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Fighting for land security in southern Africa

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Land

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Land may refer to:

- The part of the [Earth](#) that is not covered by water

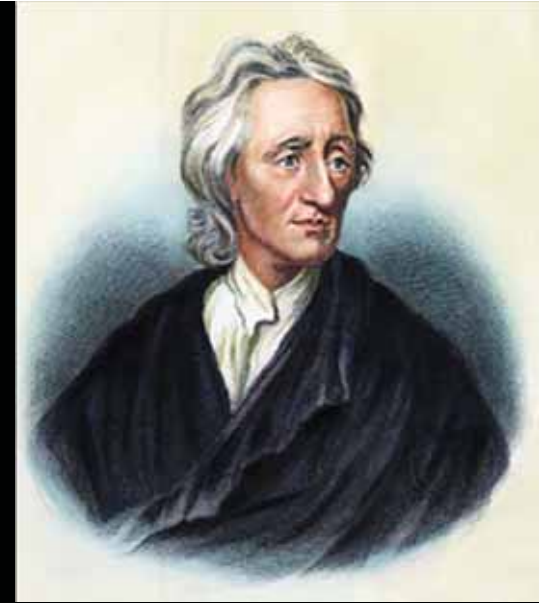


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"The equal right of all men and women to the use of land is as clear as their equal right to breathe the air. It is a right proclaimed by the fact of their existence. For we cannot suppose that some men and women have a right to be in this world and others do not."

Henry George

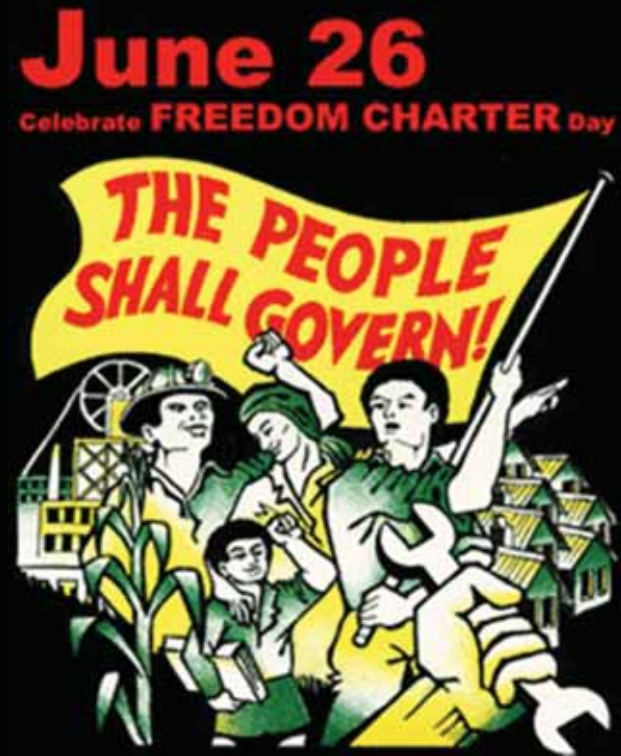


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“ Restrictions of land ownership on a racial basis shall be ended, and all the land re-divided amongst those who work it to banish famine and land hunger; ... All shall have the right to occupy land wherever they choose”

Freedom Charter, 1955



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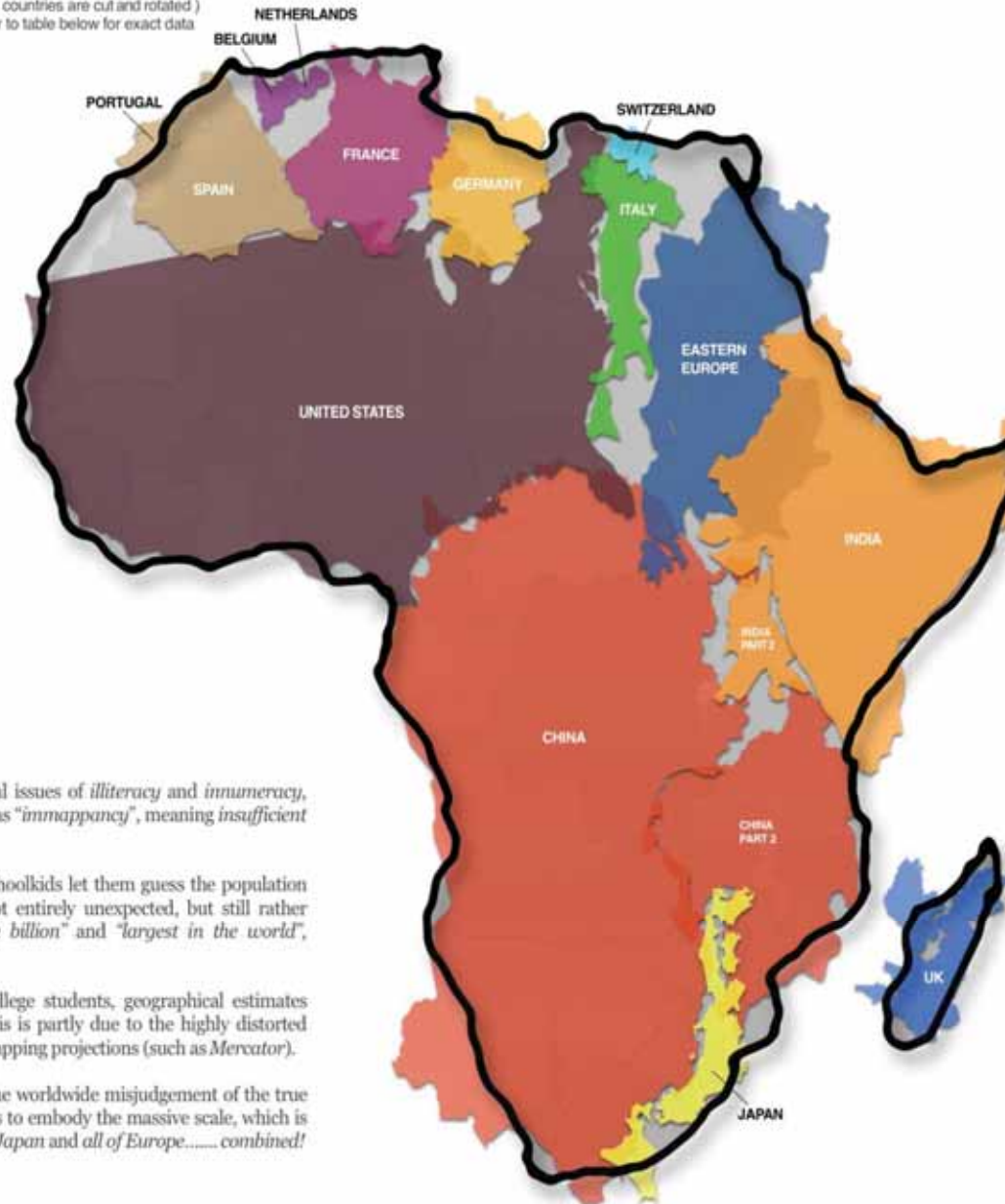
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The True Size of Africa

