

Land Seminar; LAND Expropriation Without Compensation



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Opening Remarks, Mr Zama Xalisa.

Closing Remarks, Dr Shadrack Moephuli, ARC.



Panelists (Left to Right: Mr Simphiwe Dzengwa (SALGA), Dr John Purchase (Agbiz), Dr Langa Simela (Absa Bank), Mr Omri van Zyl (AgriSA), Mr Neo Masithela (GFADA) & Mr TP Nchocho (Land Bank)

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A closely anticipated land breakfast seminar hosted by ARC, Land Bank and NAMC on 6 March, sparked wider contest on Land reform implementation. Issues of property rights, fears of economic decline, strained resources on urban planning, agricultural productivity, food security concern dominated the discussions. Land ownership in RSA was still skewed and government

needed land to expand its economy. A number of case studies of countries that expropriated land without compensation like Britain, Germany, US and Brazil managed to boost and develop their economies said Dr David Masondo, ANC NEC Member. More closely, the RDP planned 30% of land to be redistributed to Africans by 2014 yet according to the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform land audit, only 4% has been thus far redistributed to black people.



Omri Van Zyl of AgriSA doubted the model used by the department was accurate in its modalities. He further postulated that AgriSA land audit findings proved contrary to DRDLR. One of the factors AgriSA report sighted immensely was corruption, as it affected land redistribution process. The ANC conceded to this point but warned that the issue of land should not be used as a grandstanding exercise. The motion of land expropriation without compensation was going nowhere and solutions on its implementation had to be found as the issue was finding more radical stance in the youth said Masondo.

AgriSA CEO: Omri Van Zyl



AgBiz CEO: Dr John Purchase, Simphiwe Dzengu :SALGA

*A*gBiz CEO Dr John Purchase advocated for extension of property rights as ascribed in Section 25 of the Constitution. Land expropriation had to be done correctly and its implementation guarded carefully and not to trample on property rights. Property played a crucial role in the economy and if it were tempered with 'it could adversely affect the economy' SALGA supported land expropriation without compensation not only in terms of agriculture but in terms of its broader implications on urban settlement and industrial development said Simphiwe Dzengana. Property rights maybe protected and advocated with zeal but if in rural areas people were starved off land to develop then South

GFADA supported the stance taken by ANC which has been long delayed. There were a number of successful black farmers denied access to markets and finance simply because they either wanted to enter farming or were progressing in farming said Neo Masithela. Land Bank believed that the process will follow dictates of law and doubted that government would take a decision to jeopardize the book value of the bank.



Mr Neo Masithela of GFADA, Mr TP Nchocho (Land Bank)



Dr. David Masondo, ANC NEC member, Keynote Speaker.

Dr Masondo acknowledged concerns raised by organised agriculture, industry role players including the banking and government sector. However, he reiterated that the dispossession of land from natives was done unlawfully and as such it had to be redressed and reversed. Secondly, the sector had to dissuade from comparing Zimbabwe to RSA's economy as the former's economy largely depended on agriculture hence it collapsed. Furthermore, the ANC will host a consultative forum with all stakeholders affected and unpack the whole idea of land expropriation without compensation.

The ARC, Land Bank and NAMC will avail the proceedings of the land seminar in the next coming days.



NEWS MONITOR

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The Breakfast seminar unpacking the ANC resolution on land expropriation without compensation, was covered twice on the SABC News TV, during the afternoon news headlines and the evening schedule. Both coverage was done on the 1st of March 2018.

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On the 6th of March 2018 – Creamer Media's Engineering News covered the Breakfast Seminar, unpacking the ANC resolution on land expropriation without compensation.

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06 March 2018 – The eyewitness news quoted Dr Masondo when he said that, "the ANC's resolution on this matter hints at what type of land could be targeted for uncompensated expropriation." At the Seminar hosted by NAMC, ARC and Landbank.

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On the 7th of March 2018. The Breakfast Seminar was covered by the Press reader, covering all the intense debate on the Land expropriation without compensation.

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On the 6th of March 2018 – Polity News covered the Breakfast Seminar, unpacking the ANC resolution on land expropriation without compensation. Hosted by the NAMC, ARC and Landbank

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Beel and Volksblad newspaper covered the breakfast seminar on the 06 March 2018.

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The SA FM covered the Breakfast Land Seminar hosted on the 06 March 2018, coverage was distributed in a format of a Podcast

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06 March 2018 the Lotus FM disturbed the Land Seminar coverage in a format of Podcast.

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The Land Seminar that was hosted by the NAMC, ARC and Land bank on the 6th March 2018, was covered by the Reuters Africa media. Highlighting the intense debate on Land expropriation without compensation.

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