

## Reports from LARRI events

In this LARRI newsletter we report shortly from two successful LARRI events held in September, more information is available in the attached conference session report and Prof. Stein Holden's PowerPoint presentation. In addition we update you shortly about related events, publications and video clips.

### Open LARRI seminar with Prof. Stein Holden:

On the 18th of September, LARRI organized an open seminar with Professor Stein Holden from the University of Life Sciences (UMB), Ås, Norway, on *"Land Tenure Reforms in Asia and Africa"*. The presentation was based on a recently published book with the same title of which he is a co-editor. Professor Holden is an internationally renowned economist with long experience from research on land tenure issues.



In his presentation he outlined an analytical framework which he applied in assessing the strengths and weaknesses of different types of tenure reforms in Asia and Africa. He further discussed the pros and cons with large- vs. small-scale farming and possible synergy effects between the two, as well as the phenomenon of land grabbing and governance.

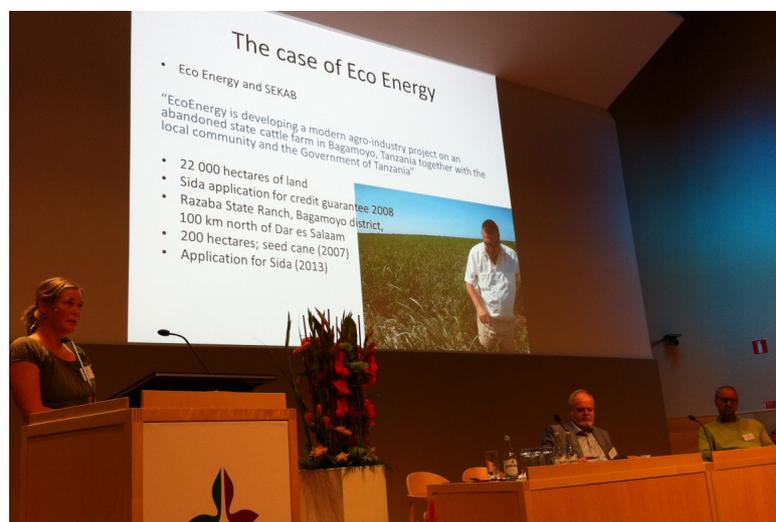
### Related material:

For further details and the conclusions of his presentation, see attached PowerPoint presentation from the seminar. Read more about Stein Holden: [www.steinholden.com](http://www.steinholden.com)  
Read more about Centre for Land Tenure Studies at UMB: [www.umb.no/clts/](http://www.umb.no/clts/)



Stein Holden, Photo: Maria Ölund

### LARRI-NAI session at the Agri4D conference:



Linda Engström, Photo: Maria Ölund

At the Agri4D-conference (Agricultural Research Towards Sustainable Development Goals) held the 25-26th of September at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala, LARRI, in collaboration with the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI), arranged a two hour session on the theme *"Securing Land Rights in Sub-Saharan Africa - in the context of increased competition for land"*. The increased competition for land raises questions on land rights of local rural populations, who depend on land for their livelihoods and this is a complex issue, not least in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Linda Engström, researcher at NAI and PhD Student at the Dept. of Urban and Rural Development at SLU, Michael Ståhl, research associate at the Nordic Africa Institute and Lasse Krantz, research fellow at University of Gothenburg held presentations based on research from several countries in sub-Saharan Africa and approached

the issue of how to improve tenure security from different angles. The session was moderated by Maria Ölund, Project coordinator of LARRI.

Following the presentations, an interactive discussion with the audience, where civil society, private sector, public sector, research and key persons within Swedish development cooperation were represented, emerged.

#### Related material:

Please find the attached report from the session for more information.

Read more about NAI here: [www.nai.uu.se](http://www.nai.uu.se)

Read more about the conference here: [www.agri4d.se](http://www.agri4d.se)



Lasse Krantz, Photo: Maria Ölund

## Related events

### International Conference on Scaling-Up Strategies to Secure Community Land and Resource Rights

RRI, IUCN, ILC, Helvetas Swiss Inter-cooperation and Oxfam have joined in an effort to push for a doubling of the amount of community land recognised and secured worldwide in the next five years. To that end they co-organized the *"International Conference on Scaling-Up Strategies to Secure Community Land and Resource Rights"* in Switzerland on the 19-20th of September. A summary report from the conference is available here. [www.iisd.ca/RRI/SCLRR/](http://www.iisd.ca/RRI/SCLRR/)