A small contribution in the fight against rampant immappancy, by Kai Krause

Graphic layout for visualization only (some countries are cut and rotated)
But the conclusions are very accurate: refer to table below for exact data

COUNTRY	AREA x 1000 km ²
China	9.597
USA	9.629
India	3.287
Mexico	1.964
Peru	1.285
France	633
Spain	506
Papua New Guinea	462
Sweden	441
Japan	378
Germany	357
Norway	324
Italy	301
New Zealand	270
United Kingdom	243
Nepal	147
Bangladesh	144
Greece	132
TOTAL	30.102
AFRICA	30.221



Top 100 Countries

Area in square kilometers, Percentage of World Total
Sources: Britannica, Wikipedia, Almanac 2010

	AREA km ²	%	
1	Russia	17.098.242	11,50
2	Canada	9.984.670	6,70
3	China	9.596.961	6,40
4	United States	9.629.291	6,40
5	Brazil	8.511.977	5,70
6	Australia	7.692.024	5,20
7	India	3.287.263	2,30
8	Argentina	2.780.400	2,00
9	Kazakhstan	2.724.900	1,80
10	Sudan	2.505.813	1,70
11	Algeria	2.381.741	1,60
12	Congo	2.344.858	1,60
13	Greenland	2.166.086	1,50
14	Saudi Arabia	2.149.690	1,40
15	Mexico	1.964.375	1,30
16	Indonesia	1.860.360	1,30
17	Lilya	1.759.540	1,20
18	Iran	1.628.790	1,10
19	Monqolia	1.564.100	1,10
20	Peru	1.285.215	0,86
21	Chad	1.284.000	0,86
22	Niger	1.267.000	0,85
23	Angola	1.246.700	0,83
24	Mali	1.240.160	0,83
25	South Africa	1.221.037	0,82
26	Colombia	1.141.748	0,76
27	Ethiopia	1.104.300	0,74
28	Bolivia	1.096.581	0,74
29	Mauritania	1.025.520	0,69
30	Egypt	1.002.000	0,67
31	Tanzania	945.087	0,63
32	Nigeria	923.769	0,62
33	Venezuela	912.000	0,61
34	Romania	824.118	0,55
35	Mozambique	801.590	0,54
36	Pakistan	796.095	0,53
37	Turkey	783.562	0,53
38	Chile	756.102	0,51
39	Zambia	752.612	0,51
40	Myanmar	676.579	0,45
41	Alghesistan	632.290	0,44
42	Somalia	627.657	0,43
43	France	632.634	0,43
44	C. African Rep	622.844	0,42
45	Ukraine	603.500	0,41
46	Madagascar	587.041	0,39
47	Botswana	580.000	0,39
48	Kenya	580.367	0,39
49	Yemen	527.968	0,35
50	Thailand	513.120	0,34
51	Spain	505.980	0,34
52	Turkmenistan	488.100	0,33
53	Cameroon	475.442	0,32
54	Papua New Guinea	462.840	0,31
55	Uzbekistan	447.400	0,30
56	Morocco	446.568	0,30
57	Sweden	441.370	0,30
58	Iraq	438.317	0,29
59	Paraguay	408.752	0,27
60	Zimbabwe	390.757	0,26
61	Japan	377.930	0,25
62	Germany	357.114	0,24
63	Rep +1 Congo	342.000	0,23
64	Finland	338.419	0,23
65	Vietnam	331.212	0,22
66	Malaysia	330.809	0,22
67	Norway	325.802	0,22
68	Cote d'Ivoire	322.465	0,22
69	Poland	312.689	0,21
70	Oman	308.900	0,21
71	Italy	301.338	0,20
72	Philippines	300.000	0,20
73	Burkina Faso	274.232	0,18
74	New Zealand	270.467	0,18
75	Gabon	267.668	0,18
76	Western Sahara	266.000	0,18
77	Ecuador	282.269	0,20
78	Guinea	245.857	0,17
79	United Kingdom	242.900	0,16
80	Uganda	241.038	0,16
81	Ghana	238.539	0,16
82	Romania	238.391	0,16
83	Leban	236.800	0,16
84	Guyana	214.969	0,14
85	Belize	207.800	0,14
86	Kyrgyzstan	198.901	0,13
87	Senegal	196.722	0,13
88	Syria	185.180	0,12
89	Cambodia	181.035	0,12
90	Uruguay	176.219	0,12
91	Suriname	163.820	0,11
92	Tunisia	163.612	0,11
93	Nepal	147.181	0,10
94	Bangladesh	143.998	0,10
95	Tajikistan	143.100	0,10
96	Greece	131.857	0,09
97	Nicaragua	130.373	0,09
98	North Korea	120.539	0,08
99	Malawi	118.484	0,08
100	Eritrea	117.600	0,08
TOP 100 TOTAL	132.632.524	86,34	



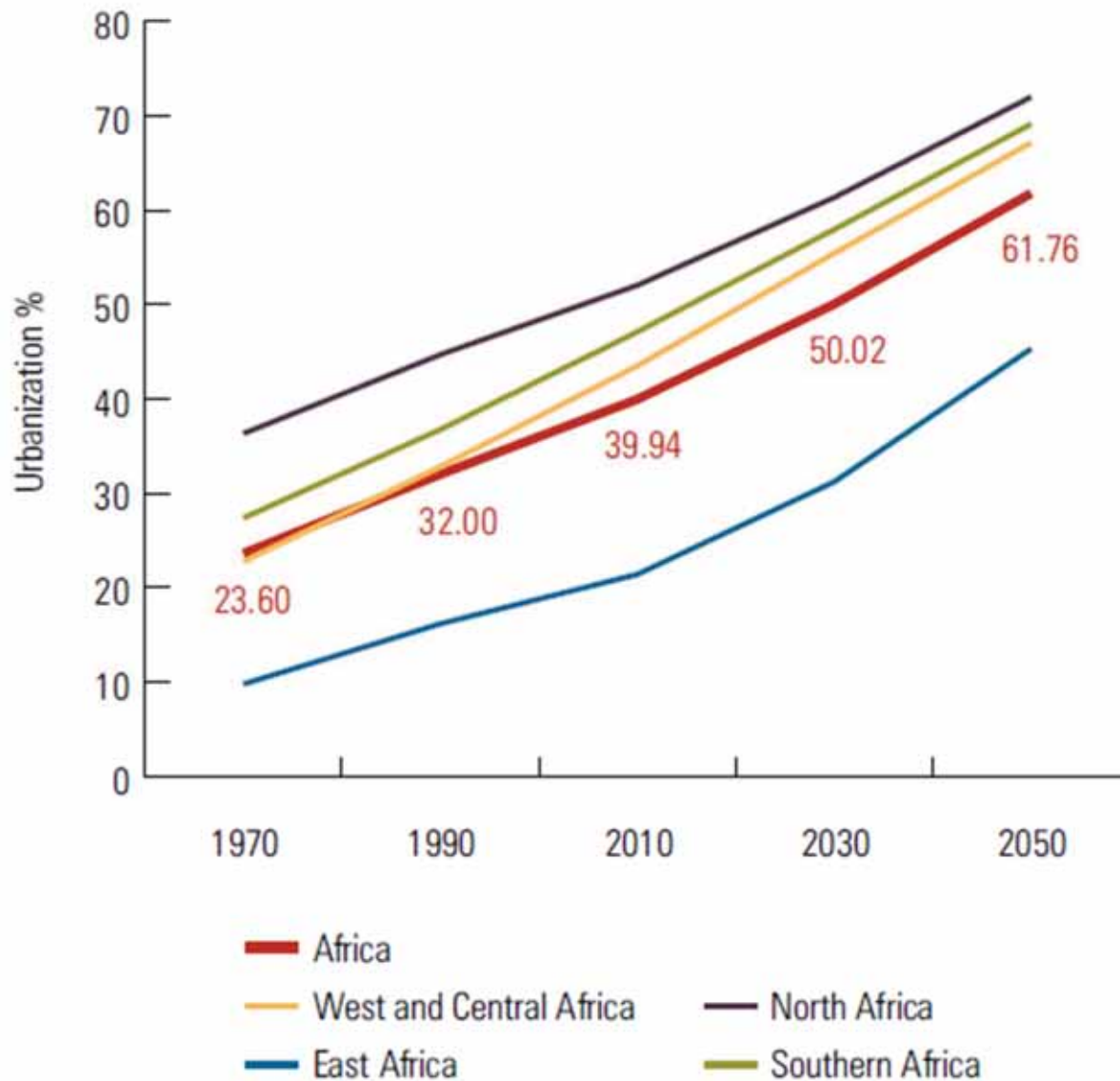
In addition to the well known social issues of illiteracy and innumeracy, there also should be such a concept as "immappancy", meaning insufficient geographical knowledge.

