

**AN ANNOTATED LIST
OF SOME ORGANISATIONS
WORKING ON CURRENT LAND ISSUES
IN SOUTHERN AND EASTERN AFRICA**

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This list has been compiled in a context in which many NGOs in Southern and Eastern Africa are engaged in land advocacy work, have begun to form national land alliances and coalitions and are starting to look at ways of cooperating and supporting each other regionally. It my hope that this list will aid and empower that process.

MOZAMBIQUE

Associação Rural de Ajuda Mútua (ORAM)

Avenida Maguiguane 1721

C.P. 2587

Maputo

Tel: (258) 1 302957

Fax: (258) 1 306623

e-mail: oram@oram.eum.za

Established 1993 to support peasants in registering land and in legalising peasant associations. Appointed by NGO forum, Link, to take seat on Land Commission. Not easy to act inside Commission, so with UNAC, ran joint programme of dissemination of draft land law. Covered 9/10 provinces collecting opinions of peasants. Held cultural festival to arouse awareness. Planning to continue lobbying on land legislation with focus on civic education and awareness.

União Nacional de Camponêses (UNAC)

Avenida Agostinho Neto 714

C.P. 4488

Maputo

Tel: (258) 1 430229

Fax: (258) 1 430459

Appointed by NGO forum, Link, to take seat on Land Commission. Not easy to act inside Commission, so with ORAM ran joint programme of dissemination of draft land law. Covered 9/10 provinces collecting opinions of peasants. Planning to continue lobbying on land. Been involved in Niassa, where first party of Boer farmers took up land in late 1996.

Land Tenure Center Project

Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Faculdade de Letras

Maputo

Tel: (258) 1 494743

Fax: (258) 1 494743

e-mail: scottkj@zebra.uem.mz

Conducted research on land issues for some years past.

Helvetas

Avenida Ahmed Sekou Touré 637

C.P. 135

Maputo

Tel: (258) 1 322779 or 421696 or 421596

Fax: (258) 1 421339

Worked especially on land around Maputo, where the situation is more critical than elsewhere.

Caritas de Moçambique

Rua Armando Tivane

C.P. 286

Maputo

Nucleo de Terras de Niassa

C.P. 25

Lichinga

Niassa

Tel: (258) 71 2336 / 2437 / 3237

Fax: (258) 71 2542

Association of local and international NGOs and individuals established in 1996, to investigate issues of land access and tenure. Special interest in civic education for rural dwellers around new land bill, and about the movement of white South African commercial farmers to Niassa under the Mosagrius programme. Has produced and is distributing a discussion pamphlet on these issues.

Caritas, Programa de Justica e Paz

Cuamba
Niassa
Tel (258) 71 62614

Participating in several districts in Niassa as part of national Caritas programme to inform the public about land issues and human rights.

NAMIBIA

Namibian NGO Forum (NANGOF)
18 Axalie Doeseb Street
P.O. Box 70433
Windhoek-West
Tel: (264) 61 239469
Fax: (264) 61 239471

National NGO Forum increasingly concerned with land issues. Established Working Committee on Land Reform, a network of concerned organisations. Especially concerned with problem of illegal fencing. Been involved in nationwide consultative process which revealed dissatisfaction and impatience with slow progress of land reform. Lobbying on Draft National Land Policy and Communal Land Bill.

Namibian Economic Policy Research Unit (NEPRU)
PO Box 40710
Ausspannplatz
Windhoek
Tel: (264) 61 228 284
Fax: (264) 61 231 496
Email: nepru1@nepru.org.na

Academic unit which continues to work on land issues.

SOUTH AFRICA

National Land Committee (NLC)
P.O. Box 30944
Braamfontein 2017
Johannesburg
Tel: (27) 11 403 3803
Fax: (27) 11 339 6315
e-mail: nlc@wn.apc.org

Independent national umbrella research and lobbying organisation. Has 9 regional affiliate organisations. Large national network of regional service organisations assisting rural communities in gaining their land rights. Works closely with national and regional government, especially Department of Land Affairs, but increasingly critical of some proposals and of slow rate of land reform. Publishes monthly Land and Rural Digest, formerly Land Update, which gives details of the latest developments in the land reform programmes.

Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS)
University of the Witwatersrand
P/Bag 3
PO Wits 2050
Johannesburg
Tel: (27) 11 403 6918 or 6947
Fax: (27) 11 403 2341

Since its founding in 1978 has applied the law to defend and advance human rights in ever widening areas of public and private life. Now concentrates on trail blazing for new rights, especially tenure rights for women. Focus on public education and training in human rights through conferences, seminars, workshops and academic research and publication. Has 10 current projects, including Land Rights Project.

Land and Agriculture Policy Centre (LAPC)
P.O. Box 243
Wits 2050

Johannesburg
Tel: (27) 11 403 7272
Fax: (27) 11 339 6423
e-mail: lapc@wn.apc.org

Works very closely with the government in piloting land reform in specific regions. Involved in policy research, training workshops, and acting as conduit for funding of monitoring and evaluation and implementation of pilot projects.

Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS)

School of Government
University of the Western Cape
P/Bag X17
Bellville 7535
Cape Town

Tel: (27) 21 946 3860/1
Fax: (27) 21 946 2864
e-mail: bcousins@sog.uwc.ac.za

Conducts policy analysis and research on policy options. Runs training courses on land and agrarian reform for staff from government departments, NGOs and CBOs. Commissioned evaluation studies of land and agrarian reform programmes and projects.

Legal Resources Centre (LRC)

P.O. Box 305
Newtown 2113
Tel: (27) 11 836 7901
Fax: (27) 11 833 1747

e-mail: bongani@lrc.org.za

South Africa's largest NGO law centre. Provides free legal advice at 5 regional offices. Also involved in policy work.

Land, Housing and Development Unit

Legal Resources Centre
P.O. Box 5227
Cape Town 8000

Tel: (27) 21 238285
Fax: (27) 21 230935

Specialist land legal unit: community legal assistance in tenure reform, land redistribution and restitution.

Centre for Rural Legal Studies (CRLS)

P.O. Box 1169
Stellenbosch 7599
Tel: (27) 21 883 8032
Fax: (27) 21 886 5076
e-mail: crls@wn.apc.org

An independent policy development body dedicated to the equitable distribution of power and resources in rural areas in the Western Cape. Conducts policy research on agricultural restructuring and labour law and land reform. Offers education and training for rural communities and the structures which serve them. Disseminates information about changing laws and newly legislated rights to farm workers in the Western Cape.

Surplus People's Project (SPP)

P.O. Box 468
Athlone 7760
Tel: (27) 21 448 5605
Fax: (27) 21 448 0105
e-mail: spp@wn.apc.org

Affiliate of National Land Committee One of the largest affiliates, very well established. Works on land rights and land use development for groups which have regained their land under the restitution programme. Works with communities in rural and coastal areas in the Northern Cape and concerned with integration of gender sensitivity in its work.

Transvaal Rural Action Committee (TRAC)

P.O. Box 62535
Marshalltown 2107
Johannesburg
Tel: (27) 11 833 1063
Fax: (27) 11 834 8385
e-mail: trac@wn.apc.org

Affiliate of National Land Committee. Founded 1983. Involved in research, lobbying and policy work at national level. Helps victims of forced removals to use existing legislation to return to their land. Helps establish community trusts to administer land purchases. Lobbies for improved legislation, better delivery mechanisms and for new laws to cover those currently excluded and for greater efficiency in the restitution process.

Border Rural Committee (BRC)

16 St. George's Street
Southernwood
East London 5201
Tel: (27) 431 42 0173
Fax: (27) 431 43 8898
e-mail: brc@wn.apc.org

Affiliate of National Land Committee.

East Cape Land Committee (ECLC)

P.O. Box 22127
Port Elizabeth 6001
Tel: (27) 41 54 7879
Fax: (27) 41 54 2819
e-mail: eclc@wn.apc.org

Affiliate of National Land Committee.

