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.
BOOKS – INTRODUCTION

Nine books on land grabbing and biofuels have now been published.

In July 2013, Zed Books published Lorenzo Cotula’s outstanding *The great African land grab? Agricultural investments and the global food system* which I reviewed for the Royal African Society,¹ noting that it will, without any doubt, make a major contribution to this growing literature on the subject. In an arena that is often polarised, it is supremely fair and balanced. It unpicks and unpacks things, based on the author’s extensive research and practical experience. In what is now both a very fast moving and highly complex field with many actors, Cotula guides us scrupulously and well, calmly and dispassionately, as is his way, with a focus on Ghana, Mali, Mozambique and Tanzania. His ambition is ‘to offer an academically rigorous yet accessible reader on an issue that has attracted growing attention not only among professionals, but also in public opinion at large.’ (5) He makes the important, but frequently overlooked, point that: ‘local nationals, not foreign governments or transnational corporations, are at the forefront of the land rush...Where foreign investment is involved, Western companies and firms from within the African continent account for the lion’s share of the deals.’ (10) He adds that: ‘the land rush is not about feeding the planet. It is mainly about meeting demand for energy and consumption goods in richer countries and about speculation linked to rising land values. Fuel, wood, fibre and finance, more than food, are the engines of the renewed interest in agricultural investments in the global South.’ (11) He offers this depressing assessment: ‘in most African countries, land is mainly used as a vehicle for extracting value...In this context, attracting foreign capital provides national elites with opportunities for business activities, political patronage and personal gain.’ (100-1). On international law, we have this bleak conclusion: ‘In the global rush for Africa’s land, prevailing legal frameworks make local rights vulnerable to dispossession, and provide only limited opportunities for villagers to defend their rights. Once a piece of land becomes of outside interest, legal options for local people to defend their rights, negotiate a fair deal and hold governments and companies to account are severely constrained, not only by entrenched power imbalances, but also by the weak rights that villagers have under both national and international law.’ (120) He concludes: ‘African agriculture is at a crossroads. Decisions taken now will have major repercussions for the livelihoods of many, for decades to come.’ (192)

In October 2012, Island Press published *The Global Farms Race. Land Grabs, Agricultural Investment, and the Scramble for Food Security*, an interesting looking collection (see contents below) edited by Michael Kugelman and Susan L. Levenstein. The publishers tell us that the book’s objective ‘is to equip readers with the proper grounding to understand the scramble for the world’s soils - a trend with considerable implications for major twenty-first century challenges such as food security, natural resource management, and climate change.’

In August 2012 Routledge’s *Handbook of Land and Water Grabs in Africa* appeared but a price of £120 makes it highly unlikely that many people will ever get a chance to read it or even look at it on a bookshelf. Which is a great pity because it stresses the critical water dimension to land grabbing which is too often ignored, and the line-up of authors (see contents below) certainly looks promising.

I reviewed two excellent books which came out in May 2012: Fred Pearce’s *The Landgrabbers* and GRAIN’s *The Great Food Robbery* making the point that ‘all those concerned about both the immediate and the long-term implications of land grabbing – and we are certainly growing in number – are deeply indebted to Fred Pearce and GRAIN for these substantial contributions to our understanding of this complex and disturbing phenomenon. Hopefully their books will have a major impact’.

Earlier four books on biofuels were published, three of them by Zed Books.

In *Biofuels, Land Grabbing and Food Security in Africa* edited by Prosper B. Matondi, Kjell Havnevik and Atakilte Beyene, the authors note that the scale and extent of current acquisition and future projections show disturbing trends in terms of how African farmers are at risk of losing their major source of livelihood. Through a mix of thematic chapters and country studies of Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Ghana, their book examines the impacts of the expansion of large-scale biofuel production on African agriculture, land, food security, rural livelihoods, ecology and on climate change. They note that most African countries have weak or nonexistent legal and administrative frameworks on land and resource rights and that rural land users have little legal redress when governments allow foreign investors to grab their land.

James Smith’s *Biofuels and the Globalisation of Risk* explores the evolution of biofuels as a policy narrative, a development ideal and a socio-technical system through a series of interlinked case studies from Africa, Asia and Latin America. ‘Powerless governments struggle to develop policy frameworks to deal with new technologies, opportunities and the risks they pose.’ (33) ‘Investment in biofuels is driving changes in land ownership and land use for large tracts in Africa, whether directly through control of land to grow feedstocks, or indirectly to grow food to replace land lost to feedstock production elsewhere, or to hedge against rising food prices’ (87)

*Food versus Fuel* edited by Frank Rosillo-Calle and Francis X. Johnson includes conflicting views and has chapters on rural development, agriculture and land use issues and climate change. ‘Many of the crops used for biofuel production currently – such as sugarcane, oil palm and maize – have a relatively high requirement for water. Thus, moderate to high yields can only be obtained under irrigated conditions or in tropical regions with high rainfall. Extensive cultivation of biofuel crops for commercial purposes may lead to competition for water between biofuel production and subsistence food production.’ (146-7)

