

# SECURING FARMERS' RIGHTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

24-26 October 2022

## Pre-Seminar Dialogue

*Venue: The Barn Motel, Chongwe, Zambia*

DAY 0: MONDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2022

### KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND RIGHTS-BUILDING FARMER DIALOGUE

The Seed and Knowledge Initiative (SKI) will be hosting a farmer-based dialogue on Monday 24 October – a day that also significantly marks Zambia's Day of Independence. Farmers will be gathering from across Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and South Africa, to share knowledge and experiences on Farmers' Rights in practice, the revival of farmer-led seed systems, and of restrictive policies which undermine their rights and food sovereignty.

The dialogue forms part of the SKI Farmers' Rights campaign that is a culmination of 8 years of SKI's work, and many generations of farmers' knowledge, through seed and food celebrations that are happening across the region, farmers' dialogues and seed market days. The campaign gives voice to the urgent call by farmers to support their seed practices, to urgently address the threats to Farmers' Rights and in turn wider food and agriculture systems, and work with governments to secure Farmers' Rights in southern Africa and beyond.

The dialogue will also provide a platform for views to be shared by farmers, which will feed into the seminar taking place over the following days. Seminar participants are invited to attend the dialogue as guests. Note that the dialogue is taking place at a different venue from the seminar.



# SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Venue: M'kango Golfview Hotel (formerly Cresta), Lusaka, Zambia

## DAY 1. TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2022

### BUILDING AWARENESS AND DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING OF FARMERS' RIGHTS

INTRODUCTION: PUTTING FARMERS AT THE CENTRE		
8:30	Opening cultural ceremony	Participating farmers
09:00	Experiences from the ground and dialogue inputs	Farmer representatives
9:30	Welcome, programme overview and introductions	UCT and ZAAB
10:30	TEA	
WHY FARMERS' RIGHTS MATTER		
11:00	What farmers' rights are about and why they matter Q&A and discussion	<b>Dr Regine Andersen</b> , Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway
12:00	Sector-based discussion	All
13:00	LUNCH	
FARMERS' RIGHTS IN PRACTICE		
14:00	Keynote: Farmers' rights, human rights and the need for a paradigm shift	<b>Dr Christophe Golay</b> , <b>Dr Karine Peschard</b> , Geneva Academy
14:30	Showcasing farmers' rights in practice and the work of SKI. What are the success factors that contribute to the realisation of farmers rights? (1) Community seed banks and seed fairs (2) Participatory plant breeding	BCI Malawi CTDT Zambia
15:15	TEA	
15:30	(1) Agroecological practices and <i>in-situ</i> conservation strategies (2) Cross-cutting approaches to seed systems (human rights, dialogues, food sovereignty, climate, gender)	PELUM Zimbabwe and ZIMSOFF Biowatch and EarthLore
16:15	PLENARY SYNTHESIS	
17:00	END OF DAY 1	
18:30	Welcome cocktail, finger supper and exhibition of SKI work	



# DAY 2. WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2022

## STRATEGIES TO SECURE FARMERS' RIGHTS

CATALYSING CHANGE TO SECURE FARMERS' RIGHTS		
8:30	RECAP: DAY 1	
9:00	<p><b>What legal strategies do we need to realise farmers' rights?</b></p> <p>A proposed legal framework for the recognition and promotion of farmer-managed seed systems</p> <p>Seed laws to constrain or enable farmers' rights: Lessons from South African experiences</p> <p>Discussion and group work</p>	<p><b>Famara Diédhiou</b>, Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa</p> <p><b>Rutendo Zendah</b>, African Centre for Biodiversity</p>
10:30	TEA	
11:00	<p><b>Approaches to protect farmers' knowledges and innovations</b></p> <p>Open source approaches for protecting farmer varieties in Kenya</p> <p>Innovations for registering farmer varieties in Zambia</p> <p>Approaches to protect farmers' knowledges and innovations in Zimbabwe</p> <p>Discussion and group work</p>	<p><b>Daniel Wanjama</b>, Seed Savers Network, Kenya</p> <p>CTDT Zambia</p> <p><b>Andrew Mushita</b>, CTDT Zimbabwe</p>
13:00	LUNCH	
VIEWS FROM THE GROUND		
14:00	The Inventory on Farmers' Rights: experiences and lessons learned in SADC Region	<b>Mario Marino</b> , ITPGRFA Secretariat



14:30	<b>Country group work: Opportunities and constraints to realise farmers' rights</b>	
	ZAMBIA	<b>Graybill Munkombwe</b> , ZARI <b>Frances Davies</b> , ZAAB
	SOUTH AFRICA	<b>Mutondi Rambau</b> , DALRRD <b>Vanessa Black</b> , Biowatch
	ZIMBABWE	<b>Dorcas Tawonashe</b> , Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development and <b>Onismus Chipfunde</b> , Genetic Resources and Biotech Institute <b>Gertrude Pswarayi-Jabson</b> , PELUM Zimbabwe
	MALAWI	<b>Laurent Pungulani</b> , Malawi Plant Genetic Resources <b>Chifundo Khokwe</b> , SCOPE Malawi <b>Ellen Kapeleta</b> , CEPA
15:30	TEA	
<b>MOVING FORWARD</b>		
16:00	Actions to move forward	
17:30	CLOSURE	
19:00	DINNER	