LANDac International Conference on Land Governance in the Context of Urbanisation and Climate Change – Linking the Rural and the Urban

30 June – 1 July, 2016
Utrecht, The Netherlands
Introduction and welcome

Welcome to the LANDac International Conference 2016!
LANDac welcomes you to the city of Utrecht for its international conference ‘Large-scale land acquisition in the context of urban sprawl and climate change: linking the rural and the urban’. LANDac – the Netherlands Academy on Land Governance for Equitable and Sustainable Development – brings together researchers, policy makers, development practitioners and business professionals in the field of land governance and development. The current conference marks the sixth year of LANDac and aims to expand our agenda for research, policy and practice by linking rural and urban debates in land governance.

The ‘global land rush’ has been analysed extensively in recent years, focusing in particular on the rural sphere: emphasis has been given to large scale investments in land for food and biofuel production, nature conservation and mining. The focus was in particular on the consequences for rural livelihoods and landscapes (e.g. the disappearance of the commons, monocultivation) and the environmental impact in terms of deforestation and resource depletion.

Similar processes, however, take place in the urban and peri-urban spheres where ongoing and rapid population growth, infrastructure development, and speculation have fuelled an unprecedented surge of land-related investment as well as increasing land scarcity. This urban land rush, and the resulting transformation of urban and peri-urban landscapes and livelihoods, has so far received scant attention in the debates surrounding the global land rush.

Debates on rural and urban land governance tend to take place separately; as a result, emerging approaches to good land governance are often considered in isolation from the other sphere – urban or rural. What can instruments such as FPIC, voluntary guidelines, land titling and others potentially contribute to sustainable and equitable land use outside of their landscapes of origin? This conference aims to link debates about the ‘Global Land Rush’ with ongoing debates about ‘Sustainable Cities’ and ‘Climate Smart Cities’. This requires another type of debate that takes into account intra-urban dynamics, rural-urban linkages, urbanisation processes and financial flows, as well as the emerging environmental and social vulnerabilities related to climate change. This discussion is timely also in view of the upcoming global UN summit, known as Habitat III, which will take place in Quito, Ecuador from 17-20 October 2016.

It is in this spirit that the LANDac International Conference takes place. We look forward to a fruitful event bringing together different stakeholders to take stock of research, policy and practice from around the world, to define new research frontiers, and new policy options and investment modalities that may actually contribute to food security and equitable and sustainable development around the world. We wish you all a pleasant conference experience that may give us new insights, ideas, and foster new collaborations – through linking the rural and the urban!

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Guus van Westen (Assistant professor Human Geography and Planning and Co-chair of LANDac)
Gemma Betsema (Coordinator of LANDac)
Lucy Oates (LANDac)
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Programme

Wednesday 29 June
19.30 – 21.00 hrs  Informal welcome drinks, Utrecht centre, Oudaen Utrecht (Oudegracht 99)

Thursday 30 June
8.00 – 9.00  Registration and coffee
9.00 – 10.30 Welcome & opening
Welcome

Annelies Zoomers, Professor of International Development Studies, Utrecht University & Chair of LANDac

Opening

Marjan Oudeman, President of the Executive Board of Utrecht University

Reina Buijs, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Key note address

Geoffrey Payne, Housing and Urban Development Consultant, Geoffrey Payne & Associates, UK

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee

Opening photo exhibition “Women’s land rights in the picture” by Kadir von Lohuizen/NOOR for ActionAid

11.00 – 12.30 Key note addresses

Guus van Westen (chair), Assistant Professor International Development Studies, Utrecht University & Co-Chair of LANDac

Key note addresses: Africa, Latin America and Asia

João Carrilho, former Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Government of Mozambique and consultant on land

Roberto Rocco, Assistant Professor at the Section of Spatial Planning and Strategy of the Faculty of Architecture of the Delft University of Technology

Malovika Pawar, Indian Administrative Service and Utrecht University

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
13.30 – 15.00 Parallel sessions I
15.00 – 15.30 Coffee
15.30 – 17.00 Parallel sessions II
17.00 – 18.00 Discussion, wrap up and closing

Annelies Zoomers (chair), Professor of International Development Studies, Utrecht University & Chair of LANDac
18.00 – 18.30  Drinks