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François Houtart locates *Agrofuels* within the twin crises of energy and climate, examines various changing perspectives on agrofuels, and notes ’There really is a crisis looming, and the whole problem lies in finding out how to avert it: new energy sources, particularly non-renewables, savings in the various fields of consumption, another development model?’ (19). ’It is clear to everyone that the cycle of fossil fuels is coming to an end and that their negative effects on the environment are most harmful. So other solutions must be found.’ (150).
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JOURNAL ARTICLES – INTRODUCTION

The pace of academic writing on land grabbing has certainly speeded up over the past year and a half. A trigger was undoubtedly the hugely successful conference at IDS Sussex in March 2011 \(^3\) co-sponsored by the *Journal of Peasant Studies*. An equally productive follow up conference took place at Cornell University, New York, in October 2012. \(^4\) More recently, there was a conference on *Gender and Land Governance* at the University of Utrecht, Netherlands, in January 2013 \(^5\) and another on *The Politics of Land Grabbing: Strategies of Resistance* at the University of Limerick in June 2013. \(^6\) Many more are doubtless in the pipeline.

We have also seen a sequence of special issues of journals devoted to land grabbing, including:

- *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 40, 3, June 2013 on methodologies for understanding the global land rush
- *Development and Change*, 44, 2, March 2013 on the role of the state in land grabbing
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Other collections will certainly follow.

The prominence of the *Journal of Peasant Studies* is to be explained by the fact that its editor is Jun Borras, an absolutely key writer in this area, while others on its board

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include Ian Scoones, Wendy Wolford and Ruth Hall, who together with Jun Borras comprise the Land Deals Policy Initiative (LDPI) which organized the global conference at IDS, Sussex in 2011 and the follow up conference at Cornell in 2012 – and which seeks to ‘contribute towards a more meaningful and productive debate, rooted in grounded and nuanced analysis, within academic, activist, policy, and political circles.’

All the above have made significant contributions to the journals literature, as have (in alphabetical order): Lorenzo Cotula, Jennifer Franco, Philip McMichael, Liz Alden Wily, Philip Woodhouse and Annelies Zoomers.

Research is of course ongoing (a number of manuscripts are in the pipeline) and writers inevitably come with a diversity of perspectives, but some of the main themes which emerge from this growing literature include:

- the need for longer term and more historical perspectives than are generally adopted, taking in pressures for land market liberalisation and privatisation of land tenure dating back to the 1990s;
- the need for more nuanced and careful approaches;
- the likely long term serious repercussions on livelihoods and food security from the current wave of land grabbing;
- strong criticisms of the World Bank / FAO / CFS codes of conduct / voluntary guidelines approaches;
- a strong critique of notions of vast areas of vacant lands / ‘reserve agricultural land’;
- blind optimism about the ability to establish large-scale agricultural plantations anywhere in Africa;
- a critique of land titling as a defence against global land grabbing;
- the different interests within ‘local communities’, making representation and consultation complex and meaning that any land use changes will have a differentiated impact;
- the huge power imbalances between foreign investors (often protected by international law) in alliance with local elites, and small-scale farmers;
- the collusion of so many corrupt local rulers and elites;
- the possible end of the biofuels dream.

Two useful websites to keep track of future journal publications are:
LDPI    http://www.iss.nl/ldpi and
TNI      http://www.tni.org/
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TV & VIDEO AND RADIO CLIPS – INTRODUCTION

This section of 86 TV and video clips followed by 35 radio clips provide an essential adjunct to the written words and can be particularly effective in raising awareness of the key issues at stake. For example, in the course of a presentation on land grabbing to students at the University of Warwick in November 2011, I showed the 6 minute Guardian video about Sun Biofuels taking land in Tanzania, which was very well received and which ably captured a number of key issues.

TV, video and radio also provide opportunities for small farmers to describe what has happened to them in countries such as Liberia and Mali (but not usually Ethiopia where censorship is strong – though Ethiopia, and Gambela in particular, do feature prominently, especially Indian investors there such as Karuturi).

They also give a voice to individuals such as Anuradha Mittal of the Oakland Institute, Devlin Kuyek of GRAIN and Jun Borras of the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, enabling them to project their ideas and concerns. The same is true for investors, especially biofuel promoters.

Fred Peace gets the chance to talk about his new book, The Landgrabbers, there are panel discussions, inevitably a varied mix, and films from organizations like Friends of the Earth, La Via Campesina etc. They also allow for some comedy, as in the brilliant Invest in Ethiopia of 29 January 2012.

