



## Trip Report: SOUTHERN AFRICA

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**Namibia: July 5-9, 2000**

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Destination: Windhoek, Namibia

Departure from South Africa: 5 July

Return to South Africa: 9 July

Purpose of trip: To attend the third annual progress workshop of the BASIS “Broadening access to land markets in Southern Africa” research programme. This year the meeting was hosted by Dr. Ben Fuller at the Multi-disciplinary Research Centre, Social Sciences Division, University of Namibia from 6 -8 July.

Visitors attending the workshop: Pauline Peters, Mike Roth, Douglas Graham and Ragan Petrie from the USA, Lovemore Rugube and Phaniel Mugabe from Zimbabwe, and Mark Darroch and myself from South Africa.

Proceedings of workshop:

Day 1: Morning - presentation of research progress in Namibia by Ben Fuller.

Afternoon - presentation of research progress in South Africa by Mike Lyne and Mark Darroch.

Day 2: Morning - presentation of research progress in Zimbabwe by Lovemore Rugube.

Afternoon - defining goals, products and a schedule for the final year of the research programme.

Day 3: Morning - Planning a pre-proposal for BASIS II.

A comprehensive report on the workshop will be prepared by our Namibian host. The papers which I presented at the workshop have already been submitted to the ME. Research progress has been good. South Africa has completed census surveys of farmland transaction recorded in KwaZulu-Natal during 1997 and 1998, and has completed a sample survey of previously disadvantaged entrants to the land market. Zimbabwe has completed census surveys of farmland transactions recorded in the country during 1996, 1997 and 1998. Namibia has almost completed census surveys of farmland transactions recorded in the country for the period 1990-1999, and has interviewed respondents in a small sample survey of previously disadvantaged entrants to the land market. Data from the initial census surveys will be assembled by the South Africa team during October 2000 to experiment with appropriate presentation styles for the final report due in October 2001. The final report will include the results of the 2000 census survey. A decision was taken to motivate for a last workshop where regional researchers could explore and explain the land reform trends observed in each country.

This information will inform the final report, journal papers and abridged documents that will be circulated to policy-makers, news media, financial institutions, agricultural unions and relevant NGO's.

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