

# Remarks on “land reform and food security”.

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# Some questions

## 1. Why expropriation?

- Because there is not enough land on the market?
- Because the current land reform programme does not succeed in redistributing land?

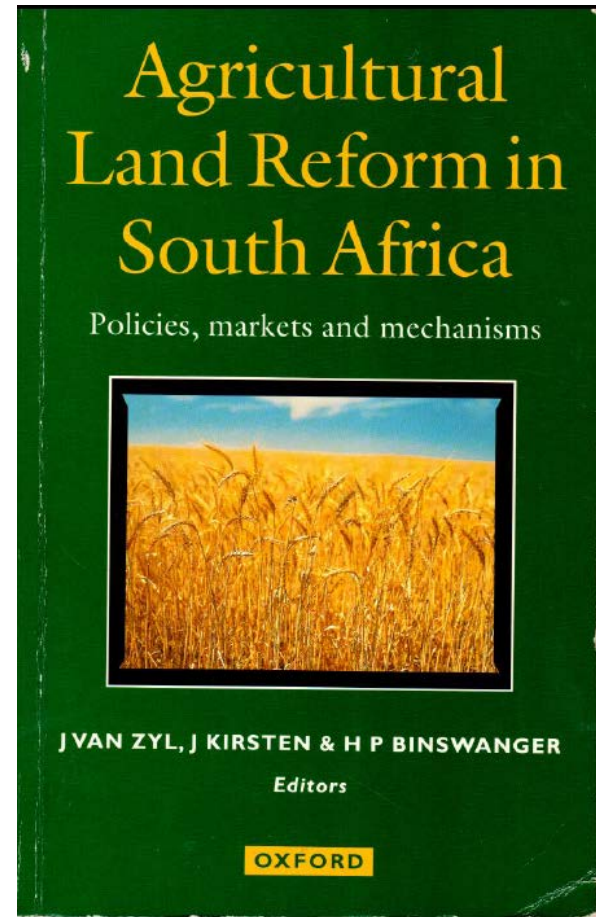
## 2. Why no compensation?

- Because the land was stolen or unjustly obtained? Can it be proven that all current land owners have stolen the land?
- Because Land owners are asking exorbitant prices?
- Because DRLDR has no budget?
- Does it apply to land and all improvements (trees, pack houses, etc)

## 3. Or, is this just politics?

# The years of negotiation and design

- Agricultural economists were heavily involved in the design process
- World Bank “Land Reform Options” conference : Oct 1993
- Conceptualization and design of book on land reform – 1994-1995
- Main philosophy of the book



# Lessons of international experience with land reform

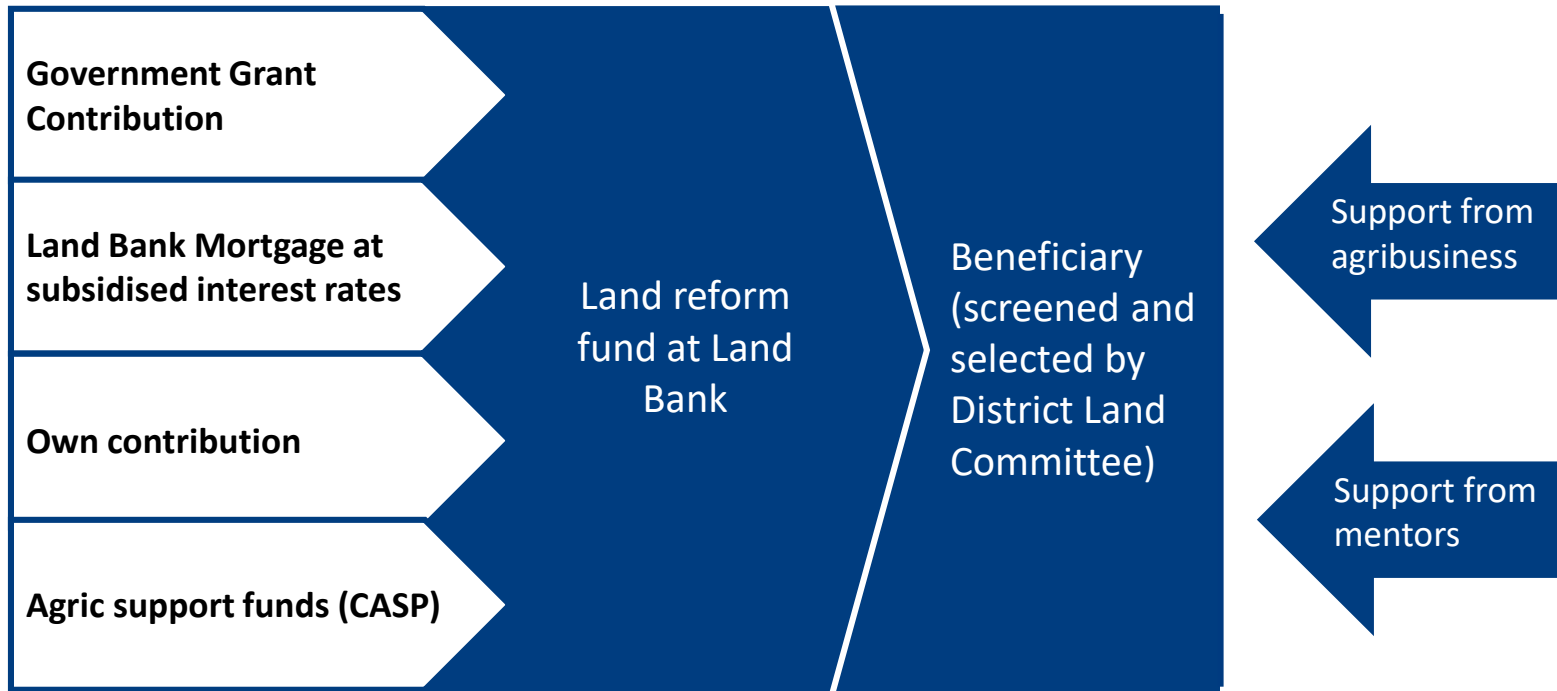
- Need to be fast-paced otherwise, excessive bureaucracy, centralisation and legal challenge will happen
- Careful assessment of livelihood options
- Consensus across the political spectrum needed
- Programmes that relied only on the State and the public sector failed
- Land reform only one part of a comprehensive programme of economic reconstruction.
- → market assisted programmes tend to perform better

# Performance evaluation studies

- 1. 2005 and 2010 – evaluation of land reform projects in North West**
  - Mass failures – RADP
- 2. Evaluation of RADP 2013 - duplicating failed efforts of agriculture departments**
  - Critical recommendation (p12) - confirming one of the lessons
- 3. Evaluation of CASP 2014**

**Reports point to the fact that land reform is constrained by poor agricultural support systems**

# A simplified funding mechanism for land reform





# Closure

- Land expropriation without compensation is not necessary!
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- Fix the broken system of land delivery and support
- No need for redesign – use commercial farmers and agribusiness to do the task
- Elephant in the room: “ Why is land reform and agriculture divorced?”
- If you want to have successful land reform only agricultural experts should work with land and water – the two most critical inputs for any farming enterprise!
- Need solid commitment, honest engagement and smart incentives

**THANK YOU!**