A survey with random American schoolkids let them guess the population and land area of their country. Not entirely unexpected, but still rather unsettling, the majority chose "1-2 billion" and "largest in the world", respectively.

Even with Asian and European college students, geographical estimates were often off by factors of 2-3. This is partly due to the highly distorted nature of the predominantly used mapping projections (such as Mercator).

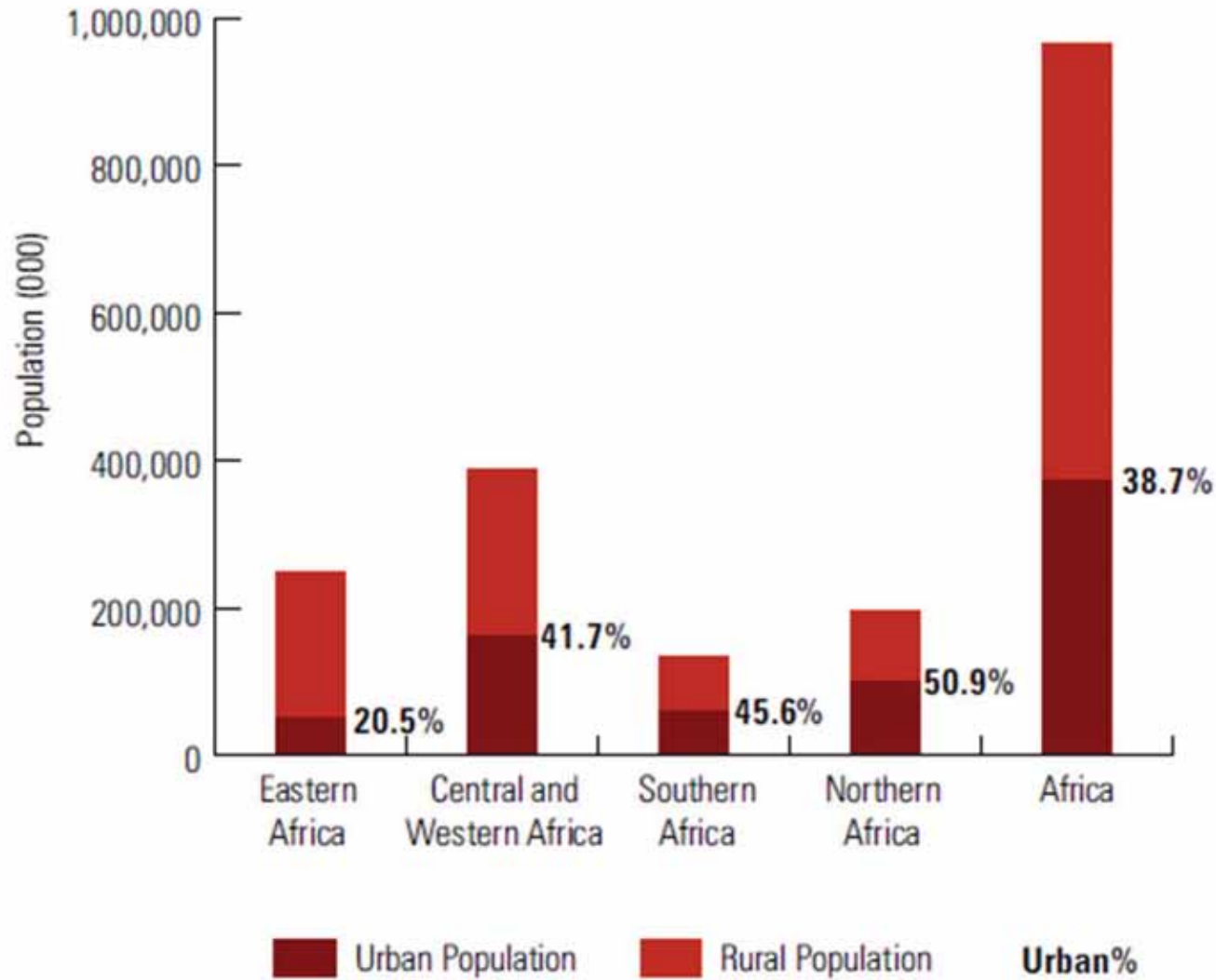
A particularly extreme example is the worldwide misjudgement of the true size of Africa. This single image tries to embody the massive scale, which is larger than the USA, China, India, Japan and all of Europe..... combined!

