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GOOD PRACTICES OF AFRICAN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE LAND SECTOR

The Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa – NELGA &

GIZ's Programme: "Strengthening Advisory Capacities for Land Governance in Africa – SLGA"



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SLGA at a Glance

In cooperation with



11/2014 – 2/2026



EUR 47.7 million



African institutions and professionals are implementing improved, more sustainable, and fair land policies



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Implementing partners

- SLGA brings together a wide range of stakeholders who are critical to land policy development in Africa
- Multilateral organizations: AUC, UNECA/ALPC, AUDA/NEPAD, World Bank, UN-Habitat
- African and European universities
- Other organizations: DAAD, RCMRD, AERC, ...



REGIONAL CENTRE FOR MAPPING OF RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT

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The Network of Excellence on Land Governance in Africa (NELGA)

- NELGA strengthens human and institutional capacities for the implementation of the AU Agenda on Land
- More than 70 partner institutions in over 40 countries
- Coordination by 6 regional 'nodes'
- Cooperation with a variety of international partners (UN-Habitat, World Bank, Land Portal, Transparency International...)
- Secretariat established in 2020 to support the network's governance and ensure its sustainability

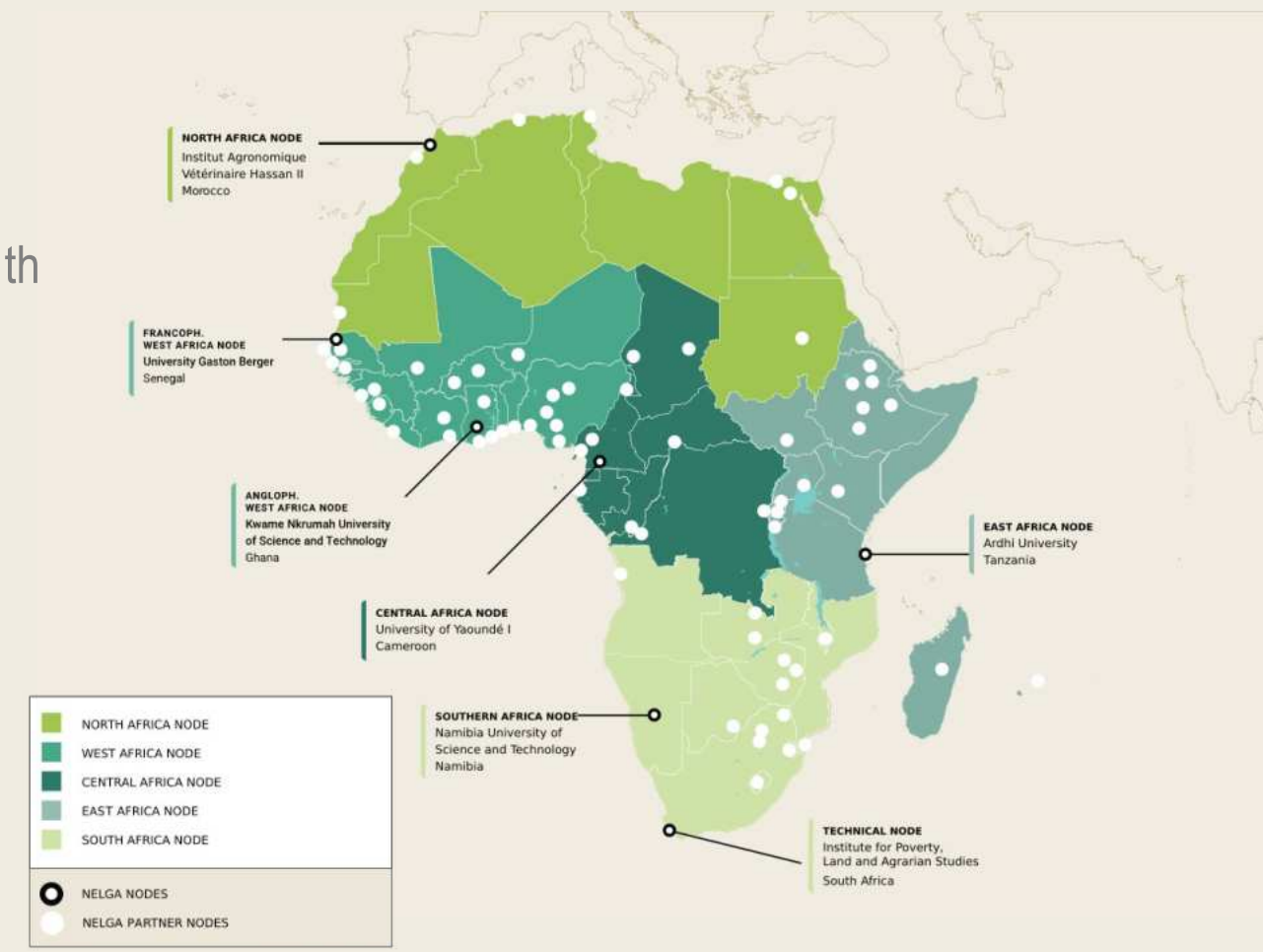




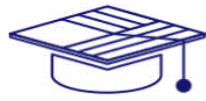
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Components of NELGA



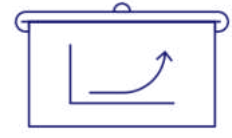
Training & Education

- Support to Curriculum review and development via workshops
- Scholarship programmes in cooperation with DAAD
- Short term capacity development measures for professionals and experts from the public & private sector, civil society, as well as academics and students



Research & Policy

- Supporting research projects
- Land Governance Assessment Frameworks (LGAFs) in cooperation with World Bank
- Studies on National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs)
- Country reports for regional scoping studies in North and Southern Africa
- Conducting policy dialogues



Data Availability & Accessibility

- Publishing of land-related data sets from African countries
- Production and presentation of country analyses and recommendations on land data
- More than 9,800 users access the NELGA public communication and knowledge platform every year