Association for Rural Advancement (AFRA)

P.O. Box 2517
Pietermaritzburg 3200
Tel: (27) 331 45 7607
Fax: (27) 331 45 5106
e-mail: afra@wn.apc.org

Affiliate of National Land Committee. An independent rural land service organisation striving to redress the legacy of an unjust land dispensation. Works in partnership with groups of black rural people in the midlands and north-western KwaZulu-Natal seeking land restitution, redistribution and secure tenure. Conducts lobbying and advocacy at the regional and national level for a just land reform programme.

Association for Community Rural Advancement (ANCRA)

P.O. Box 361
Kuruman 8460
Tel: (27) 5373 30791
Fax: (27) 5373 22265
e-mail: ancra@interkom.co.za

Affiliate of National Land Committee.

Transkei Land Service Organisation (TRALSO)

Private Bag X5132
Transkei 5100
Tel: (27) 471 312 851
Fax: (27) 471 312 853
e-mail: tralso@wildcoast.co.za

Affiliate of National Land Committee.

Southern Cape Land Committee (SCLC)

P.O. Box 9015

George 6530
Tel: (27) 441 746 162
Fax: (27) 441 735 336
e-mail: sclc@pixie.co.za
Affiliate of National Land Committee.

Nkuzi Development Association
P.O. Box 5970
Pietersburg 0750
Tel: (27) 15 295 5566
Fax: (27) 15 295 5566
e-mail: nkuzi@wn.apc.org
Affiliate of National Land Committee.

Rural Women's Movement (RWM)
P.O. Box 62535
Marshalltown 2107
Johannesburg
Tel: (27) 11 833 1060
Fax: (27) 11 834 8385
e-mail: trac@wn.apc.org
Established by Transvaal Rural Action Committee (TRAC) 1990. Now an influential movement whose activities include campaigning for reforms in customary laws in favour of women, including the right to own land.

Group for Environmental Monitoring (GEM)
P.O. Box 551
Newtown 2113
Tel: (27) 11 403 7666
Fax: (27) 11 403 7563
e-mail: gem@wn.apc.org
Policy organisation lobbying on environmental issues. Presents programmes on conservation and development. Conducts training courses in community conservation and ecotourism skills. Targeted at decision makers in government and parastatals.

TANZANIA

Pastoralist Indigenous NGOs (PINGOS)
P.O. Box 12785
Arusha
Tel: none
Fax: (255) 57 8593
Umbrella organisation with 10 affiliates. Working on broad range of land issues affecting pastoralists.

CBHC Council
P.O. Box 2214
Arusha
Tel: (255) 57 6220
Health work with pastoralists, focusing on women and social services.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT)
P.O. Box 519
Arusha
Tel: (255) 57 8855
Focus on environmental issues and community participation in social services.

Hakiardhi or Land Rights Research and Resources Institute (LARRRI)
P.O. Box 75885
Dar es Salaam

Tel: (255) 51 152448

Fax: (255) 51 152448

e-mail: hakiardhi@raha.com

New institution established by Issa Shivji, Chair of Presidential Land Commission, to lobby on land issues, including National Land Policy and basic land bill. Also been involved in Uganda and Eritrea.

Hifadhi Ardhi Shinyanga (HASHI)

P.O. Box 797

Shinyanga

Tel: (255) 68 7 2630

Environmental and conservation issues, natural resources, forestry.

Youth Advisory and Development Council (YADEC)

P.O. Box 410

Shinyanga

Tel: (255) 68 7 2759

Covers Northern and Western Tanzania. Land rights for youths.

UGANDA

Uganda Land Alliance

PO Box 26990

Kampala

Tel: (256) 41 266 119

Fax: (256) 41 267 485 (c/o Oxfam)

e-mail: c/o oxfam.kampala@wfp.or.ug

National coalition of NGOs which lobbied strenuously prior to the 1998 Land Act.

Uganda Women's Network (UWONET)

P.O. Box 6972

Kampala

Tel: (256) 41 266 119

Fax: (256) 41 267 485

e-mail: uwonet@starcom.co.ug

A network of national organisations and individuals working on issues of common interest and concern to women.

Centre for Basic Research (CBR)

15 Baskerville Avenue, Kololo

P.O. Box 9863

Kampala

Tel: (256) 41 231228 or 242987

Fax: (256) 41 235413

e-mail: cbr@imul.com

Non-profit educational trust established to carry out research on social issues of fundamental significance. Has done past research on land issues and involved in current debates around proposed legislation.