AFRICAN REGIONS' URBANIZATION TREND 1970-2050 (PERCENT)



The state of
African Cities
2008
UN Habitat

AFRICAN POPULATION 2007



The state of
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“ From our point of view, urban is the new rural”

Matthias Schmale, the IFRC

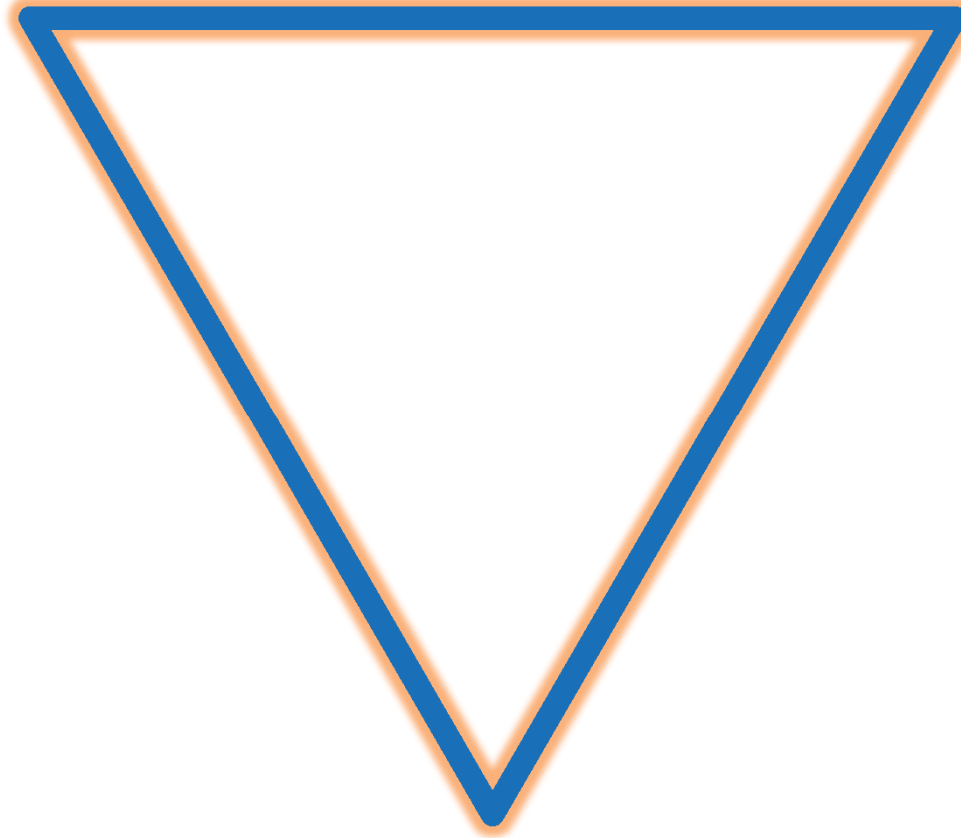


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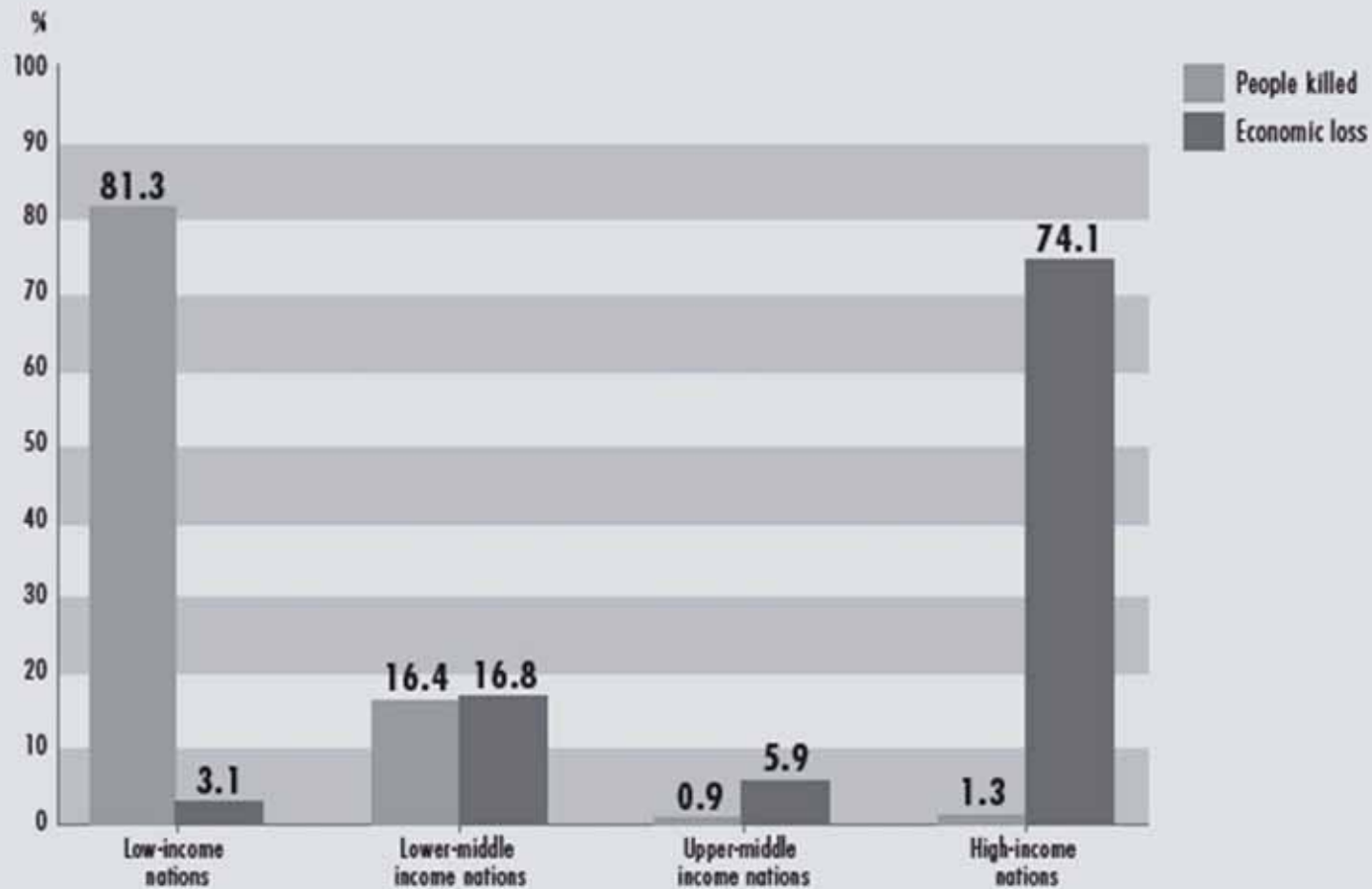
RIGHTS

RESOURCES



LOCATION

Distribution of fatalities and economic loss from tropical cyclones per year



Source: Based on figures from UNISDR (2009)

