SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY (1) OF REPORTS ON BIOFUELS, LAND RIGHTS IN AFRICA & GLOBAL LAND GRABBING, 2006-2013

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Note: I have been compiling select bibliographies on *Biofuels, Land Rights in Africa and Global Land Grabbing* for the past 5 years. My prime motive was to attempt to arouse awareness of what I regard as a very dangerous phenomenon with likely extremely serious long-term consequences for small-scale farmers across Africa. I’m delighted to note that awareness has certainly been raised - in the media, in research institutes and pressure groups, in international NGOs and, increasingly, among academics. We are now seeing some serious books being published on both land grabbing and biofuels. With new material appearing at such a rapid rate, my fears of a dangerous conspiracy of silence have long abated. So this will definitely be my last round of bibliographies.

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INTRODUCTION

This bibliography contains details of reports by 153 different organizations. They are inevitably a highly varied lot, but I have listed alphabetically an initial ‘1st Division’ of what I regard as the most important ten – FAO, GRAIN, IIED, ILC, Oakland Institute, OHCHR, Pambazuka News, SciDev Net, TNI and the World Bank – followed by the other 143, from ActionAid to WWF.

So there are reports from, for example:

- research and advocacy groups e.g. GRAIN, IIED, the Oakland Institute, CIFOR, IFPRI, ODI, TNI;
- international organizations e.g. FAO and the World Bank;
- international agencies e.g. the International Land Coalition, ActionAid, Friends of the Earth, Oxfam;
- international human rights organizations e.g. Human Rights Watch and FIAN, which advocates on the right to food;
- campaigning groups e.g. Global Witness and Bread for All;
- governments e.g. the German, Japanese and Swiss;
- banks e.g. African Development, Deutsche and Standard;
- investment firms e.g. onValues, ODDO Securities and InvestAg Savills;
- biofuel companies e.g. Dove Biotech and D1 Oils;
- land grabbing corporations e.g. Emergent Asset;
- networks, e.g. SciDev.Net, Agter, Pambazuka News and African Biodiversity;
- conference proceedings, invariably featuring tedious PowerPoint pages;

It is doubtless invidious to highlight just a few among so many, but for me GRAIN continues to provide both a daily range of new stories and a series of strong opinion pieces through its Food Crisis and the Global Land Grab [http://farmlandgrab.org/] which is updated daily and is searchable by country, theme, organisation etc. The International Land Coalition and the Oakland Institute have been particularly effective in publicizing their research, through policy papers and briefs and their media work, while TNI, LDPI and the Future Agricultures Consortium have produced some excellent reports and research papers.
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