ZAMBIA

Zambia Civic Education Association

P/Bag RW239X

Lusaka

Tel: (260) 1 239767

Fax: (260) 1 236232

Group of lawyers who study legislation, produce translations and simplified versions. Emphasis on awareness and human rights. Reach communities through traditional chiefs. Hold public meetings explaining acts and encouraging people to take up issues. Helping with litigation for people dispossessed.

Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace

P.O. Box 31965

Lusaka

Tel: (260) 1 227854/5 or 225289

Fax: (260) 1 220996

Most widespread organisation with a group in every Province and effective communication system. Have organised workshops on land through its networks and lobbied MPs. Acting as coordinating body for national Land Alliance, formed in March 1997.

Women for Change

P/Bag W379

Lusaka

Tel: (260) 1 224309

Fax: (260) 1 224296

Covers Western, Central and Lusaka Provinces. Campaigns for awareness of women's rights and enforcement of legislation protecting women.

YWCA Council of Zambia

P.O. Box 50115

Lusaka

Tel: (260) 1 255204 or 254751

Fax: (260) 1 254751

Countrywide membership. Human rights section seeks to improve women's position, addresses issue of women losing property.

UNIKILA Association

P.O. Box 36460

Lusaka

Tel: c/o Oxfam (260) 1 291518 or 292070

Fax: c/o Oxfam (260) 1 292496

Sole countrywide umbrella body of CBOs. Title means enlightenment. Mobilises members for public meetings. Lobbies on environmental issues.

Law and Development Association

P.O. Box 660148

Monze

Tel: (260) 32 50312 or 50180

Covers Southern Province. Advocacy group on human rights, especially laws of inheritance. Strong relationship with traditional chiefs, whom it lobbies. Supports people involved in litigation.

ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe Women's Resources Centre and Network (ZWRCN)

288 Herbert Chitepo Avenue

P.O. Box 2192

Harare

Tel: (263) 4 792450 or 737435

Fax: (263) 4 720331

e-mail: zwrcn@mango.apc.org

Women's development network established 1990. Involved in gender training programmes, debates, lobbying, publications. Seeking to enhance grassroots women's active participation in national politics. Has written critique of Land Tenure Commission on gender dimensions of access and land use rights. Lobbying government to give land to women in their own right.

Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights)

55 Herbert Chitepo Avenue

P.O. Box 3951

Harare

Tel: (263) 4 738609 or 724796

Fax: (263) 4 796589

National human rights organisation involved in wide range of issues including land. Founded 1992. Conducts research, runs workshops, promotes civic education. disseminates information, offers para-legal advice and counselling. Has lobbied against forced evictions and threatened deportation of ex-farmworkers of Malawian origin.

ENDA, Zimbabwe (Environmental and Development Activities)

1 Waterfield Road, Mount Pleasant

P.O. Box 3492

Harare

Tel: (263) 4 301162 or 301156

Fax: (263) 4 301024 or 301156

Associated with ENDA, Tiers Monde. Undertaken programmes over past decade in variety of smallholder agricultural and environmental fields.

ZERO (Zimbabwe Environmental Research Organisation)

158 Fife Avenue

P.O. Box 5338

Harare

Tel: (263) 4 791333

Fax: (263) 4 732858

e-mail: zero@internet.co.zw

Operate regionally. Moved from 1980s focus on rural energy to rural development issues and now wanting to develop regional land and resource tenure programme.

Association of Zimbabwean Traditional Environmental Conservationists (AZTREC)

P/Bag 9286

Masvingo

Tel: (263) 39 7521

Fax: (263) 39 64035 (GTZ)

Local NGO bringing together chiefs, spirit mediums, ex-combatants and local communities in Masvingo area.

Centre for Applied Social Sciences (CASS)

University of Zimbabwe

P.O. Box MP 167

Harare

Tel: (263) 4 303211 ext 1340

Fax: (263) 4 333407 or 335249

e-mail: CASS@esonet.zw

Applied research on social and institutional dimensions of natural resource management, rural development and land.