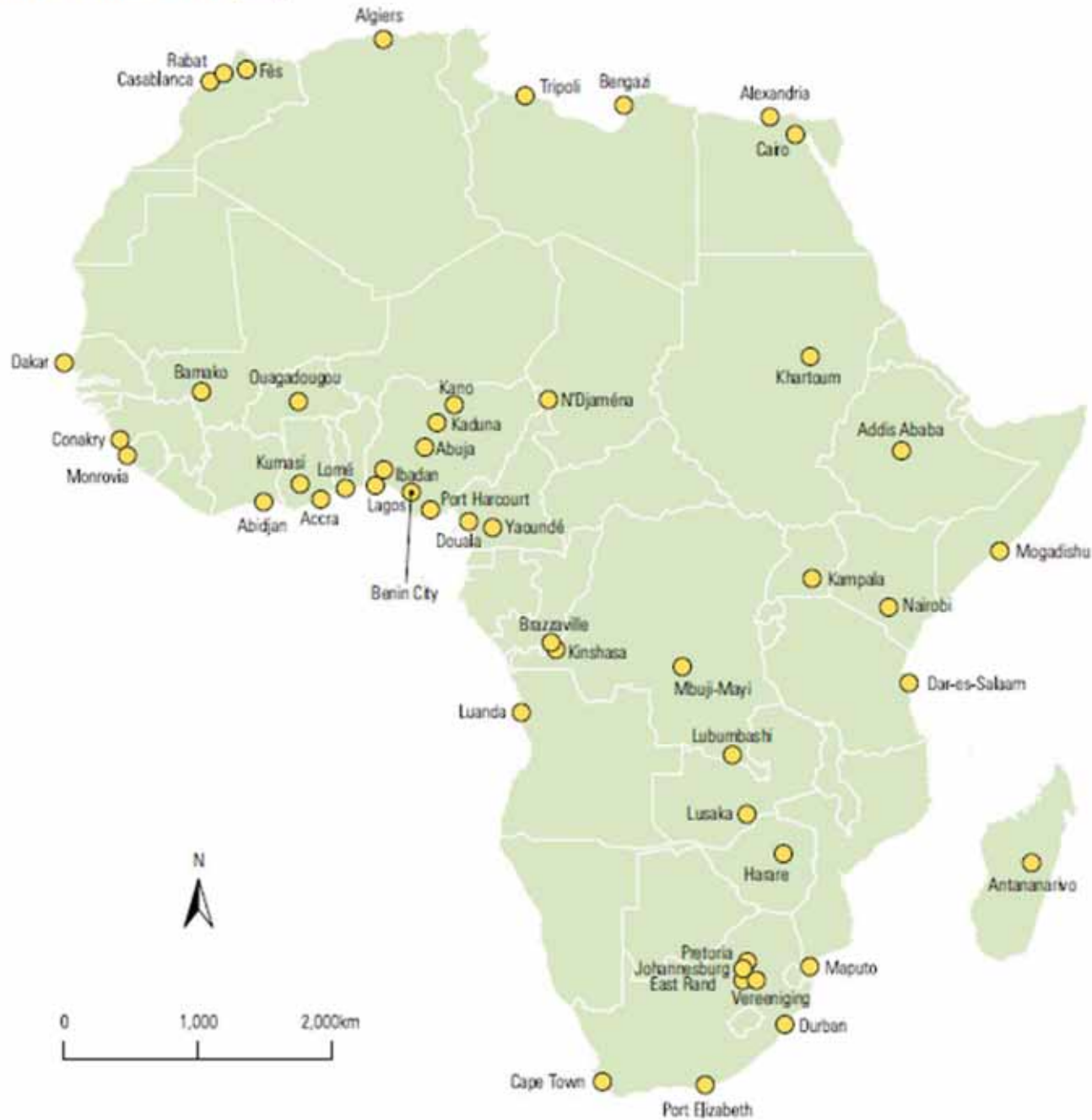


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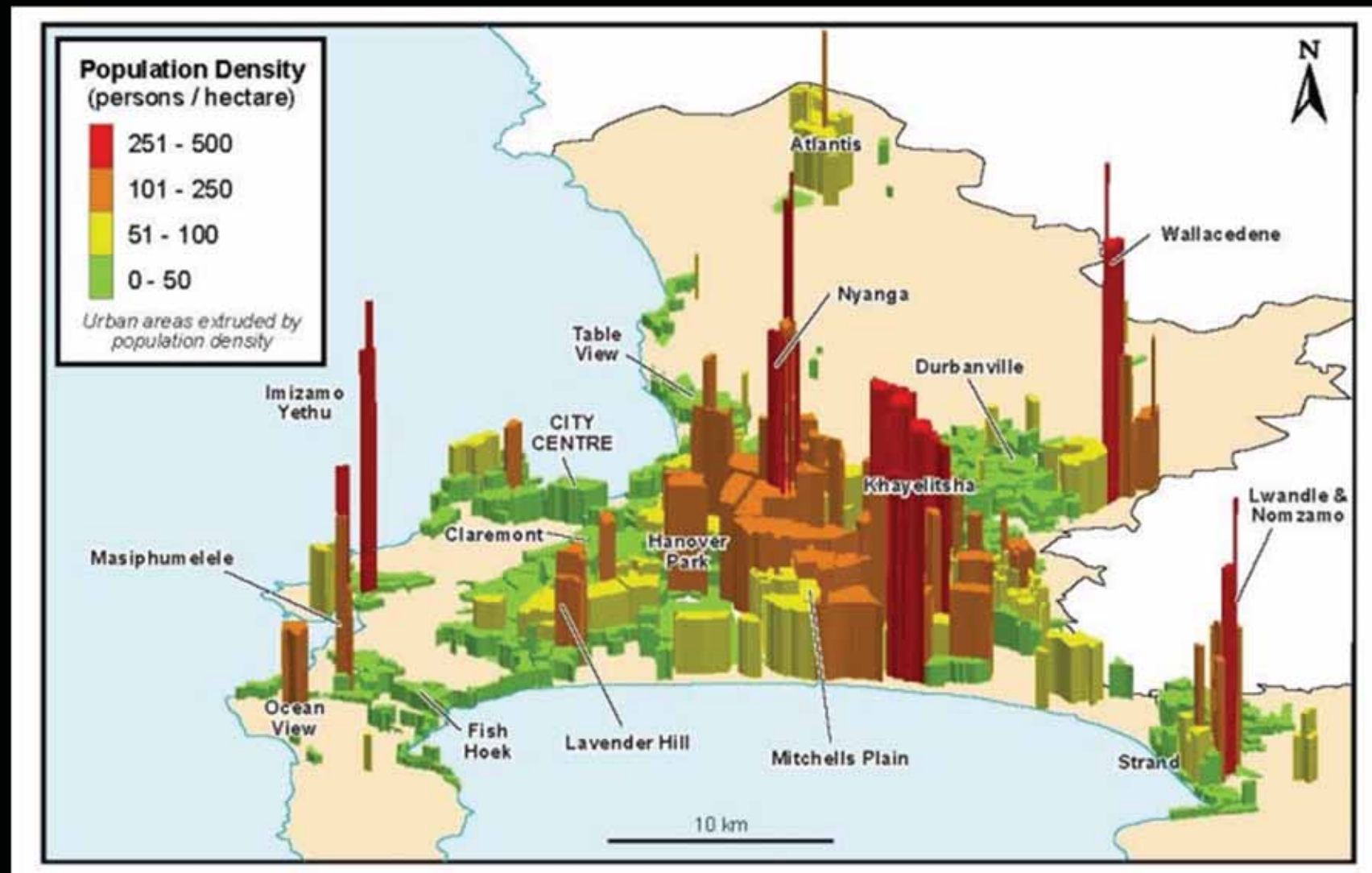
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49 ONE + MILLION CITIES IN AFRICA (2008)