They can also be especially revealing of the attitudes of some of those engaged in the land grabbing phenomenon, and allow us to hear the rationale of presidents, ministers and local officials, wheelers and dealers, and foreign investors, especially biofuels champions who are frequently a little economical with the truth.

They also give space to advocacy groups and activists trying to publicize a local issue, but often in the absence of hard facts or evidence, this can sometimes prove to be a two-edged sword, as Oxfam and others have discovered.
TV & VIDEO CLIPS

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE OF TENURE, 11 July 2013 (2.46 mins)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLqbi8xu3gw&feature=youtu.be

EMVEST CEO SUSAN PAYNE MAKES CASE FOR AFRICAN FARMLAND, 24 June 2013 (37.54 mins)
http://peoplescompany.com/blog/2013/emvest-ceo-susan-payne-makes-case-for-africa-farmland
The agricultural entrepreneur’s take on investment opportunities in Africa and untapped opportunities in a part of the world experiencing both a high rate of GDP growth and emergence of productive farmland markets with land prices much lower than many other parts of the world.

WILL THE NEW ALLIANCE HELP AFRICA’S POOR?, 21 June 2013 (25 mins)
http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/insidestoryamericas/2013/06/201362111193073903.html
Al Jazeera film illustrating conflicting views on the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition from Tjada D’oyen McKenna (Feed the Future, an arm of USAID), President Joyce Banda of Malawi, the activist Raj Patel, Gawain Kripke (Oxfam America) and Michael Klosson (Save the Children).

OUR MAN IN SUDAN, 30 May 2013 (47 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/22138
Al Jazeera film about Phil Heilberg, ex-Wall Street banker, illustrating his role in land grabbing in South Sudan.

ANIMATED GUIDE TO LAND GRABS, 21 May 2013 (2.23 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/22133
Oxfam animation showing how families are being unfairly evicted from their land and left with no way to grow food or earn a living as a result of big land deals.

GOVERNMENTS, WESTERN CORPORATIONS GRAB LAND ACROSS AFRICA: JUSTINE MUTALE, 4 April 2013 (24.42 mins)
http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/04/04/296532/foreign-entities-grabbing-african-lands/

GLOBAL LAND GRABS ON VALENTINE’S DAY AT IATP, 14 February 2013 (1 hour 23 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/21701
Discussion with Alexandra Spieldoch, independent consultant on gender, food security and sustainable development, and Redwan Hamaza, chair of the Oromia Human Rights and Justice Council in Minneapolis, about the land grab policies of the Ethiopian government and its impact on the indigenous life.

INDIA’S WORLD – INDIAN FIRMS IN AFRICAN LAND RUSH, 19 February 2013 (24.50 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/21718
Interesting RSTV discussion about Indian companies grabbing land for food production in Africa, featuring Anuradha Mittal (Oakland Institute), Obang Methi (Solidarity Movement for a New Ethiopia) and Vivek Katju (former diplomat).

BIG RALLY HELD IN BERLIN AGAINST INDUSTRIALIZED FARMING, 20 January 2013 (2.58 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/21546
Short Press TV piece showing around 25,000 Germans demonstrating in Berlin against the government’s agricultural policies as the city played host to a major agricultural summit and the world’s largest agriculture trade show. People chanted ‘we are fed up/good food/good agriculture, now.’ At the final rally the protesters denounced food speculations and land grabbing.

SMALL PEASANTS, BIG PLANTATIONS: NEGOTIATING LAND IN NIASSA, MOZAMBIQUE’, 1 November 2012 (12.37 mins)
Water Channel video about a 13,000 hectare plantation of eucalyptus and pine owned by Chikweti Forests of Niassa. A delegation of peasants from Niassa travelled to The Netherlands and met lawmakers, students and investors in the Chikweti plantations, including the Dutch national pension fund ABP, the biggest investor in the project.

ENERGY AND FOOD DEMANDS, DRIVERS OF LAND GRABS: A CASE OF RUFIIJI RIVER BASIN IN TANZANIA, 31 October 2012 (1.21 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/21267
Let’s talk land Tanzania short video showing testimonies from villagers affected by land grabbing in the Rufiji River Basin.

INTERVIEW WITH GRAIN ON THE PROSavana PROJECT, 13 December 2012 (15.21 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/21424
EJOLT (Environmental Justice Organisations, Liabilities and Trade) interview with Devlin Kuyek of GRAIN about the ProSavana project in Mozambique, involving Brazil and Japan.

A BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO LAND GRABS, 4 October 2012 (1.55 mins)
An Oxfam video in cartoon format to accompany a new report. The World Bank has ‘got the power to get the situation back under control. We need your help to demand the bank stops the injustice.’

PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT: NEW VIDEO ON GLOBAL FORCED EVICTIONS, 27 September 2012 (11.11 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/21064
Witness coverage of mostly urban evictions and people’s responses in Brazil, Cambodia, Egypt, India, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, Serbia, South Africa, USA.

