



### **Biodata for Harold Liversage**

Harold Liversage is currently Lead Land Tenure Technical Specialist for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). In this capacity he is responsible for assisting IFAD to better address land and natural resource tenure security issues in its projects and programmes. His work also includes supporting IFAD's engagement in initiatives such as the Africa Land Policy Initiative, the formulation and implementation of the "*Voluntary Guidelines for the Responsible Governance of Tenure*", the Land Governance Assessment Framework and the formulation of SDG land tenure indicators. He is currently (2017 – 2018) the Chair of the Global Donor Working Group on Land.

He has over 25 years of experience in land and natural resource governance policy formulation and implementation, mainly in Eastern and Southern Africa. This includes working with and for governments, international development agencies and CSOs in: project and programme management; multi-stakeholder consultation and negotiation processes; institutional development and capacity building; participatory research and planning; and resource mobilization and people management. He has extensive experience in integrating land tenure security and governance measures into government rural poverty reduction programmes.

Prior to joining IFAD in 2004, he worked in the early 1990s for the Association for Rural Advancement (AFRA), a land rights NGO based in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, and then as a KwaZulu-Natal Land Reform Programme Coordinator for the South African Government's Department of Land Affairs from 1996 to 1998.

Subsequently he worked as a Land Tenure Adviser for the Zambézia Agricultural Development Programme in Zambézia, Mozambique from 1998 to 2002, working with the Government of Mozambique's provincial land administration service (SPGC) and a national land rights NGO (ORAM) on securing rural communities' land rights and improving procedures for granting land concessions to outside investors.

From 2002 to 2004 he was contracted by DFID to work as a Land Policy Adviser for the Ministry of Lands and Environment in Rwanda where he assisted with the formulation of the country's land policy and law and associated implementation strategy.