The state of African Cities 2008
UN Habitat



Source: Ivan Turok



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Source: Chris Berens

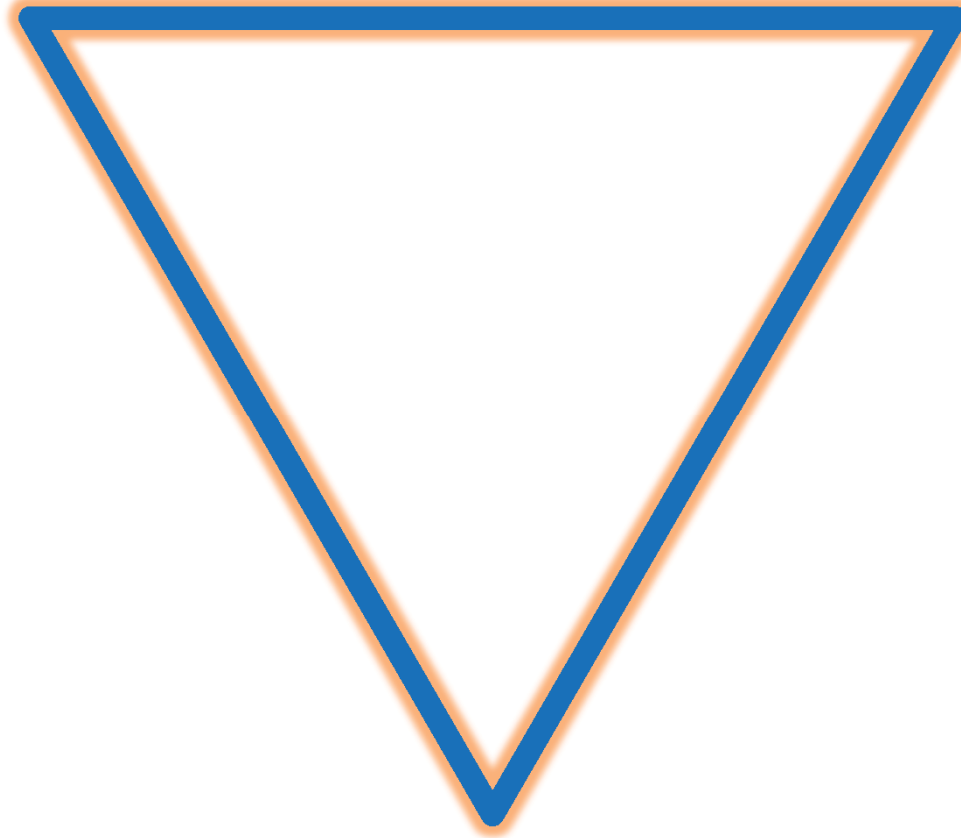
“Global warming and related climate changes are likely to significantly increase the weather-related risks facing human settlements, including floods, water and power supply failures and the potential associated economic collapse into "failed cities”

Adapting to climate change: Mike Muller, 2007



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" ... insecure rights to land tenure and shelter provide a major obstacle for promoting investment. Land competition can also trigger and exacerbate wider conflicts."

Camilla Toulmin

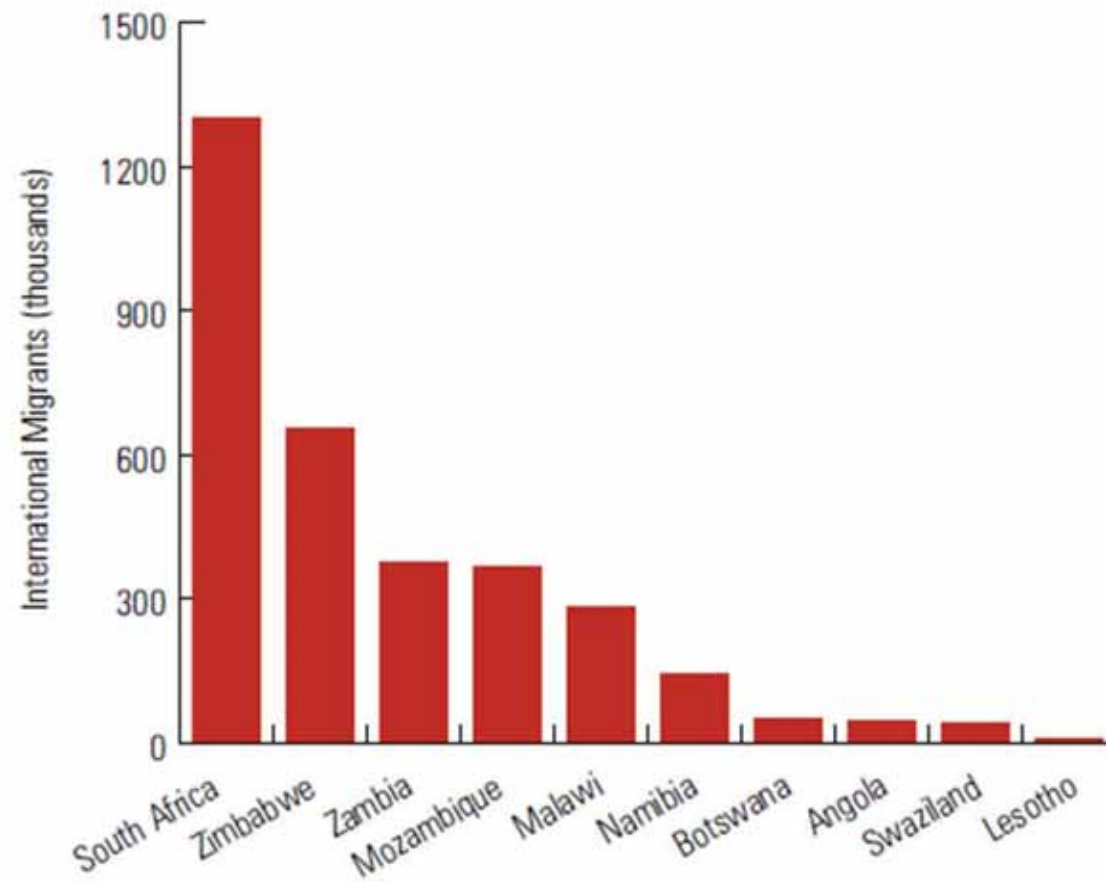


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FIGURE 5.1.3: ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESIDENT INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS BY ORIGIN (MID-YEAR 2000)



Source: UN Population Division, 2004



"Every individual has the inalienable right to life, liberty and the security of person. Insecurity has a disproportionate impact in further marginalising poor communities. Cities must strive to avoid human conflicts and natural disasters by involving all stakeholders in crime and conflict prevention and disaster preparedness. Security also implies freedom from persecution, forced eviction and provides for security of tenure."

