urban linkages, land rights and gender, capacity building on land issues, land use (or spatial) planning, land management and land administration, and land tenure and tenure security (to mention a few). To capitalize on the immense land governance potential, the good governance of land will be essential in ensuring coherent learning and strategy implementations in societies.

## 2. The 3rd International Conference

The land governance and societal development discourse at the global level are premised on common global problems (including land tenure insecurity, pandemic concerns, land degradation, biodiversity loss, land grabbing, and gender imbalance in the exercise of land rights, among others). This requires knowledge-building and capacity development solutions, wherever possible, whether in the global south or the global north. Therefore, in December 2021, NUST and HSF virtually organized their 1st International Conference on land governance and societal development. They also organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference in December 2022.

Based on the success of the first and second conferences, and to maintain a continued engagement of stakeholders globally on land governance and societal development discourse, NUST (in collaboration with STJU, UB and HSF) will organize a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) international Conference (in corporation with its partners) for the global public to foster dialogue on the state of land governance and societal development around the world.

## 2.1. Theme

The conference's theme is *Land and Societies in the context of Innovation, consolidation and revitalization*. This theme was selected for the partners to maintain the momentum built over the organization of the first and second conferences in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

## 2.2. Purpose

Considering the above theme, a 2-day Conference will be organized to engage global stakeholders and further the discussion on land governance within societal development discourse to continue to diagnose and promote knowledge exchanges on societal concerns and explore solutions for improvements within the land sector in urban, peri-urban and rural areas.

## 2.3. Objectives

In close cooperation with its partners, NUST, STJU, UB and HSF will actively promote discourse and knowledge on societies' development, emphasizing the experiences in land governance. Specific activities that would be curated to achieve the purpose of the conference would include:

- Plenary for keynotes presentation (with question-and-answer sessions)
- Research paper presentations (with question-and-answer sessions)
- Information sessions on partners' activities in the academic arena.
- Interaction session on Africa-Asia-European experiences in land governance.

## 3. Locations and Dates

Considering geographical distance between the three key partners in this conference (NUST, STJU, UB and HSF), the conference will be a hybrid conference which combines virtual and physical gatherings.

### 3.1. Dates (and times)

The hybrid conference would convene on the following dates and times: **12th to 13th December 2023**, from **8 am - 11 am** German; **9 am - 12 pm** Southern African Time; **3 pm - 6 pm** Chinese time of each day.

### 3.2. Who will attend?

Attendance of the hybrid Conference will be open to all interested participants from all over the world. In addition, all partners of the NUST, STJU, UB and HSF would be encouraged to participate.

### 3.3. Physical locations and virtual links

The conference will be virtually accessible to the global public (for participation) via Zoom (Online) platform (link to be shared).

The physical location of the conference at NUST will be the *High-Tech Transfer Plaza Select* (HTTPS) building inside the university's lower campus in Windhoek, Namibia. NUST is located at 13 Jackson Kaujeua Street, Windhoek.

#### Physical location

NUST (HTTPS), SJTU and UB Campuses

#### Virtual location: Zoom

Day 1 link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlc--trDwrEtUVVy9eW8JOJSRnnKF1I2h>


Day 2 link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdu-ujgqHdOz2JxJQdInPyFMMAkTvW0p>


## 4. Tentative Program and Activities

Attendance at the 2-day conference is open to the global public. The typical activities in the program include plenary for keynotes speeches, research paper presentations, information sessions on partners' activities in the academic arena and Africa-Asia-European experiences in land governance.

### 4.1 Day one

**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> (8 - 11 am German; 9 am - 12:30 pm Central Africa Time (CAT); 3 - 6:30 pm Chinese time)**

<p><b>Chair / Moderator for day one</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The research paper presentations are 15-20 minutes each.</li> <li>The keynote speeches are 20-30 minutes each.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Dr Oluibukun Ajayi</b> Senior Lecturer, Department of Land and Spatial Sciences (DLSS) at NUST.</p>
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Times	Opening Plenary Session	Speaker / Institution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 am German</li> <li>9:00 am CAT</li> <li>3:00 pm Chinese</li> </ul>	Reception and arrival	All participants
<b>Opening</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 am German</li> <li>9:30 am CAT</li> <li>3:30 pm Chinese</li> </ul>	Opening remarks	 <p><b>Dr.-Ing. Michael Klaus</b> Manager Hanns Seidel Foundation Shandong Office. Visiting professor at</p>

Renmin University in Beijing, P.R. of China.

