

PhD project at the Agrarian Change Research Group

INNOCENT MWAKA (MA)

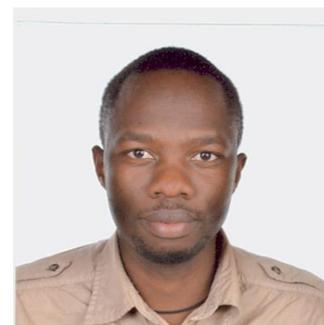
Contested governance, futile institutions: institutional influence on rice farming in the Kilombero Valley.

Keywords: Institutions, wetlands, rice, food security.

The PhD research project focuses on the influences of institutions and institutional change on rice farming in the Kilombero valley. It is part of the GlobE project “Wetlands in East Africa: reconciling future food production with environment protection” work package A3.

Historically, Tanzania has had some well intentioned agricultural and food policies which have terribly failed to meet the goals of increased food production and environmental protection. This study investigates these policies as a whole and applies them to wetland use in particular. This is because Tanzania has not had clear and specific wetland policies but the national agricultural and food policies have been applied uniformly to wetland and non-wetland areas.

This study, therefore, examines the different institutions and the organisations they are embedded in and how these have influenced the production of rice in the Kilombero valley. The strong focus put on the production of rice is because it is historically and presently the most widely grown crop by small holder farmers in the valley. This makes analysing impacts of institutions on production easier. Using the New Institutional Economics framework and mixed research methods, my analysis premises on land use, rice production and marketing from a longitudinal lens. The aims are to identify gaps in these policies and policy implementation in order to contribute to the construction of an appropriate wetland policy in Tanzania and fill in the research gap of institutional influence on wetland agricultural development.



Contact data:
 Innocent Mwaka (M.A),
 Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology,
 University of Cologne,
 Godesbergerstr. 10
 50968 Köln
 Germany

Tel: +49 (0) 17681925182
 +255 (0) 788856411
imwaka1@smail.uni-koeln.de

www.wetlands-africa.de



Work Package	A3
Countries of work	Tanzania
1 st Supervisor	Professor Dr. Micheal Bollig
2 nd Supervisor	Dr. Clemens Greiner
Subject	Anthropology
Faculty	Philosophische Fakultät
University	University of Cologne
Working period	12/2013 – 05/2017