STRUGGLE AGAINST LANDGRABBING IN MALI, 26 September 2012 (9.17 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/21095
Excellent piece from *La Via Campesina*, offering a voice to small farmers affected and featuring an international farmers’ conference.

**THE RETURN OF LAND GRABS IN AFRICA**, 21 September 2012 (2.47 mins)
Short *Globe & Mail* piece on Sime Darby driving people off the land in Liberia.

**THE HERAKLES DEBACLE**, 5 September 2012 (21.03 mins)
http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/film-herakles-debacle
Impressive *Oakland Institute* film about palm oil in Liberia, smallholders v. plantations.

**HOW A BIOFUEL DREAM CALLED JATROPHA CAME CRASHING DOWN**, 22 August 2012 (4.53 mins)
http://www.npr.org/player/v2/mediaPlayer.html?action=1&t=1&islist=false&id=159391553&m=159486352
Really excellent *NPR* piece on the biofuel dream.

‘**LAND GRABS’ – THE NEW SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA’**, 26 July 2012 (5.33 mins)
Short *CNN* piece focussing on a South African company acquiring 30,000 hectares in Massingir, Mozambique.

**5 WAYS TO RE-THINK LAND GRABS**, 11 June 2012 (8.59 mins)
Jun Borras fleshes out some perspectives from which land grabbing could be viewed afresh.

**LAND GRABS VIDEO PROTEST TO WORLD BANK**, 23 April 2012 (6.07 & 2.21 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/20374
Effective films on Uganda by Friends of the Earth International and Mali by *La Via Campesina* of projects funded by the World Bank. Show human rights infringements and environmental damage after locals have been thrown off their land.

**FINANCIALIZATION OF NATURE: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**, 19 April 2012 (24.10 - 31.30 mins)
http://vimeo.com/41496496
Short presentation by Devlin Kuyek (GRAIN) on land grabbing.

**IS LIBERIA LAND GRAB BY FOREIGN FIRMS SOWING SEEDS OF FUTURE CONFLICTS?**, 15 March 2012 (25.16 mins)
Excellent *Africa Today* feature.

**THIS IS MY LAND: RWANDA**, 6 March 2012 (5.05 mins)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bd8hnxTblicc
Landesa video about how getting land titles is improving women’s lives in Rwanda.
ETHIOPIA: A BATTLE FOR LAND AND WATER, 28 February 2012 (7.46 mins)
Excellent PBS NewsHour piece about the Anuak in Gambela.

INFOMERCIAL. INVEST IN ETHIOPIA! COMEDY, 29 January 2012 (1.38 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/19977
Absolutely brilliant.

DAVID DENG OFFERS HIS VIEWS ON [SOUTH SUDAN] LAND GRABS, 25 January 2012 (10.02 mins)
http://vimeo.com/35646129
Devastating presentation.

ETHIOPIAN LAND GRAB, 7 January 2012 (5.07 mins)
Excellent Channel 4 News report on the impact of Karuturi in Ethiopia.

SUDAN FARMERS FEAR LAND GRAB BY FOREIGNERS, 1 January 2012 (2.36 mins)
Useful short piece from Al Jazeera illustrating different views on Sudan’s future.

AGRICULTURE REVOLUTION OR LAND GRAB?, 29 December 2011 (4.52 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/19821
Channel 4 News has Jonathan Rugman’s special report from Ethiopia on the revolution in agricultural production - but small tenant farmers say they now have less food to eat than before the changes began. Features Karuturi.

ANURADHA MITTAL AT MOANA NUI, 11 November 2011 (17.10 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/20810
Anuradha Mittal (Oakland Institute) talking about land grabs at a Pacific meeting.

SUN BIOFUELS HAVE LEFT US IN A HELPLESS SITUATION. THEY HAVE TAKEN OUR LAND, 9 November 2011 (6.47 mins)
Guardian investigation into the impact of Sun Biofuels on residents of villages in Kisarawe, Tanzania. After the company went bust, they were left with nothing.

AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT: SOLID GROUND FOR UNSTABLE TIMES, 8 November 2011 (10.14 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/19592
CNBC report and discussion on the pros and cons of investing in land.

HOW A BIOFUELS LANDGRAB HAS DESTROYED THE LIFE OF AN AFRICAN VILLAGE, 31 October 2011 (1.05, 1.50, 1.26 and 2.05 mins)
http://www.actionaid.org/2011/10/how-biofuels-landgrab-has-destroyed-life-african-village

ARE FOREIGN INVESTORS COLONISING AFRICA?, 25 October 2011 (20.01 mins)
http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/are-foreign-investors-colonising-africa-0021551
Useful Al Jazeera discussion with Indian media commentator Anand Giridharadas, Oakland Institute’s Executive Director, Anuradha Mittal, and Christine L. Adamow, Managing Director of Africa BioFuel, a U.S. company investing in farmland in Kenya and Tanzania.

