4. Land Tenure and Land Administration. Recognising that formal land tenure systems are generally understood in the context of the relationship between land tenure and land administration, the Workshop focussed on issues such as informal tenures, customary tenures and women’s access to land. Informal land tenure is most common in urban areas but can also occur in rural areas. The earliest land tenure reforms date back to the conquest of Africa by Europeans, seeking to extract resources and force political domination. As such the history of land tenure reform differs based on the colonial experience of African countries, but there are significant similarities. In all cases, Europeans colonized Africa through a wide range of methods, including military conquest, unjust treaties and agreements, and unequal trade and development. The clear lack of understanding of Africans and their communities by colonial governments led to the distorted perception and consequent appli...