UN Habitat 2000



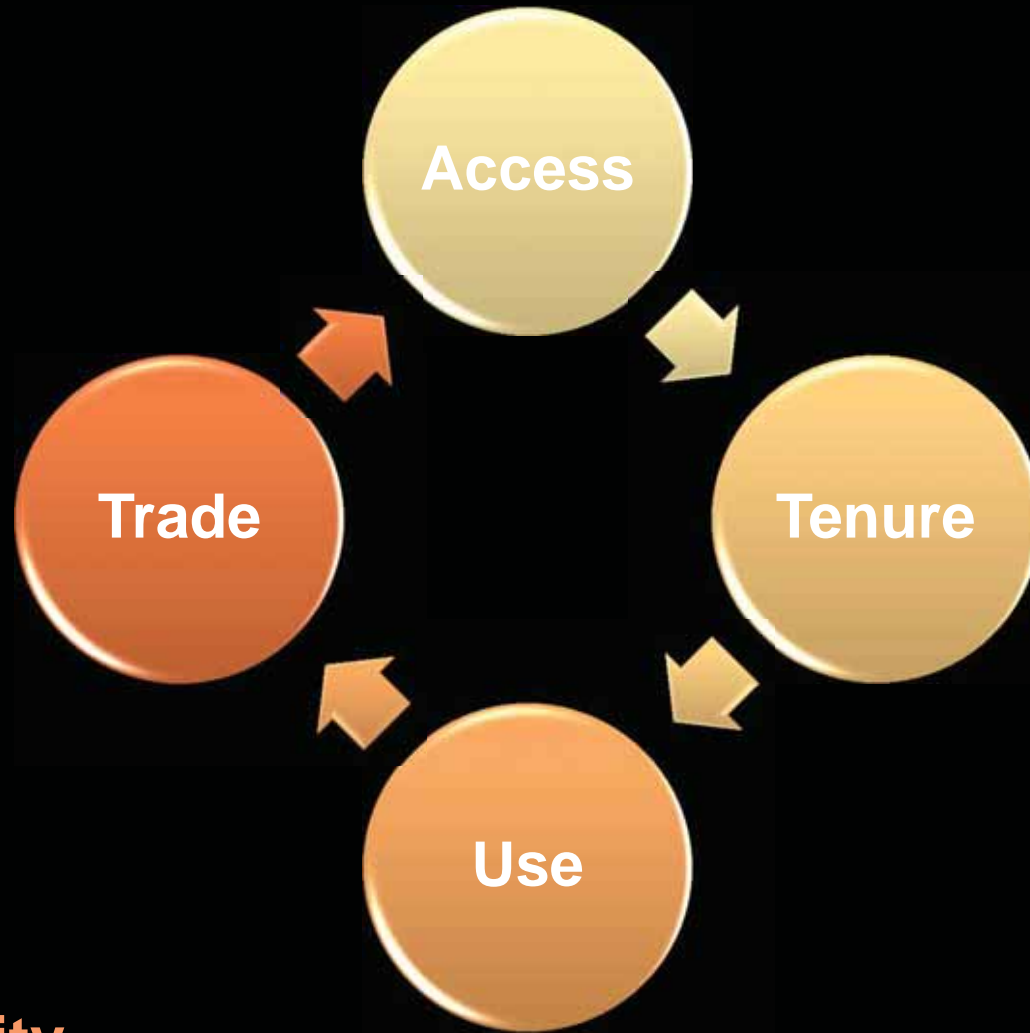
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LAND SECURITY

Land security is when all people have sustainable access to (urban and rural) land which is safe and useful for sustaining life.

Because land is a finite resource, access to land by some should not undermine its use by other people, nations and indeed species.



Land Security



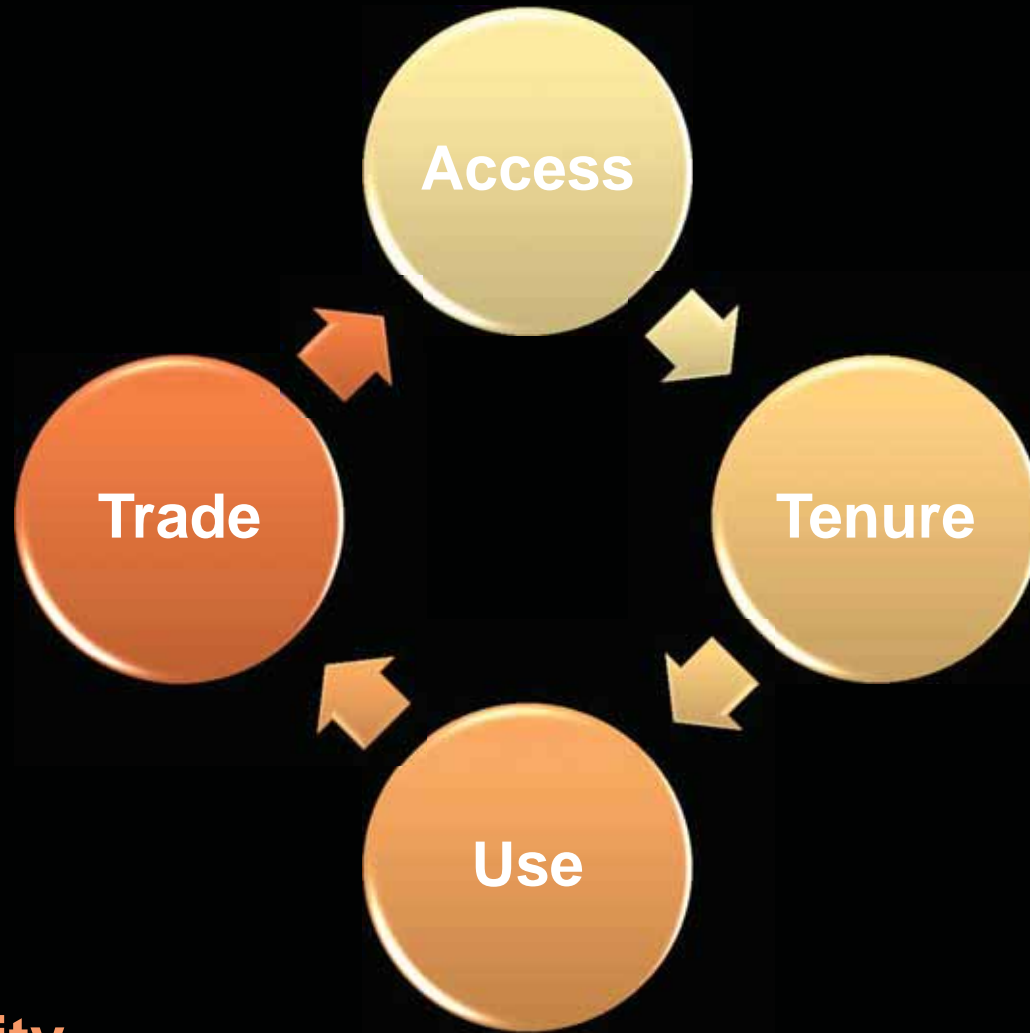
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“One of the great challenges of the 21st century for the humanitarian aid community is to learn how to work with the untitled, the undocumented, the unlisted and the unregistered that live on the edges of our cities”