CAN INDUSTRIALISED FARMING MAKE AFRICA FEED THE WORLD?, 24 October 2011 (10.29 mins)
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/newsnight/9623031.stm
Excellent BBC Newsnight programme featuring Fergal Keane in Zambia. Farmer and Vice-President Guy Scott says ‘I am very sceptical because I’ve been around a lot and I know what proposals look like and what justifications look like in the investment game and I would say that 90% of what is promised turns out not to be true’.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY THREATENED BY CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT LAND GRABS, 21 October 2011 (9.03 mins)
Good Democracy Now interview with Anuradha Mittal.

GRABBING GAMBELA, 21 October 2011 (8.38 mins)
http://vimeo.com/29316428
Excellent short video documentary about the massive takeover of agricultural lands in Gambela, Ethiopia. Local people affected by the land deals speak about their experiences. Produced by the Anywaa Survival Organisation, EJOLT, and GRAIN.

LAND GRABS: THREAT OR OPPORTUNITY?, 15 October 2011 (9.44 mins)
http://english.aljazeera.net/programmes/countingthecost/2011/10/20111015124829861118.html
Al Jazeera useful introduction and case study of China in Argentina, followed by interview with official from the African Development Bank.

UGANDAN VILLAGERS EVICTED TO MAKE WAY FOR FORESTRY COMPANY, 6 October 2011 (6.19 mins)
http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/video/2011/oct/06/uganda-international-land-deals
More than 22,000 people have been evicted from their land in central Uganda to make way for a UK-based forestry firm, which is licensed to use the land for the next 50 years. The World Bank has called for the company to open up a full investigation. Simon Rawles speaks to some of those affected.

TROUBLE ON THE LAND, 27 September 2011 (6.08 mins)
Excerpts from Dan Rather Reports HD NET interview with Anuradha Mittal of the Oakland Institute on a plan to move 100,000 refugees in Tanzania from their homes to be replaced by a commercial farm owned by American investors, AgriSol Energy.

OXFAM SOUNDS UGANDA LAND-GRAB WARNING, 22 September 2011 (7.24 mins)
Al Jazeera report on Oxfam allegations that 22,000 Ugandans have been forced out of their homes since 2004. Followed by studio debate between Oxfam and the New Forests Company.
Oxfam calls on the New Forests Company to investigate Uganda land grabs claims, 22 September 2011 (3.15 mins)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdq-TFKHyE
Short YouTube piece by Oxfam with just words and images on the story featured above.

Panel discussion: Land – a global supermarket?, 15 September 2011 (1 hour, 33 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/19312
Panel discussion featuring Nyikaw Ochalla (Anuak Survival Organisation, Ethiopia/UK) on Land Grabbing in Ethiopia; Brigitte Reisenberger (FIAN Austria) on Land Grabbing in Kenya; and Jennifer Franco (Transnational Institute, Netherlands) and Roman Herre (FIAN Germany) on Global Processes.

Glen, Gary & Ross – a film about land rights, 12 September 2011 (3.43 mins)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Le06FhmuHll
Oxfam parody today of Alec Baldwin’s sales talk in the cult classic movie Glengarry Glen Ross. Shows the moment when workers from a real estate firm meet a representative from head office sent to motivate them to sell and buy land regardless of the consequences, or lose their jobs.

Africa land grab: new century, more colonisers, 12 September 2011 (11.05 mins)
http://www.newsclick.in/international/africa-land-grab-new-century-more-colonisers
Indian companies acquire land in Africa at throw away prices to ensure India’s food security. In Newsclick interview, Prof Jayati Ghosh analyses the issue and offers alternative solutions.

Cameroonian filmmaker unpeels banana inequalities, 13 August 2011 (3.30 mins)
Excerpt from moving film The Big Banana featured on Voice of America News features people losing their land to a banana company. Film not allowed to be shown in Cameroon.

Agricultural land for investors - why Sudan's small farmers are being displaced, 3 July 2011 (5.51 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/19362
Good Deutsche Welle piece on arguments about modern farming. ‘The future of Sudan’s small farmers looks uncertain.’

Claims of African ‘land grab’ spark controversy, 12 June 2011 (3.22 mins)
Anuradha Mittal of the Oakland Institute talks to CNN about Oakland’s new report, Understanding Land Investment Deals in Africa.