Future Cities – the next generation of cities

18.30 – 20.00  Walking dinner

**Friday 1 July**

8.30 – 9.00  Registration and coffee

9.00 – 10.15  Opening

**Frits van der Wal** (chair), Senior Policy Advisor – Sustainable Economic Development and Food Security, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Key note addresses

**Theo de Jager**, President of the Pan-African Farmers’ Organisation (PAFO) and President of South African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)

**Jean du Plessis**, Capacity Development Expert, Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya

10.15 – 10.20  Coffee (5 min)

10.20 – 11.50  Parallel sessions III

11.50 – 12.00  Coffee (10 min)

12.00 – 13.30  Parallel sessions IV

13.30 – 14.30  Lunch

14.30 – 16.00  Parallel sessions V

16.00 – 16.30  Coffee


**Annelies Zoomers** (chair), Professor of International Development Studies, Utrecht University & Chair of LANDac

17.30 – 18.30  Closing drinks
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Key note speakers

Geoffrey Payne

_Housing & Urban Development Consultant, Geoffrey Payne & Associates, UK_

Geoffrey Payne has more than 40 years of experience in urban development, housing policy, land management, land tenure/property rights and project design issues in rapidly urbanising developing countries. His organisation, GPA, is a consultancy specialising in activities which improve options for the urban poor in developing countries to obtain access to land, housing, services and credit, whilst addressing climate change and the energy crisis; GPA's clients include national governments, NGOs, and bilateral and international aid agencies and the company has previously contributed to many international conferences, including those held by the World Bank. Geoffrey's international experience is vast and includes India, China, South Africa, Tanzania, Turkey, Lesotho, Rwanda and Vanuatu, among others.

João Carrilho

_Formal Vice-Minister of Agriculture and consultant on land, Mozambique_

João Carrilho is the former Vice Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development in Mozambique and an expert on land issues. From 2005 to 2007, he managed Mozambique's Economic Recovery Support Fund, a multi-million dollar loan to the Government of Mozambique from IFAD and the African Development Fund to strengthen rural banking and microfinance. Today, João works as a consultant on issues of land, rural development and food and nutrition security, collaborating with NGOs, national governments and international agencies such as the FAO and ILO.

Theo de Jager

_President of the Pan-African Farmers' Organisation (PAFO), South Africa_

Dr Theo de Jager has been deeply involved with his country's ongoing land reform and has much specialist knowledge on agricultural transformation both in South Africa and in the rest of the continent. Currently the President of the Pan-African Farmers' Organisation, he has previously served in several of South Africa's largest and most influential farmers' unions, helping farmers make their voices heard in the face of globalisation by engaging in national and international dialogues. Theo has farmed in the Tzaneen District of South Africa since 1997.

Malovika Pawar

_Indian Administrative Service and Utrecht University_

Malovika Pawar was a member of the Indian Administrative Service (the higher Civil Service of India) for about 31 years, working in the field in the state of Rajasthan, and at policy-making levels at the state and national level. At the national level she worked as Director in the Prime Minister's Office, assisting the PM in the areas of rural development, water resources, and agriculture and food policy. During her career in government, she worked mainly in various developmental sectors such as rural development, creation of livelihoods in rural areas, affirmative action programmes for disadvantaged groups, social justice, and women's development. She has also worked as Principal Secretary in the Land Governance Department in Rajasthan, focussing on issues of land tenure, protection of land rights, allotment of land for public purposes, and land acquisition for projects. For the past three years, she has been associated with the IDS teaching programme at Utrecht University, covering topics such as food security, land acquisition, and protection of the commons.
Jean du Plessis

GLTN, UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya

Jean du Plessis works in the Land and GLTN Unit at UN-Habitat, based in Nairobi, Kenya. He is the coordinator of GLTN research and capacity development and leads its work on the continuum of land rights, land readjustment, land-based financing and Namibia. Jean has an academic background in Political Philosophy and more than 25 years’ experience in the land, housing and development sectors. Up to 1994 he worked closely with South African communities resisting forced removal under apartheid. From 1996 to 2000 he was policy director and then chief director of the South African government’s land restitution programme. He has also worked with non-governmental organisations, bilateral institutions, universities and other UN agencies. Jean has country experience in South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Rwanda, Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia and Nepal.

