

Woodrow Wilson: East Africa Land Tenure and Policies

Please join the Environmental Change and Security Program for a discussion of Land Tenure and Property Policies in East Africa featuring

- Peter Hetz, Vice President for Technical Operations, ARD, Inc.
- Gregory Myers, Senior Land Tenure and Property Rights Specialist, U.S. Agency for International Development

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Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

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The transparent, equitable, and legitimate definition and realization of property rights and land and resource tenure can have profound positive impacts on a country's environmental, social, and economic prospects, helping to prevent conflict and promote peace. Conversely, the lack of these rights or the incorrect sequencing of interventions has resulted in poor outcomes across the development spectrum, most recently in Kenya. This session will examine countries such as Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Sudan, where land, property, and natural resource issues as well as related factors like economic growth, health, and internal and external displacement are key factors that both contribute to conflict and are critical to its resolution. The role of inadequate land rights in Kenya's current political crisis will also receive special attention.

Peter Hetz, the vice president for technical operations at ARD, Inc., will discuss the relationship between property rights and conflict. Gregory Myers, a natural resource management specialist at the U.S. Agency for International Development, will focus his remarks on natural resource management and conflict.

This is the fourth event in ECSP's "New Horizons at the Nexus of Conflict, Natural Resources, and Health" series, which examines new thinking and research at the intersection of these areas. This series is funded jointly by USAID's Office of Natural Resources Management, its Office of Population and Reproductive Health, and its Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation, with technical support from USAID's Asia and Near East and Africa bureaus. For more information on this series, please visit www.wilsoncenter.org/newhorizons.

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