The global resource grab, 5 June 2011
3 Transnational Institute (TNI) interviews:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGbSOxcfopU&feature=youtu.be
Yao Graham on the scramble for resources in Africa (1.24 mins)
Jun Borras on reserve agricultural land (3.23 mins)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Y6k7kCKYCq&feature=related
Manahan Graham on water grabbing (5.09 mins)

DOCUMENTARY: PLANET FOR SALE, 3 May 2011 (54.22 mins)
http://ecadforum.com/ethiopianvideo/?p=1058
Brilliant ARTE documentary covering many aspects of the global land grabbing story, with Ethiopia featuring strongly.

ADAMA / ALDEIA NOVA, 3 May 2011 (7.44 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/18543
A truly remarkable ‘promotional video’ about the Israeli Vital Capital’s Adama project in Angola.

VIDEOS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL LAND GRABBING, 6-8 April 2011
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/18539
Series of over 30 presentations from a highly successful conference held at IDS, Sussex.

LAND GRABBING: THE NEW SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA, 28 March 2011 (21.27 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/18508
Discussion on Kontext TV in Berlin with Evelyn Bahn (Inkota Network), Nnimmo Bassey (Nigeria), Wangui Mbatia (Kenya), Ibrahim Coulibaly (Mali).

ETHIOPIA’S LAND RUSH: FEEDING THE WORLD, 21 March 2011 (11.25 mins)
Excellent film by John Vidal of The Guardian. The ‘deal of the century’ for Karuturi in Gambella, Ethiopia, where there are now 896 investors.

LANDGRABBING IN MALI, 9 February 2011 (2.05 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/18136
Youcoulele’ dif Pap Sacko talks briefly at the World Social Forum about the Malibya project in Mali.

GUARDIAN FOCUS PODCAST: LAND GRABS IN AFRICA, 28 January 2011 (24.09 mins)
http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/audio/2011/jan/28/guardian-focus-podcast-land-grabs
Excellent discussion involving Madeleine Bunting and John Vidal (Guardian), Devlin Kuyek (GRAIN), Camilla Toulmin (IIED), Susan Payne (Emergent Asset), Olivier De Schutter (OHCHR).

TANZANIA SELLING LAND TO KOREA, 24 December 2010 (4.01 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/18031
Fascinating CNN interview with Aloyce Msanja, head of Tanzania’s Development Authority, who talks of idle land and a win-win situation.
AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR INVESTORS – WHY SUDAN’S SMALL FARMERS ARE BEING DISPLACED, 21 December 2010 (5.52 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/17979
Short Deutsche Welle piece about plight of some small farmers in northern Sudan being ousted by Egyptian and Jordanian companies who produce food for their home markets.

THE RUSH FOR AFRICA’S LAND: MALIAN FARMERS DISPLACED, 21 December 2010 (4.18 mins)
Excellent short New York Times piece on Malian farmers threatened with displacement from their ancestral lands by Libyans because ‘they do not have the means to develop it, nor does the state.’

AFRICA’S FARMLAND IN DEMAND: IS THERE A BETTER PLACE THAN THIS?, 3 December 2011 (14.03 mins)
http://www.thestar.com/News/World/article/1096210
Toronto Star piece on the land rush in Africa with a focus on Tanzania.

KARUTURI GLOBAL IN ETHIOPIA, 29 November 2010 (3.46 mins)
http://www.ethiopianreview.com/content/30502
Short Voice of America piece on the pros and cons of Karuturi Global’s presence in Ethiopia, featuring the views of Karuturi and Meles. One woman farmer welcomes the new investors, other farmers, speaking under anonymity, are critical.

GEORGIA CALLING ON SOUTH AFRICAN FARMERS, 19 November 2010 (12.06 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/18090
Over 60 South African farmers have applied to go to Georgia, backed by the Transvaal Agricultural Union and attracted by cheap freehold land. Georgian opposition not happy. Fascinating ABNDigital film.

ANSWERS TO THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS, 18 November 2010 (11.40 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/17988
Presentation by Anuradha Mittal of the Oakland Institute about land grabbing on etalks.tv.com.

AGRI-VIE, A PRIVATE EQUITY FUND, 17 November 2010 (6.30 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/18089
Interview with chief executive Herman Marais about the fund’s investment plans in East Africa and elsewhere.

LAND GRABS IN AFRICA, 7 October 2010 (12.31 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/18091
ABNDigital interview with Dennis Aliga, CEO of DMA Capital Group, who is very sanguine about ‘large scale land acquisitions’.

PROTECTING LAND RIGHTS, 7 September 2010 (3.51 mins)
http://go.worldbank.org/CCXV605ZE0
Soft music, pretty pictures and voiceover of Klaus Deininger announcing the main findings of the World Bank’s report Rising Global Interest in Farmland.
“LAND GRABS” IN POOR COUNTRIES, 24 August 2010 (8.22 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/14979
Excellent Democracy Now! interview with the Oakland Institute’s Executive Director, Anuradha Mittal following its report, (Mis)investment in Agriculture.