Roberto Rocco

Senior Assistant Professor, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands

Roberto Rocco is an Assistant Professor in the Section of Spatial Planning and Strategy of the Faculty of Architecture at TU Delft. He specialises in regional and strategic planning and in tools for urban governance. In particular his research is focussed on understanding and achieving spatial justice – the promotion of access to public goods, basic services, culture, economic opportunity and healthy environments – through fair and inclusive urban planning and management. Born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Roberto studied both in Canada and in his home country before pursuing his doctoral degree in Delft, where he has been Assistant Professor since 2007.
Panels

**Megacities**

Chair: Ore Fika, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) Rotterdam

Thursday 30 June 13.30 – 15.00 Oranjezaal

**Informal settlements in environmentally hazardous areas of Kindondoni Municipality in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania**

Agustina Soledad Alvarez, University of Leiden, the Netherlands

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**Spaces of transformation: Land use Changes and Urban Developments in the agglomeration of greater Khartoum, Sudan.**

Griet Steel, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, Ahmed H. I. Elfaig and Shiraz Osman Salih, IARA Institute for Anthropological Research in Africa, KU Leuven, Belgium

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**Transforming urban South Africa en masse? An exploration of the new ‘Mega Settlements/Projects’ in the Gauteng Province, South Africa**

Mark Oranje, Sanell Venter & Riana du Plessis, University of Pretoria, South Africa

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**The concept of inclusive densification: Upscaling affordable & green housing**

Tom van Geest, Andries Geerse and Robert Lautenbach, WeLoveTheCity

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**Emerging cities & rural urbanisation**

Chair: Griet Steel, Utrecht University

Thursday 30 June 15.30 – 17.00 Oranjezaal

**Analysing urban growth in Mozambican cities: the influencing factors of urbanization and their impact on the urban form**

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**New rural urban locations in Angola and Mozambique: border towns, mining towns and the urban sprawl**

Cristina Udelsmann Rodrigues, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden

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**Land acquisitions, power games and challenges in the urbanization of two rural districts in Mozambique: Gurué and Marracuene**

Uacitissa Mandamule, Rural Observatory, Mozambique

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Agricultural transformations, livelihoods and emerging urban centres: Policy implications for regional development
Griet Steel and Paul van Lindert, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, and Niels Fold and Tobias Mynborg, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
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Infrastructure development (triple session)
Chairs: Kei Otsuki, Murtah Read & Patrick Witte, Utrecht University
Friday 1 July 10.20 – 11.50 (Part I), 12.00 – 13.30 (Part II), 14.30 – 16.00 (Part III) Oranjezaal

Part I
Urban development and climate change adaptation: “Hard interventions” in Beira, Mozambique
Murtah Read, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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How can investment in large-scale irrigation infrastructure optimize both benefits for local rice farmers and for rural & urban food markets in Mozambique?
J.D. Wijnhoud, ActionAid Netherlands, Dakcha Acha, ActionAid Mozambique and Kei Otsuki, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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Large scale infrastructure development in conflict and post conflict: examples from South Sudan
Francesca Marzatico, UN-Habitat
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Land acquisition for infrastructure projects in post-conflict and fragile states: The case of Timor-Leste
Bernardo Almeida, Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Development, Leiden University, the Netherlands
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Part II
Compulsory acquisition = Compulsory just terms? Actuality v fictionality
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The role of the capital in preventing rural land grabbing
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Is China land grabbing in Africa?
Meine Pieter van Dijk, International Institute of Social Science (ISS) Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands
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Impacts of economic and political power of soybean agro industries in local communities of Brazilian Midwest: Influences on the planning-use and occupation of land, urban services, infrastructure and local markets
Rafael Pastre and Humberto Miranda, University of Campinas, Brazil
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Part III
Megaprojects, exclusion and governance: On the edge of the debate
D. Delphine, Patrick Witte, Tejo Spit and Annelies Zoomers, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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The livelihood impacts of the large-scale industrial estate in emerging peri-urban areas of Jakarta
Miya Irawati, Regina Suryadjaja and Stephen Cairns, Future Cities Laboratory-ETH Zurich
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Sustainable blue growth infrastructure development in a green world: The case of Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone, South Africa
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Peri-urban dynamics
Chair: Griet Steel, Utrecht University
Friday 1 July 14.30 – 16.00 Auditorium