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Capacity development

Short term trainings, curricula development, scholarships

- NELGA partners have so far offered above **51 short term trainings**, providing more than **2470** specialists and managers (34% female) with key qualifications to better perform their functions. Some of the contents have already been processed as **digital learning formats** and this is to be the standard value
- In 2017, the **ALPC guidelines for academic curricula development** in the field of land policy were adopted by the AU. Based on these guidelines, **29 curricula** have been revised or newly developed at 23 universities through the consultation of African and European academics
- **89 full-time scholarships** in cooperation with the DAAD enable students to complete their Master's or doctoral studies. Graduates are enabled to remain connected with NELGA through an **alumni network**. Additionally, 47 students were granted a scholarship for a course at University of Cape Town.





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Research

Research projects, policy-research linkages, advisory missions

- Above **85** regional and/or national demand-driven land research projects were pursued by researchers of NELGA
- With SLGA funding, **NELGA experts** have conducted comprehensive studies commissioned by the World Bank in a number of countries (Ethiopia, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda etc.) under the **Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF)**
- As part of the **Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP)**, NELGA has conducted studies to support the integration of aspects of land governance within the “**New Agricultural Investment Plans**” at country level
- In 2018, the “**African Journal of Land Policy and Geospatial Sciences**” (AJLPGS) - first continental scientific journal entirely dedicated to the land topic, was established. Issues are being published 2-3 times a year.
- **34 policy dialogues** were held at national/regional/AU level and served as a platform to disseminate **research results** to promote **evidence-based decision making**



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Data-driven initiatives

- 6241 land-related data sets from African countries have been made available by NELGA partners.
- 7 African countries' analyses and recommendations on land data ecosystems have been produced and they were presented to relevant stakeholders on national and continental level. Countries: Mozambique / Liberia / Sudan / Botswana / Zambia / Malawi / Namibia



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