

GLOBAL RHETORIC AND LOCAL REALITIES Zimbabwean Land Reform

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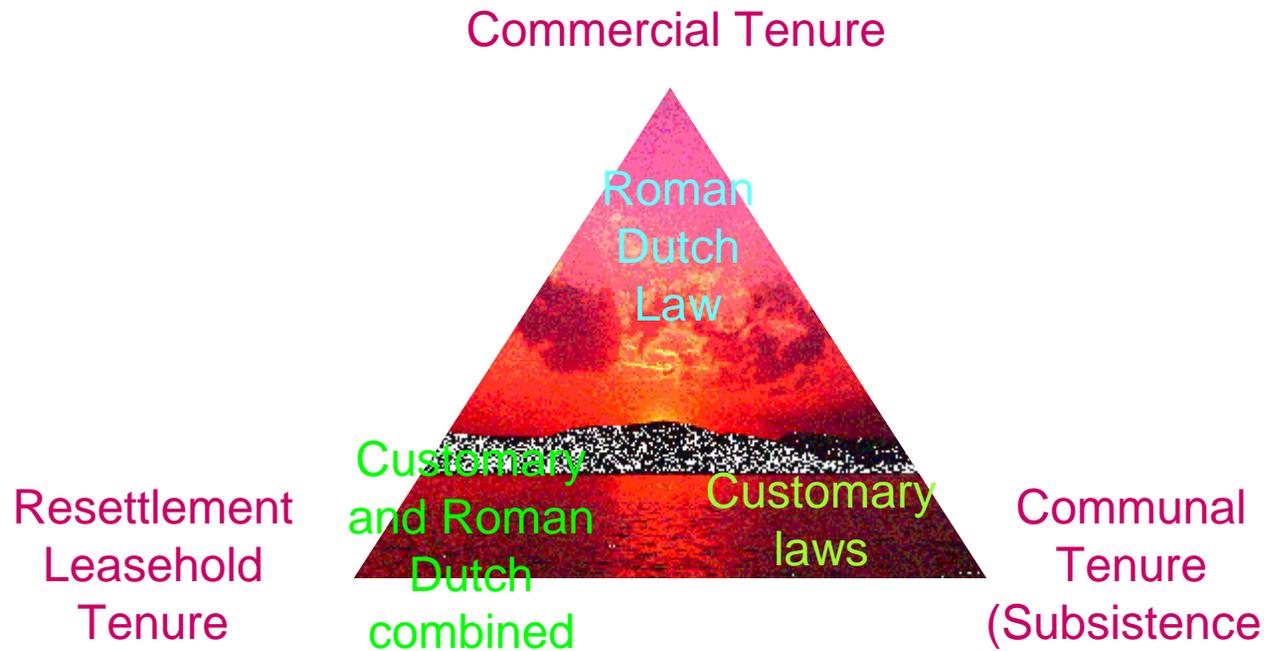
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Introduction

- Land Ownership disparities exist
- Consensus on need for reform
- Disputes with implementation
- Not sure with outcome meeting expectations
- Management & implementation issues not political but social and economic issues

Brief Background to Zimbabwean Land Tenure



The ethics of Land Reform

- Equity of access to land
- Broadened revenue base
- Multi-cultural society
 - 90% view land for subsistence
 - 5% view land for commercial exploitation
 - State views land as national resource
- Administrative structure
 - Duel (political vs. traditional)

The 'Fast Track' reform

- **Achievements**
 - Transition of power from Technocrats to Blacks
- **Problems**
 - Uncertainty on security of tenure
 - Disruption of (agricultural & industrial) production
 - Lack of investment
 - No alternative



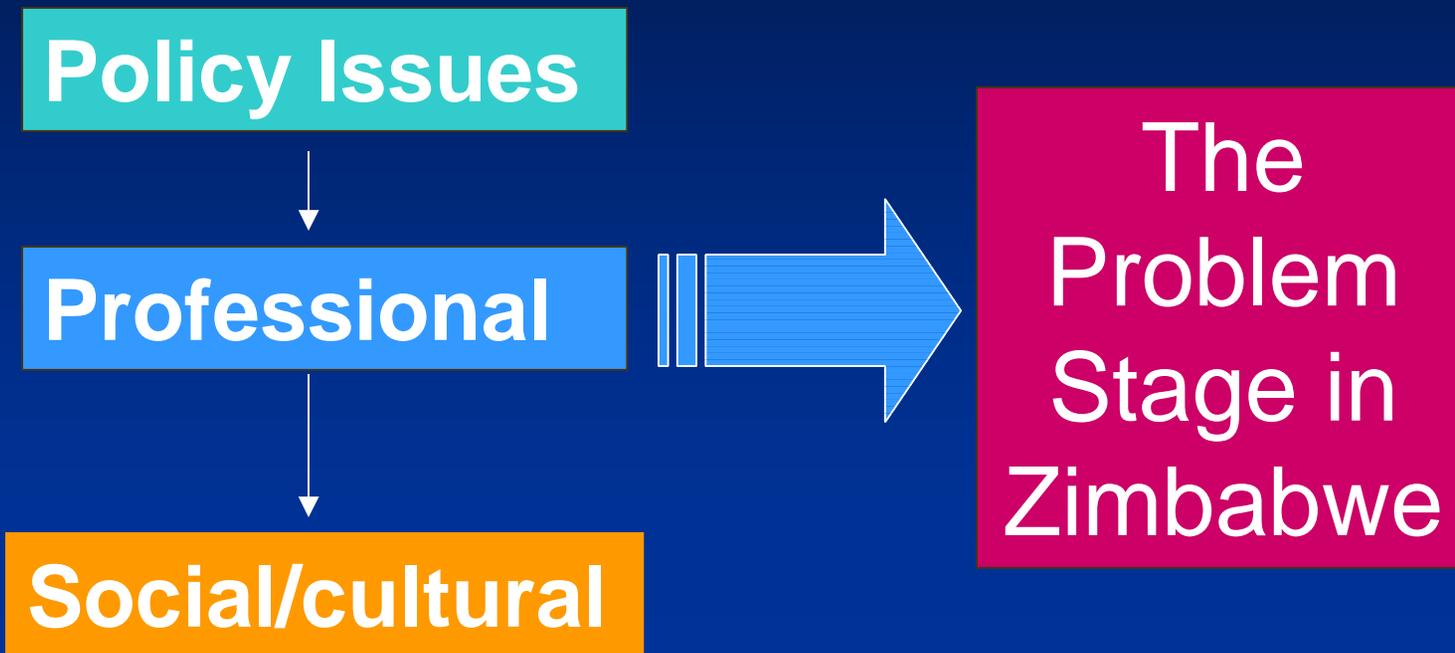
The Role of Information System

- **Pros**
 - Audit for public confidence
 - Effectiveness (e.g. Tax revenue)
 - Maintain sustainability in reform
- **Cons**
 - Initial cost
 - Human resources
 - Speed

World Views vs. Local Views

- **World Views**
 - Politics
 - Historical
- **Local Views**
 - Economic (Food for survival)
 - Shelter (Accommodation)
 - Security (Inheritance for off springs)
 - Sustainability

Professional View to Land Reform



Conclusions

- Human Survival Priority 1
- Stability (Social, and Economic)
- Maintain production
- Human rights to property
- Community cooperation (?)