The effects of urban sprawl in the adjacent area of Bucharest
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Growing cities: Large-Scale Land Acquisitions (LSLAs) in peri-urban areas and land use dynamics. A spatial analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa
Sara Balestrieri, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano, Italy
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Towards an analysis of consequences of large scale land investments in the urban-rural nexus
Francesca Marzatico, UN-Habitat
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Promoting good land governance in the context of increased competition over land in peri-urban contexts: Lessons learnt from Bagamoyo in Tanzania
Harold Liversage and Elisa Mandelli, IFAD
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Tourism development in Northern Peru: Land conflicts in a vulnerable territory
Fernando González-Velarde, Newcastle University, UK
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Rural and urban land conflicts in Africa
Chair: Mayke Kaag, African Studies Centre Leiden
Thursday 30 June 13.30 – 15.00 Brouwerszaal

Towards an urban land resource curse? A fresh perspective on a long-standing issue
Dieter Zinnbauer, Transparency International – International Secretariat
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Sustainable cities in mining context in West Africa: how to involve different stakeholders on a common project?
Pascal Rey and Anaïs Weber, Insuco, UK
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History and recognition: the justice implications of land concessions in Northern Mozambique
Carla Gomes, University of East Anglia, UK and University of Lisbon, Portugal
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From colonial to postcolonial land grabs: urbanising rural areas through large-scale farms. The case of Kilombero valley, Morogoro region, Tanzania
Adriana Blache, University of Toulouse, France
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Protecting “development displacees” in the context of land grabbing: Vale’s resettlement program in Mozambique
Maria Eduarda Sousa, State University of Paraiba, Brazil
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Violent urbanisation
Chair: Karen Buscher, University of Ghent & Gemma van der Haar, Wageningen University
Thursday 1 July 15.30 – 17.00 Brouwerszaal

Panel introduction: “Claim making, violence and land governance”
Gemma van der Haar, Wageningen University and Mathijs van Leeuwen, Radboud Nijmegen University, the Netherlands
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Displacing home: Displacement and the politics of belonging in Blantyre, Malawi
Tanja Hendriks, African Studies Centre, Leiden, the Netherlands
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The impact of large-scale investments, rapid urbanisation and infrastructure development on internal mobility dynamics in Kenya
Antony Otieno Ong’ayo, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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Conflict related displacement fosters urbanisation; lessons learned from five post-conflict cases
Dimo Todorovski and Jaap Zevenbergen, ITC University of Twente, the Netherlands
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Conflict producing urbanity producing conflict: rural-urban transformation in Eastern D.R. Congo

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Rural urbanisation in Rwanda: Rural growth centres as contested arenas of change
Ine Cottyn, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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Urban elites and property relations
Chair: Gillian Mathys & Mathijs van Leeuwen, Radboud University Nijmegen
Friday 1 July 10.20 – 11.50 Brouwerszaal

Elite capture of rural land: the case of Kitchanga (Masisi, eastern Democratic Republic of Congo)
Gillian Mathys, CICAM, Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands
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Corporate accumulation by dispossession in urban Zimbabwe
Mbiba Beacon, Oxford Brookes University, UK
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Reopening property relations: Reordering the State in South Sudan
Mathijs van Leeuwen, Radboud University Nijmegen, Marlie van der Kerkhof and Yves van Leynseele, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
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Rural-urban linkages: The role of elites
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Changing landscapes and livelihoods
Chair: Mirjam Ros-Tonen, University of Amsterdam
Friday 1 July 12.00 – 13.30 Brouwerszaal

Quitting or staying in agriculture? Transformations in land and water in the peripheries of Bangalore, India
Bejoy K Thomas, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment
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Smallholder women’s livelihoods: producing for inclusive local food markets in the face of nearing sugarcane frontiers in Manhiça district, Maputo Province, Mozambique
Food security

Chair: Guus van Westen and Bram van Helvoirt, Utrecht University
Friday 1 July 14.30 – 16.00 Brouwerszaal