Paul Conneally





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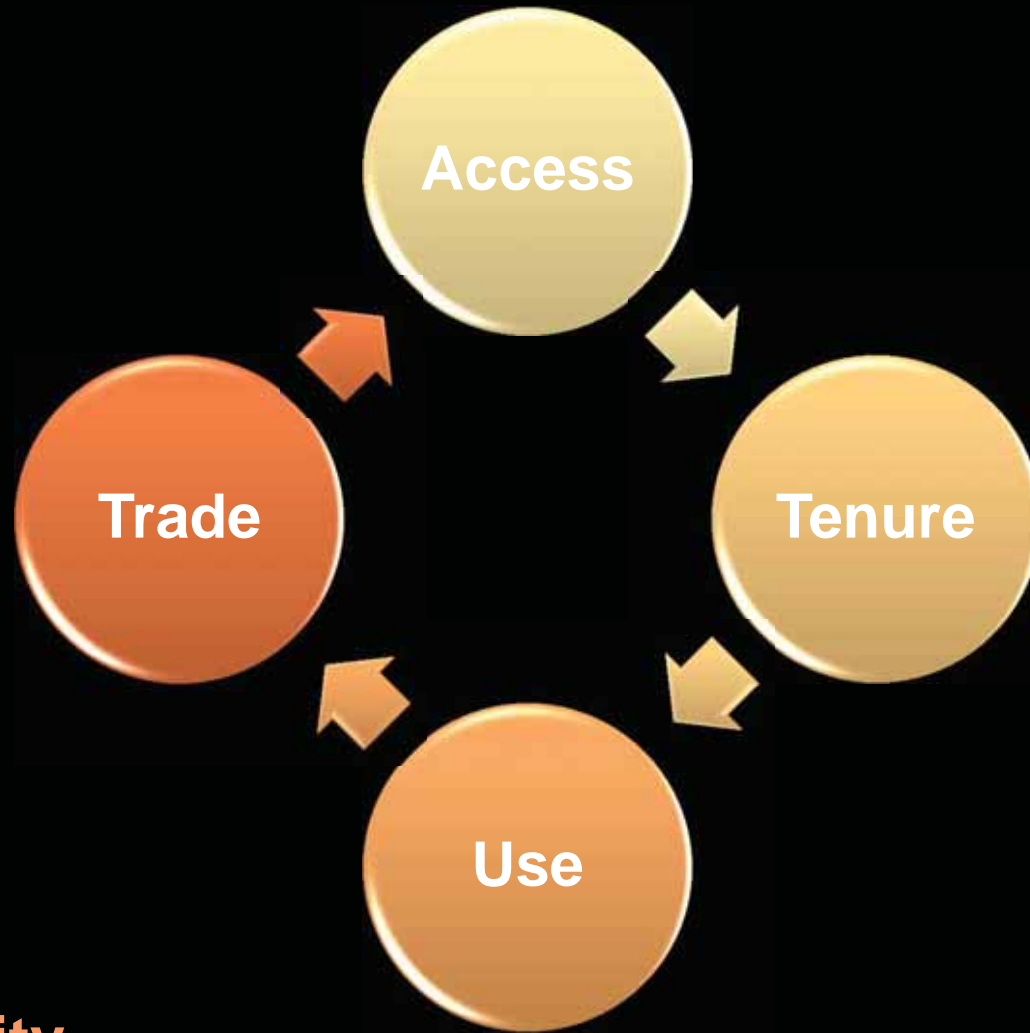
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“Access to land is a fundamental basis for human shelter, food production and other economic activity, including by businesses and natural resource users of all kinds. Secure rights to land encourage people to invest in improved dwellings and the land itself; they can also enable people to access public services and sources of credit.”

GLTN





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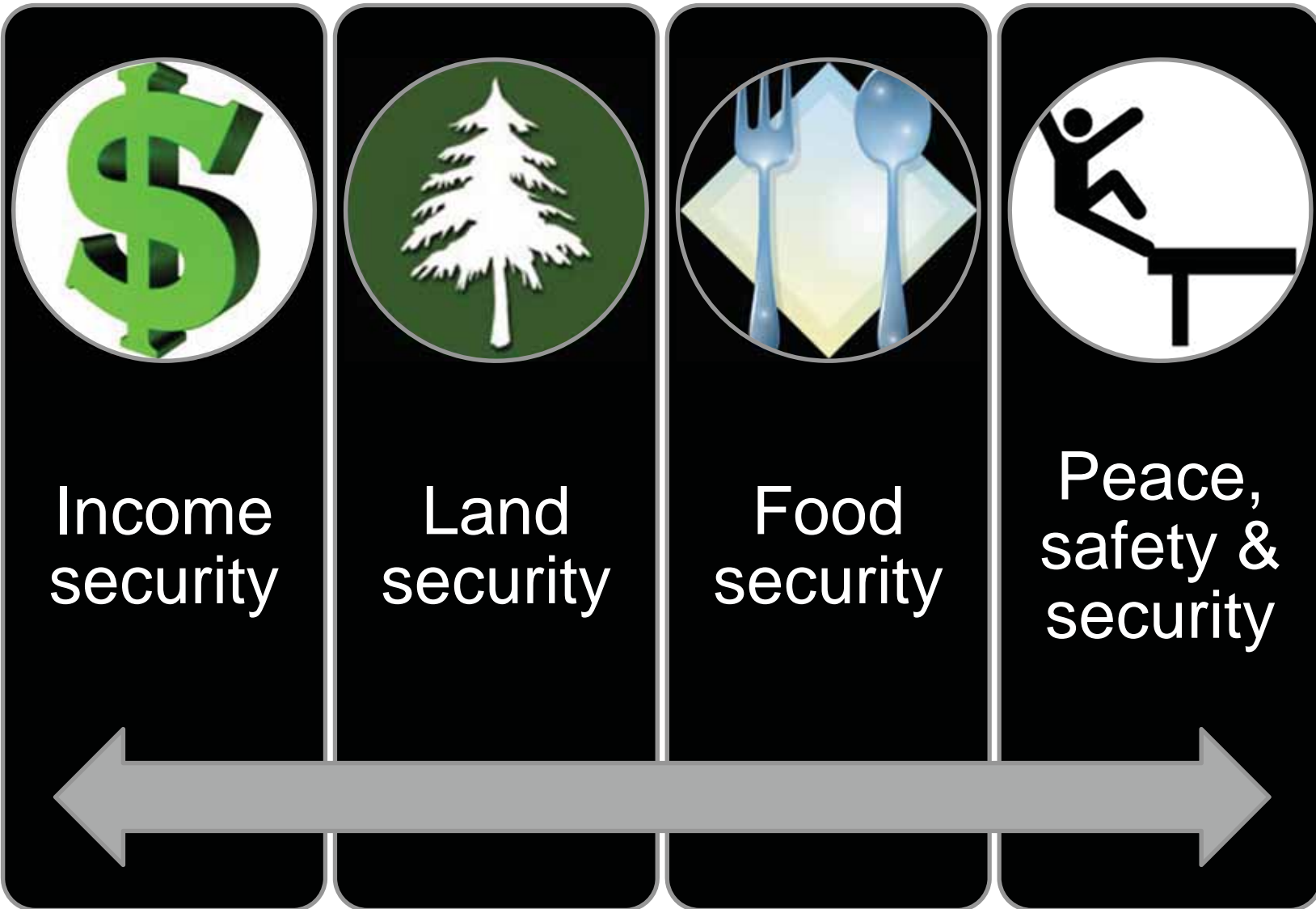
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