

Untangling South African Land Reform Challenges: Lessons from other countries

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Abstract

South Africa has a rich history of injustices and inequalities of apartheid era emanating from land dispossession. However, when South Africa became a democratic republic it sought to redress the historical injustices and introduced a land reform programme that is aimed at securing tenure system for those with insecure tenure system, redistributing land to the landless people and restoring land to those who were dispossessed of their land. In spite of all legislation, policies and laws aimed at ensuring that land reform programme is a success, South Africa is still struggling to reform land to suit its challenges. Consequent to that, this paper seeks to examine other successful land reforms from other countries and draw lessons for South Africa to improve in delivering the long-awaited redressal of historical land injustices.

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