Rural agribusiness investments and their impact on urban food systems, how to connect the two? A conceptual study on changing rural-urban food system interlinkages in the South
Bram van Helvoirt and Guus van Westen, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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Food system impacts of value chain frontiers in Ethiopia
Kebede Manjur, Crelis Rammelt, Maggie Leung and Annelies Zoomers, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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How can investment in large-scale irrigation infrastructure optimize both benefits for local rice farmers and for rural & urban food markets in Mozambique?
J.D. Wijnhoud, ActionAid Netherlands, Dakcha Acha, ActionAid Mozambique and Kei Otsuki, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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Hydropower-induced displacement in Central Vietnam: the effect of compensation and resettlement programs on affected communities' food security
Klaske de Vries, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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The bitter sweet taste of urban expansion and its effect on food security in the peri-urban areas of Huế, Vietnam
Laila Bouallouch, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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Climate change and property rights

Chair: Fennie van Straalen, Thomaas Hartmann and Michelle Nuijen, Utrecht University
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Socio-economic losses induced by land subsidence in Indonesia

Erlis Saputra, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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Exploring the climate change, land grabbing, and migration nexus in the context of urbanisation: Insights from Senegal and Cambodia

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Community-based governance of land security in climate-induced relocation in the Pacific region

Dalila Gharbaoui, University of Liege, Belgium and University of Canterbury, New-Zealand
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Exploring land tenure issues and its implications in the area affected by coastal flooding due to sea level rise and land subsidence (Study from Pekalongan Utara, Indonesia)

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Land administration and smart solutions (Part I): Fit for Purpose

Chair: Christelle van der Berg, Kadaster International
Friday 1 July 10.20 – 11.50 Bibliotheek

An exploration of future land dynamics in Cuba

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An insight into a property rights definition: From clans to countries

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Land tenure security in Amazon

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Valuation of informal/unregistered land – what’s the problem?

James Kavanagh MRICS and Frances Plimmer FRICS, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Land Group, UK
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**Land administration and smart solutions (Part II)**

Chair: Dimo Todorovski, ITC University of Twente  
Friday 1 July 12.00 – 13.30 Bibliotheek

**Integrated management of urban and rural land by public authorities: the case of Benin**

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**Linking land use, tenure, and consolidation in Rwanda: a tale of two cases**

Innocent Rubanje, Rohan Bennett, Anton Vrieling and Kwabena Asiama, ITC University of Twente, the Netherlands  
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**An experience of regularization in Brazil: the case of Terra Nova Urban Land Regularization Ltd.**

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**Land market dynamics on an expanding frontier: Investment in Brazil**

Gabriel Siqueira, Vitor Fernandes and Bastiaan Reydon, UNICAMP Brazil  
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**Land governance: The case of Indonesia**

Chair: Laurens Bakker, University of Amsterdam  
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**Business and pre-litigation strategies on land acquisition for urban development: An example from Indonesia**

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**Regional governments and the struggle for customary land rights in South-Sulawesi, Indonesia**

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**Contestation over access and control of natural resources in post-peace accord Aceh**

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**Bridging the gap between participatory mapping and government registrations**

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**Regulating the land needs of bird’s nest domestication in urban Indonesia**

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Policy and practice sessions

**Expert Round Table: On the road to Habitat III – the New Urban Agenda**
Chair: Dr. Emiel Wegelin, UrbAct/IDS Utrecht University
Thursday 30 June 13.30 – 15.00 Auditorium

Participants:
Paulis Kulikauskas, Office for Europe and European Institutions UN-Habitat, Brussels
Jan Fransen, Deputy-Director, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), Rotterdam
Mart Grisel, Director, European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN), The Hague, and expert in the Habitat III governance policy unit
Maurice van Beers, Habitat III focal point, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague (tbc)

**The Human Cities Coalition: Forming coalitions of the willing – the potential applicability of the HCC approach**
Chair: Marius Stehouwer, Human Cities Coalition/LIFT Cities
Thursday 30 June 15.30 – 17.00 Auditorium

Participants:
Menno van der Veen, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands and Tertium
Ana Bueno, Sao Paulo, UNICAMP Brazil
Mark Oranje, University of Pretoria, South Africa
Annelies Zoomers, Utrecht University, the Netherlands and LANDac

**Scaling urban land governance: from global to local**
Chairs: Femke van Noorloos and Annelies Zoomers, Utrecht University
Friday 1 July 10.20 – 11.50 Auditorium