**Plenary Keynotes**

- 8:45 am German
- 9:45 am CAT
- 3:45 pm Chinese

Keynote 1: Digital and Intelligent Innovation in Land and Resource Survey Technology



**Dr Wenli Feng**

General Director, China Land Surveying & Planning Institute at the Ministry of Natural Resources of the P.R. of China.

Keynote 2: Sustainability Transition in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Pitfalls



**Dr. Festus Boamah**

PD/Habilitation Social Geography Working Group, University of Bayreuth.

Keynote 3: The role of Land Governance for extractive industries in the context of energy transition fit




**Dr. Pamela Duran Diaz,**




Senior Planning Specialist, Erasmus University Rotterdam Netherlands.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:45 am German</li> <li>• 11:45 am CAT</li> <li>• 5:45 pm Chinese</li> </ul>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>Research &amp; project presentations</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:00 am German</li> <li>• 12:00 pm CAT</li> <li>• 6:00 pm Chinese</li> </ul>	Paper 1: Assessing urban heat island and climate change: Integrating GIS and remote sensing for informed urban governance	<b>Ms Roxanne Murangi</b> Lecturer, Namibia University of Science & Technology, Namibia.
	Paper 2: The intersection of global and local in national mining policy implementation and development impacts in Southern Africa	<b>Mr M. Adil Sait</b> PhD researcher, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK
	Paper 3: Informal Settlement upgrading in Okahandja: Achievements and Challenges	<b>Mr Jason Ndipwashimwe,</b> Land Management and Housing Officer, Okahandja Municipality, Namibia.
	Paper 4: Comprehensive land consolidation and urban-rural integration: practices from Shanghai and Ningbo, China	<b>Dr Xiaokun Gu</b> Assistant Professor Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, P.R. of China.
	Paper 5: Youth participation in land governance	<b>Ms Cathrine Marenga,</b> Country Representative (Namibia), Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (YILAA)
<b>Closing</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:30 pm German</li> <li>• 1:30 pm CAT</li> <li>• 7:30 pm Chinese</li> </ul>	Closing remarks	Chair / Moderator: NUST, STJU, UB and HSF


## 4.2 Day two

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> (8 am - 11 am German; 9 am - 12:30 pm Southern African Time; 3 pm - 6 pm Chinese times)**

<p><b>Chair / Moderator for day two</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The research paper presentations are 15-20 minutes each.</li> <li>• The keynote speeches are 20-30 minutes each.</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Prof. Dr. Sulaiman O Atiku</b>  Harold Pupkewitz Graduate School of Business (HP-GSB) at NUST.</p>
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<b>Opening</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 am German</li> <li>9:30 am CAT</li> <li>3:30 pm Chinese</li> </ul>	Recap of Day-1	 <p><b>Ms Laina Alexander</b> Consultant at Tortoise Environmental Consultants, Windhoek, Namibia.</p>
<b>Plenary</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 am German</li> <li>9:45 am CAT</li> <li>3:45 pm Chinese</li> </ul>	Keynote 1: Before Land Management: What constitutes the urban and rural conditions?	 <p><b>Prof. Dr. Eberhard Rothfuß</b> Chair of Social and Population Geography, University of Bayreuth, Germany.</p>
	Keynote 2: Land consolidation and land use efficiency: Chinese Approach	 <p><b>Prof. Dr. Ruishan Chen</b> School of Design, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, P.R. of China.</p>



