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**THE PASTORALIST'S PARCEL**  
TOWARDS BETTER LAND TENURE RECOGNITION AND CLIMATE  
CHANGE RESPONSE IN KENYA'S DRY LANDS

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## Overview

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1. Pastoralism, Property, and the Continuum of Land Rights
2. Enter: Climate Change
3. Ground Level: West Pokot, Turkana, Kajiado
4. A Way Forward
5. Preliminary Work and Results

## Pastoralism, property, and the continuum of land rights

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- Pastoralism
  - A dominant form of land use in Kenya's drylands
- Property regimes
  - A challenge for pastoralism
- Support for pastoralism
  - Conceptual: continuum of land rights
  - Policy: voluntary guidelines, AU statement, Kenya Land Policy
  - Implementation..... ?



## Climate change: threat or new opportunity?

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- Threats
  - Large-scale acquisitions
  - Nature conservation
  - Eco-tourism
  - Mining
  - Forestry and biofuels
- Opportunities
  - Pastoralism is recognized as a sustainable livelihood approach
  - Limitations of private property regimes is recognized



## Providing context

- West Pokot
  - Subsistence agriculture vs. pastoralism
  - Boundary challenges and no-go zones
  
- Turkana
  - Riverine cultivation and fishing vs. pastoralism
  - Recent oil discovery
  
- Kajiado
  - Agriculture, urbanization, and pastoralism
  - Wildlife
  - Historical land claims



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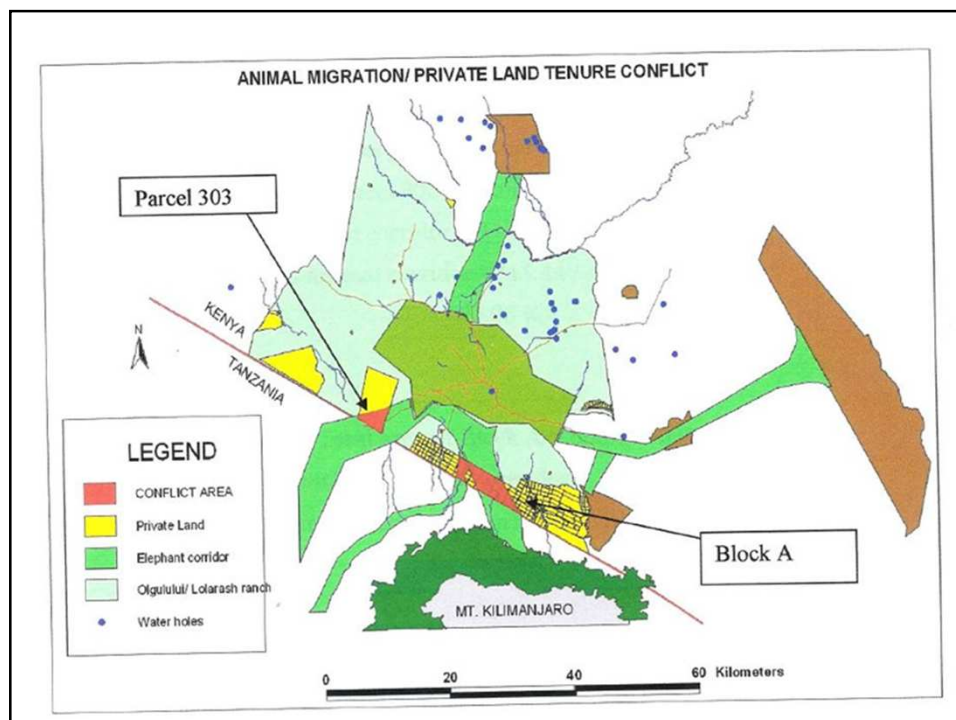
## A way forward

- How do we operationalize the ideological support?
- Much already done:
  - IGAD Intergovernmental Authority on Development
    - ICPAC Climate Prediction and Applications Center
    - ICPALD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development
  - CEWARN Conflict Early Warning Response Mechanism
  - ITC, e.g. Lengoiboni 2011, Navaisha integrated assessment of water
  - ASC stakeholder dialogue on land and water management
  - ..some mapping



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## Much remains to be done...