HARVESTING RETURNS, 2 August 2010 (7.08 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/14861
Interesting CNBC interview with Richard Davis of BlackRock, who outlines the many reasons why ‘agriculture is a very good long-term story.’

BRAZIL, TANZANIA IN BIOFUEL DEAL, 8 July 2010 (1.49 mins)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWwYznNfRfo
Very short NTV Kenya piece focussing on the meeting of the Presidents of the two countries and Tanzania’s wish to develop biofuels.

GOOD FORTUNE (KENYA), 3 July 2010 (9.44 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/18082
Extract from a documentary by Transient Pictures about ‘upgrading’ in Kibera, Nairobi, and American Dominion Farms in western Kenya which threatens to flood more than 500 families.

VOICES FROM THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL OROMO WORKSHOP, 3 July 2010
http://farmlandgrab.org/14316
Interviews with Professor Mekuria Bulcha, Malardalen University, Sweden (2.19), Dr. Bahiru Dhuguma, Agriculture Development Officer, USAID, USA (2.20), Dr. Marco Bassi, Oxford University (1.35), Nyikaw Ochalla, Anywaa Survival Organisation, UK (1.17), Gosaye Fida (1.43), Addise Dheressa (1.54)

ETHIOPIA’S ABUNDANT FARMING INVESTMENTS LEAVE MANY STILL HUNGRY, 22 April 2010 (8.01 mins)
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/social_issues/jan-june10/ethiopia_04-22.html#
Excellent Public Broadcasting Service series of interviews.

BIOFUEL USE ‘COULD THREATEN THE POOR’, 15 March 2010 (2.44 mins)
http://english.aljazeera.net/news/europe/2010/03/2010315113843716570.html
Excellent Al Jazeera piece on the biofuels craze, featuring a willing farmer in East Sussex and Tim Rice of ActionAid demolishing EU policies and laying out the likely consequences for farmers in Africa and elsewhere.

ETHIOPIA LEASES HUGE TRACTS OF FARMLAND, 22 February 2010 (3.46 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/11299
Useful Voice of America piece on the activities of the Indian firm Karuturi Global leasing 300,000 ha in Ethiopia.

LAND GRABBING IN ETHIOPIA & TANZANIA, 8 January 2010 (8.59 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/10157
Excellent Japan Broadcasting Corporation reports from Ethiopia & Tanzania followed by good studio interview with reporter.

WIN-WIN OR NEO COLONIALISM?, 25 December 2009 (12.39 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/10001
Good France 24 piece on Benin farmers and followed by detailed explanatory interview with Jonathan Brooks, OECD.

ETHIOPIA LAND OF TOMORROW, 21 November 2009, 2 videos (5.57 & 4.56 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/9824
A glossy from Saudi-East African Forum, lovely pictures of Ethiopia, 'uniquely suited for export-oriented investments...ideal for commercial production'.

INVESTMENT IN AFRICA – DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY OR LAND GRAB? 19 November 2009, 2 videos (14.11 & 8.13 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/9084
Detailed discussion with Riz Khan of Al Jazeera interviewing David Hallam of FAO, Devlin Kuyek of GRAIN & Nii Akuettah, policy analyst.

CONCERN OVER FOREIGN LAND GRABS, 17 November 2009 (2.25 mins)
Good short Al Jazeera piece, interviews with Duncan Green, Oxfam, and Hassad Food of Qatar.

ETHIOPIA’S FARMLAND IN HIGH DEMAND, 22 October 2009 (1.01 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/8420
Very short piece from the Washington Post with pictures from Oromia.

BENIN FARMERS PRESSURED TO SELL, 10 July 2009 (9.54 mins)
Good France 24 piece on Benin farmers and interview with Olivier de Schutter, less good is Philippe Henson of Amnesty.

OUTSOURCING AGRICULTURE TO AFRICA, 5 July 2009, 2 videos (1.46 & 1.52 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/9833
Short instablogs arguing for and against, woman with a very posh voice, done in the form of cartoon and images.

MIDEAST GRABS LAND ELSEWHERE, 21 May 2009 (3.10 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/4749
Useful short CNN report. Takes a positive view.

SUDAN’S RURAL RICHES ATTRACT INVESTORS, 17 May 2009 (3.10 mins)
Very positive piece from Al Jazeera about Qatari and Saudi land investors in Sudan, a ‘Garden of Eden’. A farmer welcomes them, 'no foreigners can steal my land, there are laws to protect me.'

UNSUSTAINABLE WORLD THE BIOFUEL QUESTION, 16 April 2008 (5.21 mins)
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/newsnight/7350714.stm
Excellent, critical piece on biofuels from BBC Newsnight with a British focus.
RADIO CLIPS

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW: RECONCILING POLICY AND PRINCIPLE, 15 March 2013 (59.17 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/22055
Speech by Professor Surya Subedi, University of Leeds, at PIEL (Public Interest Environmental Law UK) conference.