	<p>Keynote 3: Land Governance in academia and practice: The NUST approach</p>	 <p><b>Dr.-Ing. Uchendu E. Chigbu</b> Associate Professor, Department of Land and Spatial Sciences (DLSS) at NUST.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:45 am German</li> <li>• 11:45 am CAT</li> <li>• 5:45 pm Chinese</li> </ul>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>	
<p><b>Research &amp; project presentations</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:00 am German</li> <li>• 12:00 pm CAT</li> <li>• 6:00 pm Chinese</li> </ul>	<p>Paper 1: Process and characteristics of urban-rural human settlement spatial transition in the Yangtze River Delta region under the background of urban-rural integration</p>	<p><b>Dr You Lie</b> Assistant Professor, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, P.R. of China.</p>
	<p>Paper 2: Energy Governance of Mini-Grid Electrification in Namibia</p>	<p><b>Ms Özge Dolunay</b> PhD researcher, University of Bayreuth, Germany</p>
	<p>Paper 3: Does the land policy induce irrational behavior among customary landholders?</p>	<p><b>Mr Sam Mwando</b> Lecturer, Namibia University of Science &amp; Technology, Namibia.</p>
	<p>Paper 4: Securing property rights for the widow: Lessons from Nigeria</p>	<p><b>Dr Naomi Ijadunola Popoola</b> Associate Professor, Federal University of Technology Minna, Nigeria</p>
	<p>Paper 5: Communal Land Governance</p>	<p><b>Mr Petrus Shivute,</b> Project Manager, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia</p>
<p><b>Closing</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:30 pm German</li> <li>• 1:30 pm CAT</li> <li>• 7:30 pm Chinese</li> </ul>	<p>Consensus building / closing remarks</p>	<p>Chair / Moderator: NUST, STJU, UB and HSF</p>

## 5. Post-conference Data Storage and Usage

All documentation (including proceedings) emerging from this conference would be deposited in the NUST-HSF governance website for reference purposes and accessibility to the global public.

In 2024, a Special Issue of the presentations from this conference (and additional research manuscript solicitations from the public on the subject of this conference) would be guest-edited in the *Journal Land Use Policy* or JLUP (published by Elsevier). General information on the JLUP is accessible using the following link <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/land-use-policy/about/editorial-board> while published articles from the previous conference are accessible via <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/land-use-policy/special-issue/1094B4M8XSK>

## 6. Logistical information

Participants will be registered or signed up in Zoom. The NUST project team will assist by providing all necessary login details to facilitate access to the virtual conference platform and any necessary information or assistance for participation in the conference. As this is partly a virtual and paperless event, virtual participants would rely on their laptops, tablets, and other internet-enabled electronic devices for this event. A reliable internet connection is mandatory for virtual participation.

### 6.1. Translation services

Translation services would be provided for English-to-Chinese and Chinese-to-English language translations. For additional information, please feel free to use the contacts shown below.

### 6.2. Overall enquiries

Project lead: Elvena Hayford ([ehayford@nust.na](mailto:ehayford@nust.na)) & Penehafo Ricardo ([pricardo@nust.na](mailto:pricardo@nust.na))

## 7. Global Stakeholders (Institutional) Invitation List

1. China Land Surveying and Planning Institute
2. University of Bayreuth
3. East China Normal University, Shanghai, China
4. Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China
5. Lanzhou University, Lanzhou, China
6. Geoffrey Payne and Associates London
7. Aalborg University
8. Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich, London, UK
9. Clark University, Worcester, MA, USA
10. Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA
11. Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)
12. African Institute for Strategic Research Governance and Development (AISRGD)
13. Association of African Planning Schools (AAPS)
14. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA
15. Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS), South Korea
16. School of Economics and Business / Centre for Land Tenure Studies, Norwegian
17. Eastern Africa Land Administration Network (EALAN)
18. International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
19. London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK
20. Leibniz University of Hannover, Hannover, Germany

21. GIZ (Ethiopia/Namibia/Germany)
22. University of Rwanda
23. Landesa
24. Erasmus University Rotterdam Netherlands
25. Universidad de las Américas Puebla, Cholula, Puebla, Mexico
26. Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ashanti, Ghana
27. Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (Namibia)
28. Ministry of Urban and Rural Development (Namibia)
29. Omutiya Local Authority (Namibia)
30. Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) (Namibia)
31. United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
32. Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)
33. African Planning Institute (API)
34. Trimble Germany
35. RMIT University
36. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
37. Technical University Munich (TUM)
38. Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI), South Africa
39. Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
40. Asian NGO for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ANGOC)
41. University of East London (UEL)
42. University of Twente - Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC)
43. University of West Indies (UWI)
44. Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI), South Africa
45. Land Portal Foundation
46. Federal University of Technology Minna, Nigeria
47. Urban Training and Studies Institute (UTI)
48. Habitat for Humanity International
49. Slum Dwellers International (SDI)
50. Development Workshop
51. University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN)
52. Centre of Land Governance, India
53. Harold Pukewitz Graduate School of Business (HP-GSB).
54. Okahandja Municipality, Namibia.
55. Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (YILAA)
56. Tortoise Environmental Consultants, Windhoek, Namibia.