

UKZN Geography presents:

Counting Farm Dwellers In: Proposing new land governance instruments to secure unregistered property rights in the Umgungundlovu District.

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Place: Geography Junior Lab. Third floor Sciences Building, Main Campus PMB

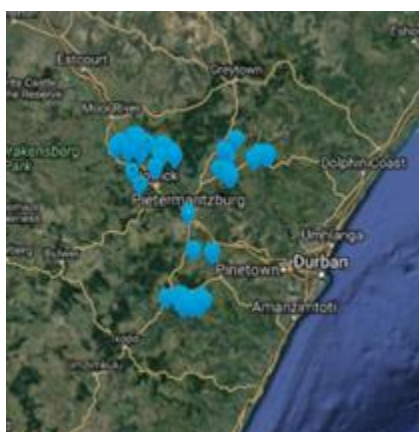
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Time: 1 – 2 pm.

Abstract:

The effect of the massive dispossession of Africans from rural farmland remains a key political problem in democratic South Africa (Greenberg, 2015). Those who remained on farms – farm dwellers - were transformed into insecure, “super-exploited” wage workers with precarious tenure to land and homes (Marcus, 1989). Since 1994, protective land rights legislation has been passed. Despite this, more farm dwellers moved off farms in the decade after 1994 than in the decade preceding it (Wegerif et al, 2005).

In this context, we seek to unveil the centripetal and centrifugal forces driving migration particularly of youth from farms, and consider how farm dwellers’ unregistered rights to land could be recorded and recognised. The Association for Rural Advancement (AFRA), a land rights NGO operating in the Umgungundlovu District is attempting to develop an innovative land governance solution through the collection and official storage of geo-referenced spatial data on farm dweller households and the production of land records. This is a first step to addressing the absence of systematic processes for identifying, collecting and storing evidence for unregistered rights. This is important because approximately 60% of all South Africans live in situations of off-register rights (Hornby et al, 2017), and are vulnerable to the simultaneous loss of homes, social networks and work during evictions. In addition to the tenure aspects of the record, AFRA expects that records will help facilitate inclusion into society more broadly as a residential address and as a visible point on a map. This enumeration approach to inclusion opens access to planning and municipal services. We also expect that the records will facilitate access to more formal types of small credit (such as cell phones and clothes accounts) and hopefully reduce dependence on the "u-mashonisa" micro-lenders.



AFRA - Farm Dweller Land Record

AFRA Association for Rural Advancement
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Majosi

RESPONDENT DETAILS	
Full name of respondent	Sbongile Martha Majosi
Surname by which household is known	Majosi
Cell phone number	0729873341
Alternative cell phone number	unknown

FARM CONTEXT INFORMATION	
Is there a manager on this farm?	Yes
Name of the municipality where this farm is located	Umkhathazi
Name of ward and / or councillors name	02 Phillip dila
Address of the farm (road name and number)	Fundeni, P.O. Box 549 Dalton 3236

TITLE DEED INFORMATION	
Name of farm	
Owner	
Previous owner	
Transfer date	
SS Code	N0FT00000000108700038

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION						
	What is the name of the respondent	Sex	Year of birth	Age	Where was this person born?	What is the relationship of this person to the household head? (How is this person related to you?)
1	Sbongile Martha Majosi	Female	1972	45	Born on this farm	Self
2	Nobuhle Jane Majosi	Female	1977	40	Born on this farm	Sibling

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