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- Routes only mapped coarsely
- Climate change induces changes to routes are unknown
- Conventional mapping and registration tools are anachronistic
- Convert and apply existing knowledge and innovative tools (e.g. STDM)
- Capacity must be developed



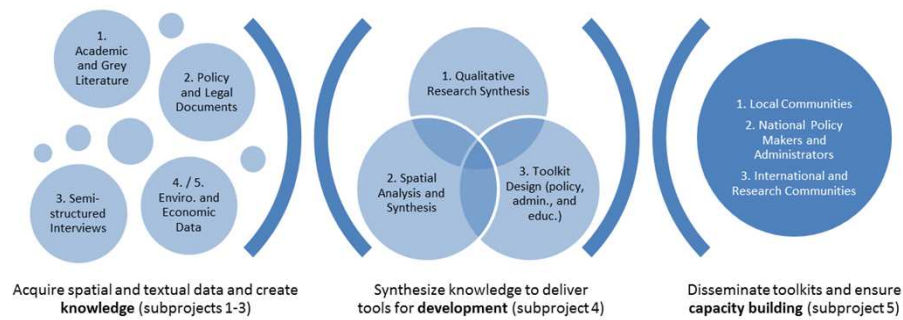
## Preliminary work

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- DFID and NWO Workshop
  - January 2013
- Focus on identification
  - underlying problems
  - tangible solutions
  - stakeholder engagement
- Land information recognized as one important factor
- Trans-disciplinary approach, incl. vital local knowledge



## Proposed work



## Conclusion

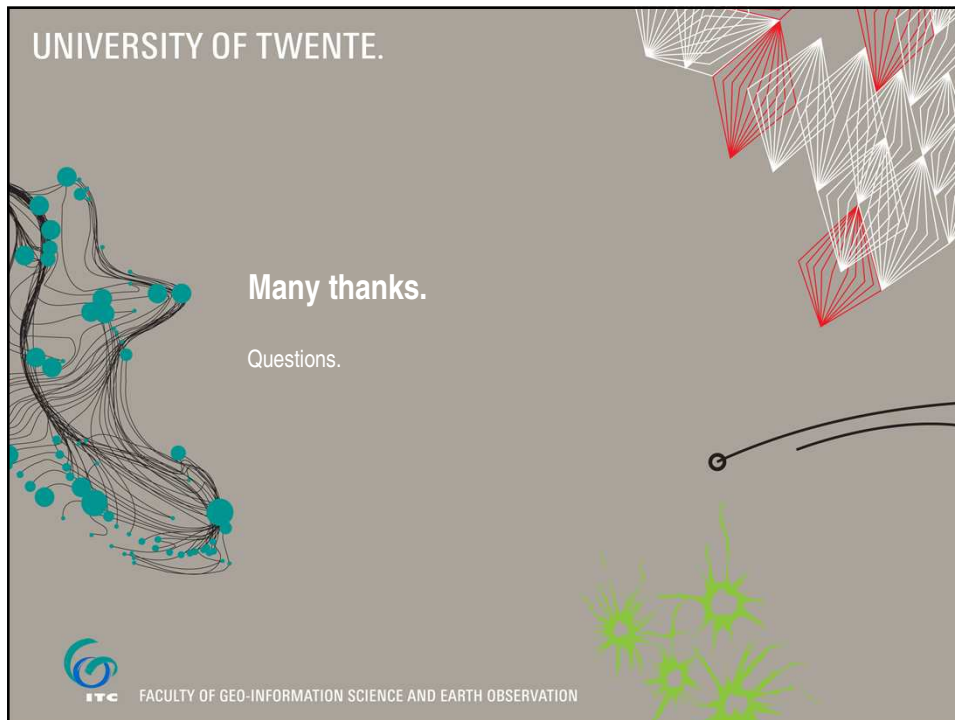
- Pastoralism: a sustainable livelihood
- Climate change: both opportunity and threat
- Continuum of land rights
  - taking hold at policy level
  - operationalization remains the challenge
- The way forward
  - Further tool development, implementation, and capacity building



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Many thanks.

Questions.



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