



Call for Paper Proposals
Submission Deadline: 15 October, 2019

Topic: The Complexities of Land Tenure and Land Reform in Africa

Call for Submissions

Good Governance Africa (GGA) invites interested participants to submit a paper proposal in the form of an abstract of up to 500 words. Selected papers will be published in the second edition of GGA's *Rights to Land* book. The first edition of the book examined land restitution procedure in South Africa's post-apartheid era (William Beinart, Peter Delius and Michelle Hay, 2017). The second volume of the book aims to consider the phenomenon of land ownership, tenure and restitution in Africa. It proposes to highlight the successes and challenges African countries have faced with their land restitution policies and identify the factors influencing the procedures of land tenure and land reform on the continent. This includes, but is not limited to, legal frameworks, customary land tenure and the land rights of women, and land restitution mechanisms, which are reducing poverty and securing sustainable livelihoods. Given the differing historical backgrounds of many African countries, the book also intends to consider the current trajectory of land reform and restitution in post-colonial contexts.

The book aims to examine original and contemporary perspectives on land tenure and reform in Africa by focusing on the achievements and challenges of these mechanisms. Contributors may provide an analysis into a number of areas surrounding land ownership, tenure and restitution with the intention of shedding new light on these critical issues and providing concrete policy recommendations for governments, civil society, and other relevant stakeholders. The proposals may apply a comparative or case study approach,

considering single or multiple countries or sub-regional contexts in Africa. Topics should be centred exclusively on African countries (excluding South Africa).

This second volume will be published by a prominent South African publishing house. Both GGA and the publishing team include experienced authors and editors, and all team members take seriously their responsibility to ensure the book's chapters are of high-quality scholarship and writing. The proposals and chapters will be subjected to careful editorial scrutiny and, where appropriate, the editors will ask authors to revise their chapters for the purposes of clarity and focus.

Your submission should include:

1. A 500-word abstract, including references
2. A brief 100-word author biography and list of publications
3. Full contact details

The abstract must be in English and submitted in Microsoft Word Doc format – Times New Roman 12.

Each contribution must be original and unpublished work not submitted for publication elsewhere. Please submit your proposal by sending your abstract to both tafadzwa@gga.org and michelle@gga.org.

References:

William Beinart, Peter Delius and Michelle Hay. 2017. *Rights to Land: A guide to Tenure Upgrading and Restitution in South Africa*. Johannesburg: Fanele.