Large-scale land acquisitions: a comparative analysis of governance systems of Ethiopia and Tanzania
Atakilte Beyene, Nordic Africa Institute, Sweden
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Access to land and responsible management of natural resources: Case studies in Lazio Region and Rome Municipality – Italy on implementation of VGGT as a tool for improving land governance
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A localization framework for creating an information ecosystem based on Linked Open Data (LOD) by The Land Portal Foundation
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Expropriation and the VGGT
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The trends and dynamics of land grab and its impact on smallholder farmers, women and the environment
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Communal land rights and collective action
Chair: Jur Schuurman, Utrecht University (with contribution from Oxfam Novib)
Friday 1 July 12.00 – 13.30 Auditorium

The role of Andean provincial town elites in the erosion and defence of communal lands
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The formalisation of communal land rights in Namibia: A possible counteraction to urbanisation?
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Exploring the potential of communal land titling: How community involvement with sugarcane production is causing intra-community differentiation
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Standing their grounds: The politics ‘from below’ against land grabbing in Tanzania
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Special events

The Garuda Project, Indonesia
Chairs: Fennie van Straalen and Murtah Read, Utrecht University
Thursday 30 June 15.30 – 17.00 Bibliothek
Dutch and Indonesian stakeholders have jointly developed a master plan to halt the subsidence and flooding of Jakarta – in the form of a giant sea wall and a series of artificial islands shaped like a Garuda, the mythical bird which is Indonesia’s national emblem. This revolutionary and radical solution is controversial, however – aside from slowing the sinking of the city and offering a home for 300,000 people, the project could displace thousands more and cause irreparable damage to natural habitats. This special panel explores the prominent land issues at the centre of the debate – with contributions from Christa Nooy (BothEnds), Alex Hekman (SWECO) and Prof. Dr. Meine Pieter van Dijk (ISS Erasmus University), among others.

The role of the private sector
Chair: Guus van Westen, Utrecht University
Thursday 30 June 13.30 – 15.00 Stijlkamer
Increasingly, the private sector itself is taking the initiative to prevent unsustainable and unjust land practices through the implementation of responsible business principles. The financial sector plays a key role in this. ABN Amro bank (Marijn de Haas) and Solidaridad (Katie Minderhoud) have jointly produced a White Paper on Due Diligence, aiming to translate the VGGT (FAO Voluntary Guidelines) into the operations of this and other banks. Your input is welcome!

Land grabbing in the Netherlands? The case of the Amelisweerd
Chair: Fennie van Straalen, Utrecht University and Vrienden van Amelisweerd
Friday 1 July 14.30 – 16.00 Stijlkamer
Despite ongoing heavy resistance from inhabitants, the A27 highway is expanding into the Amelisweerd estate, an area with high natural and cultural values. Is this an example of land grabbing in the Netherlands?

Documentary screening: Eviction
Chair: Michelle Nuijen, Utrecht University and Mathijs van Leeuwen, Radboud University Nijmegen
Friday 1 July 12.00 – 13.30 Stijlkamer
In the developing world of Cambodia, government officials sell off residential property to corporations, eliminating impoverished neighborhoods through violent forced evictions. Men take up bricks and bottles to defend their houses, but the violence only escalates. Then 'Mommy', an elderly grandmother determined to provide a future for her granddaughter, rallies other women in her community to create a uniquely female protest movement exposing the moral bankruptcy of the government, which proves more challenging to the powers involved than any violent confrontation.
**Future Cities**

Walk-in sessions


Thursday 30 June 15.30 – 17.00 and Friday 1 July 10.20 – 11.50 Stijlkamer

Future Cities is a transmedia project about five exciting emerging urban areas: Kinshasa, Lima, Yangon, Medellin and Addis Ababa. Explore these next generation cities online in these sessions, or visit the website at your leisure.

**Women’s Land Rights in the picture**

Photo exhibition by Kadir von Lohuizen/NOOR for ActionAid

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Earlier this year, Kadir von Lohuizen travelled to Mozambique with his camera to portray the challenges that land grabs pose to communities – but also to capture the strength of the people standing up for their rights. During his stay, Kadir met with women smallholders in Manhiça, a rural area not far from the capital Maputo. ActionAid and partner NADEC have been working with these women for years to strengthen their position. Awareness raising, organizing into cooperatives and advocating for their land rights as part of the Women’s Land Rights Programme (funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs) proved to be crucial in securing their land tenure and preventing land grabs, as well as to improve food security and income.