



# The Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa

*Striving to improve  
education and  
training for good  
land governance  
across Africa*

## NELGA Research

### Background

To strengthen human and institutional capacities for the implementation of the AU agenda on land, the African Land Policy Centre (ALPC), formerly Land Policy Initiative (LPI), has established a **Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)** in cooperation with Germany, World Bank and other partners.

**NELGA** is a partnership of leading African universities and research institutions with proven leadership in education, training and research on land governance. Currently NELGA has more than 50 partner institutions across Africa.

### NELGA research component

The World Bank leads NELGA's accompanying research component. It aims at promoting **demand-driven research** on land governance and strengthening **monitoring and evaluation** of land policy processes in Africa.

NELGA research activities create a link between applied research on land governance and policy processes and **generate evidence based knowledge** on land governance to inform policy makers.



Household data collection, instrument testing with a respondent

### Functions of NELGA research



Generate **high-quality research products** and translate analytical findings into **operational engagement** and **decision-making processes**.



Mainstream land governance issues in land-related education to **enhance training opportunities** and **curricula** on land governance.



**Strengthen analytical capabilities** of existing African research institutions.



**Expand data availability** on land governance and facilitate access, such as through **data repositories**.

### Research activities

To date the World Bank and NELGA partner institutions have successfully implemented the following projects:

- **Impact evaluations** of innovative land related projects to inform subsequent roll-out;
- Development and test of **new methodology** and **technologies** (e.g. satellite imagery) for analysing land issues;
- Implementation of **Land Governance Assessment Framework** in eight countries and kick start of follow up activities;
- **Development of training, Master and PhD courses** in the area of land governance;
- Support of Bachelor, Master and PhD students in pursuing **land related research** through the NELGA scholarship programme;
- Co-organising **national, regional and international events** in land governance (workshops, conferences, multi-stakeholder dialogues, etc.).

## Achievements

### LGAF continuation

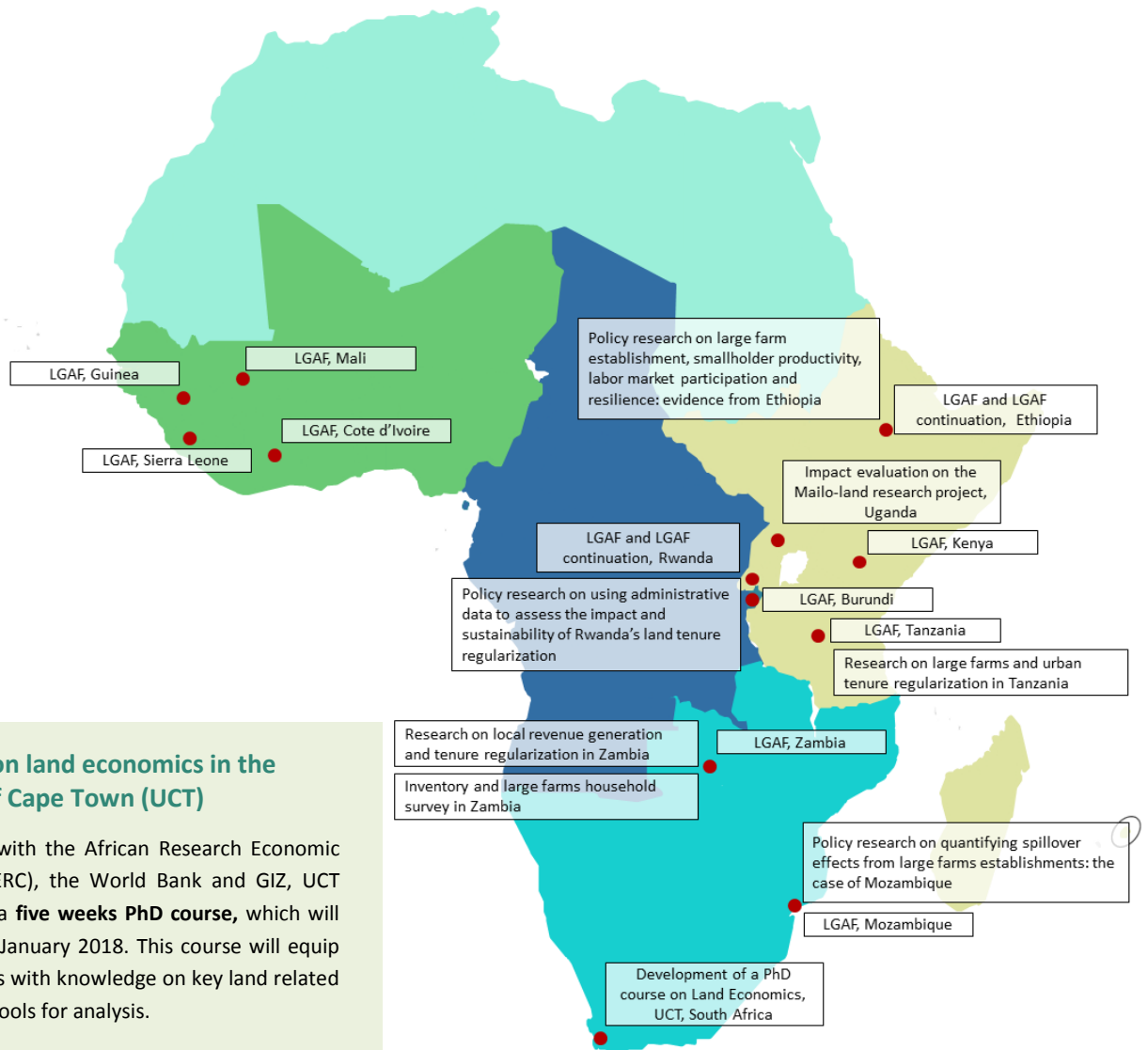
The Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) was designed by the World Bank (2009) to support countries in **assessing their land governance policies and practices**, by relying on expert workshops on various dimensions of land governance.

In 2017, GIZ in cooperation with NELGA partner institutions and World Bank started to support LGAF continuation processes in **Ethiopia** and **Rwanda** with the aim to translate LGAF recommendations into **policy actions**.

### Impact evaluation on the Mailo-land research project in Uganda

The Research Department of the World Bank in cooperation with the Ugandan Bureau of Statistics is collecting **the baseline data** for the impact evaluation on the Mailo-land research project.

The research is aimed to **assess the impacts** of strengthening the security of Mailo tenants on their land with a focus on investments, land conservation measures, agricultural productivity and income diversification.



### PhD course on land economics in the University of Cape Town (UCT)

In partnership with the African Research Economic Consortium (AERC), the World Bank and GIZ, UCT has developed a **five weeks PhD course**, which will be launched in January 2018. This course will equip 20 PhD students with knowledge on key land related issues and key tools for analysis.

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