

Open LARRI seminar:

Land Tenure Reforms in Asia and Africa

When: 18th of September 2013, 13.15 – 15.00

**Where: Room CG (F-house, 4th floor) at School of Business, Economics
and Law (Handelshögskolan), Vasagatan 1 in Gothenburg**

Secure tenure rights to land have for a long time been recognized as one of the most important requirements for ensuring an efficient, equitable and sustainable management of land and other related resources. Yet how to achieve this in practice through land tenure reforms remains a much debated issue, especially in regions such as sub-Saharan Africa where the overwhelming majority of farmers still lack formal rights to land.

This challenge will be discussed in an open LARRI seminar by Professor Stein Holden from the University of Life Sciences in Ås, Norway. He is an internationally renowned economist with a long experience from research on land tenure issues in Africa and Asia. The land certification process in Ethiopia and the land policy reform in Malawi are two examples of processes he has worked closely with and on which he has published extensively. He is also an active member of the Centre for Land Tenure Studies (CLTS) that was established at the University of Life Sciences 2011.

The presentation by Professor Holden will be based on the recently published book *Land Tenure Reforms in Asia and Africa* of which he is a co-editor. The introductory chapter to the book can be downloaded at the CLTS homepage: www.umb.no/clts/

Read more about Stein Holden at: www.steinholden.com

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