



Zimbabwe Netzwerk Webinar Series:

Climate Crisis, Food Security and Resilience in Zimbabwe

Southern Africa belongs to the regions worldwide most affected by the climate crisis. The consequences, like rising of the average temperature, extreme heat periods and droughts, changing rain patterns and scarcity of water, mainly hit small farmer and peasant communities who rely on rainfall. Their livelihood and food security are thus increasingly threatened.

- How can people in Zimbabwe affected by this adapt to the changing environmental conditions and food insecurity and deal with the climate crisis?
- What role do other factors play, like land rights and ownership, government policy on agriculture and climate change, access to markets and water management?
- What can be the contribution of different approaches of sustainable/conservation farming, like climate smart agriculture (CSA) and agro-ecology?

The Zimbabwe Netzwerk e.V. in Germany provides a forum for information, discussion and intercultural encounter for all people interested in Zimbabwe. With our seminars and other activities we promote cultural exchange and address key development issues. Together with our friends and partners in the Zimbabwean civil society we search for ways forward with respect to these issues.

***Dear friends and interested people,
we cordially invite you to participate in our webinar series and are looking forward to an in-depth exchange and discussion.***

**Please register here: zimbabwenetzwerk@posteo.de
(by not later than Monday, 13/11/23)**

The link will be sent to you the day before the webinar

Next Webinar: Thursday, 16/11/2023, 18:00 – 20:00 h

Women, Land and Vulnerability: a gender analysis of the situation and government policy on agriculture and climate change, with

Sandra Bhatasara, Locardia Shayamunda and Kezia Batisai

Sandra Bhatasara holds a PhD in Sociology, her research focus lies on intersectionality studies of gender, livelihoods and land governance, natural resources and environment, and climate change adaptation; she is Research Associate at Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, at Rhodes University (RSA) and at Women and Law in Southern Africa, Zimbabwe.

Locardia Shayamunda has a BSc in Sociology, Gender and Development Studies (WUA), a MSc degree in Development Studies (RSA) and long-term experience as regional project manager of Misereor; she holds a PhD and her doctoral thesis refers to "Small-scale farmers' strategies in dealing with crises...in rural Zimbabwe" (University of Freiburg).

Kezia Batisai is Prof. at the University of Johannesburg, Dept. of Sociology; she holds a PhD in Gender Studies, University of Cape Town, a MSc Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Zimbabwe; her research focus lies on gender, land, migration, health and marginality; together with Fadzai Chipato she published "Displacements and land conflicts: Implications for land tenure security and gendered livelihoods in Zimbabwe post-2017" (2022).

To follow:

Thurs. 14/12/2023 **Climate Smart Agriculture and/or Agro-Ecology:** what is the better way forward?
Discussion with Gertrude Pswarayi-Jabson (Country Coordinator) of Participatory Ecological Land Management (PELUM) and a representative of the International Crops Research Institute for the Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), N.N.

Thurs. 18/01/2024 **What is the Contribution of Development Cooperation to Food Security and Climate Resilience in Zimbabwe?** N.N., N.N

Past Webinar (Thurs. 19/10/23)

Climate Change in Zimbabwe and Consequences for Food Security

With Steve Mberi/ SMAIAS (Sam Moyo African Institute for Agrarian Studies) and Rodger Mpande/ ZERO (Zimbabwe Regional Environment Organisation)

Steve Mberi is a Research Fellow with SMAIAS. His research interests lie in the field of climate change, land, natural resources management, environmental policy and planning. Steve holds a Master of Science (MSc) Degree in Development Studies with the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) and a BSc (Hons) Degree in Geography and Environmental Studies from the Midlands State University.

Rodger Mpande has been a development practitioner for 35 years. He holds a Msc Degree (1979-1985) in Agriculture from Frunze Agriculture Institute (Modavia, USSR) and a Msc Degree in International Environmental Governance (2011-2015) from the UN University in Japan and specialized in biodiversity. He worked for the Government of Zimbabwe (1985-1988), The Zimbabwe Institute of Development Studies, the Danish Embassy and a number of civil society organisations. In 1992 he attended the Earth Summit in Brazil as staff member of ZERO (Zimbabwe Regional Environmental Organisation). He has rejoined ZERO as an interim director to revive the organisation.