



A two-day national conversation on:

# Resolving the Land Question:

Land redistribution for equitable access to land in South Africa

**Cape Town, 4-5 February 2019**

**University of the Western Cape, Rhodes University and the University of Fort Hare**

### **What are the objectives of this event?**

- To stimulate informed discussion and debate on different policy options and models for land redistribution in rural South Africa
- To clarify the trade-offs involved in policy making and the costs and benefits of different choices
- To develop a range of indicators of the outcomes of different land redistribution models
- To feed ideas about different policy options into official policy making processes

### **Who will be invited to participate?**

- Officials from the Presidency, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform other key departments in government
- Representatives of political parties who are responsible for land policy
- Representatives of civil society organisations and social movements focused on land issues, specifically leaders of rural communities
- Representatives of rural communities
- Representatives of private sector organisations
- Academics and researchers
- Journalists across different media, including radio, television, print and online

## **How will the event be structured?**

The event will invite participants to answer five key questions:

1. Who should benefit from land redistribution in rural SA?
2. How should land for redistribution be identified, acquired and transferred?
3. What kinds of rights should beneficiaries hold on redistributed land?
4. What kinds of support should be provided to beneficiaries?
5. What are the desired outcomes of such redistribution?

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A context-setting presentation on the performance of rural land redistribution in SA to date will kick-start the event. Three invited plenary presentations will put forward different positions that attempt to provide a coherent set of answers to these five questions listed above. Invited respondents will initiate discussion in plenary. Thereafter, participants will break into parallel commissions to discuss the five key questions. These commissions will encourage debate and disagreement, with no requirement that consensus be reached. After commissions report back, different groups will consolidate their positions, and report back to plenary.

## **What kind of event is planned?**

This will be a large and inclusive conference, with all major interest groups in SA society represented (100-120 participants). It will be forward-looking, aimed at generating new visions of redistributive land reform, potential models of redistribution as a base for specific policies and programmes, as well as indicators of key outcomes. The performance of programmes to date will be discussed, not as the main focus, but to help understand the current context.

## **Who will host, plan and co-ordinate the event?**

The Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS) at the University of the Western Cape will host the event in partnership with the University of Fort Hare and Rhodes University, amongst others.