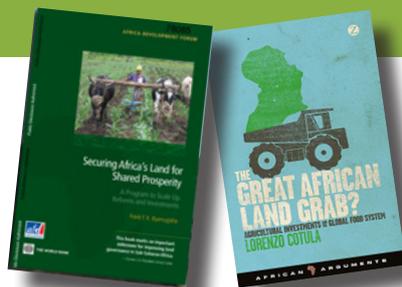
### World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty 2014 Paper submission deadline - 17th of November

Please note the call for papers for the 2014 World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, held in Washington DC, March 31 - April 3. Under the theme *"Land Governance in the Post-2015 Agenda: Harnessing Synergies for Implementation and Monitoring Impact"*, the conference will focus on building a shared understanding of best practices in land governance, according to the World Bank. More information is available at: [www.focali.se/en/about-focali/news/call-for-papers-world-bank-conference-on-land-and-poverty-2014](http://www.focali.se/en/about-focali/news/call-for-papers-world-bank-conference-on-land-and-poverty-2014)



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## Recent publications



- The report “*Global Capital, Local Concessions: A Data-Driven Examination of Land Tenure Risk and Industrial Concessions in Emerging Market Economies*”, Rights and Resources Initiative - the Munden Project, 2013. Available at: [http://www.rightsandresources.org/documents/files/doc\\_6301.pdf](http://www.rightsandresources.org/documents/files/doc_6301.pdf)

The report “*The Financial Risks of Insecure Land Tenure: An Investment View*”, prepared for the Rights and Resources Initiative by The Munden Project, 2012. Available at: [http://www.rightsandresources.org/publication\\_details.php?publicationID=5715](http://www.rightsandresources.org/publication_details.php?publicationID=5715)

- The book “*Securing Africa’s Land for Shared Prosperity*” written by Frank E.K. Byamugisha for The World Bank, Washington, 2013, conclude the view of the World Bank on priority efforts in order to secure land rights in Africa today. Available at: <http://elibrary.worldbank.org/doi/book/10.1596/978-0-8213-9810-4>

- The book “*The Great African Land Grab? Agricultural Investments and the Global Food System*”, written by Lorenzo Cotula, 2013. A review of the book is available at: <http://africanarguments.org/2013/07/15/review-the-great-african-land-grab-agricultural-investments-and-the-global-food-system-robin-palmer/>

Some of the points of the book can be found in Cotulas comment on a report recently released by the Dutch consultancy firm Ecofys, available here: [www.iied.org/land-grabbing-africa-biofuels-are-not-hook](http://www.iied.org/land-grabbing-africa-biofuels-are-not-hook)

- An Oxfam report “*Nothing sweet about it: How sugar fuels land grabs*” was recently released, highlighting the risks of land grabs or conflicts over land that could be taking place within the supply chains of some of our largest food and beverage companies. For a summary of and some of the responses to the report, read more here: [www.fcrcn.org.uk/research-library/land-use-ecosystems/general-reports/nothing-sweet-about-it-how-sugar-fuels-land-gra](http://www.fcrcn.org.uk/research-library/land-use-ecosystems/general-reports/nothing-sweet-about-it-how-sugar-fuels-land-gra)

## Video clips

The two short video clips below have been published by the organisers of the “*International Conference on Scaling-Up Strategies to Secure Community Land and Resource Rights*”. Read more on: [www.communitylandrights.org](http://www.communitylandrights.org)

### Securing Community Land and Resource Rights



Click here to watch the video:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lu0UFeGe5pl&feature=youtu.be>

### Scaling Up Strategies to Secure Community Land and Resource Rights



Click here to watch the video:  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fd4x-rd0\\_-Y&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fd4x-rd0_-Y&feature=youtu.be)

## Contact LARRI



If you have any news, such as publications and upcoming events that you would like to share through the LARRI newsletter, please send your suggestion to the LARRI coordinator: [maria.olund@gu.se](mailto:maria.olund@gu.se)

In addition, we welcome suggestions of collaborations, seminars etc.

Finally, if you are planning or currently conducting a study or research about related issues, feel free to share this information with LARRI. Perhaps you want others to know about your work, or need assistance during the process or to share your findings. LARRI aims to be a platform where collaborations between different individuals, sectors and disciplines can emerge.

**LARRI - The Land Rights Research Initiative** is a platform for discussion and collaboration among researchers, students and others interested in land rights issues in the context of global change. LARRI is hosted by GCGD - The Gothenburg Centre of Globalization and Development at the University of Gothenburg: [www.gcgd.gu.se](http://www.gcgd.gu.se)

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### Read more about LARRI:

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