WHOSE LAND IS IT ANYWAY?, 1 January 2013, (29 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/21523
Free Speech Radio News piece on Dominion Farms in Kenya, illustrating that it is often the local communities and those most in need who lose out.

THE CONTROVERSY OF LAND DEALS IN LIBERIA, 11 December 2012 (7.45 mins)
http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_9777000/9777238.stm
Excellent BBC Today Programme piece by Evan Davis on Sime Darby in Liberia.

SILAS SIAKOR: LANDGRABBING IN LIBERIA, November 2012 (17.02 mins)
A piece by Firoze Manji for EJOLT (Environmental Justice Organisations, Liabilities and Trade) about Silas Siakor, a campaigner for human rights in Liberia.

TANZANIAN VILLAGERS PAY FOR BIOFUEL INVESTMENT DISASTER, 16 October 2012 (15.29 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/21192
Redeye Vancouver Cooperative Radio host Lorraine Chisholm talks to Frederic Mousseau, policy director at the Oakland Institute about the impact of the failed Sun Biofuels project in Tanzania – loss of land and access to water and the promised jobs never materialized.

OXFAM WARNING ON ‘LAND GRABS’, 4 October 2012 (4.55 mins)
http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_9757000/9757168.stm
Excellent short BBC Radio 4 Today piece introduced by Mike Thomson and featuring Max Lawson (Oxfam), Rachel Kyte (World Bank) and Doug Hawkins (Hardman & Co).

INVESTORS DENY AFRICAN LAND GRAB CLAIMS, 26 June 2012 (2.16 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/20704
Al Jazeera interviews land investors at a conference in London.

GLOBAL LAND RUSH, 26 June 2012 (17.21 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/20703
WNYC interview with Fred Pearce about his new book The Landgrabbers.

LAND GRABS IN MOZAMBIQUE, 14 & 15 June 2012 (8.22 & 8.17 mins)
http://www.npr.org/2012/06/14/155036821/mozambique-farmland-is-prize-in-land-grab-fever
http://www.npr.org/2012/06/15/155095598/african-land-fertile-ground-for-crops-and-investors
Excellent pair of NPR pieces on Mozambique.

LAND GRAB IN AFRICA [LIBERIA], 13 April 2012 (3.45 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/20318
"BBC One Planet" short report on people’s reactions to a Sime Darby plantation in Liberia.

**OUT OF AFRICA?**, 23 March 2012 (17.29 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/20224

*BBC World Service Business Daily* programme interviews FAO's Kostas Stmoulis about future food prices. Sir Gordon Conway (Montpellier Panel) is worried by the trend of foreign companies leasing huge tracts of land to develop big modern farms. Neil Crowder (Chayton Africa) says farming in Africa can be very profitable - but will it also benefit locals?

**IS ‘LAND GRABBING’ GOOD FOR AFRICA?**, 25 February 2012 (55 mins)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00p5qrb

*BBC World Service Africa* debate from Freetown with Andrew Turay, ADDAX Bioenergy, Sam Sesay, Minister of Agriculture, Joseph Rahall, civil society activist campaigning against land grabbing in Sierra Leone.

**THEY MADE US LEAVE OUR FARMS**, 17 January 2012 (4.12 mins)
http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_9679000/9679552.stm


**SOLVING SOUTH SUDAN’S LAND GRAB PROBLEM**, 2 January 2012 (2.57 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/19843

Excellent short piece from *RFI* on disturbing trends in South Sudan.

**SAUDI COMPANY LEASES ETHIOPIAN LAND FOR RICE EXPORT**, 27 December 2011 (4.50 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/19815

*PRI's The World* report on Saudi Star's rice project in Gambella. Conflicting views.

**UNDERSTANDING LAND INVESTMENT DEALS IN AFRICA**, 20 December 2011 (15.48 mins)

*Redeye: Vancouver Cooperative Radio* interview with Frederic Mousseau of the Oakland Institute about issues arising from Oakland’s 7 country reports.

**PENSIONS MONEY INVESTED IN FARMLAND ABROAD**, 7 December 2011 (4.59 mins)

Excellent *Radio Sweden* programme inspired by GRAIN’s research looks into Swedish investments.

**FOR LIBERIA, NATURAL RESOURCES ARE BLESSINGS, CURSES ON ROAD TO DEMOCRACY**, 31 October 2011

*PBS Newshour* discussion of the impact of land grabbing in Liberia.

**STEFAN CHRISTOFF INTERVIEWS DEVLIN KUYEK (GRAIN) ON LAND GRABBING**, 23 September 2011 (14.13 mins)
Really excellent *CKUT Radio*, Montreal *Friday Morning After Radio Show* interview with Devlin Kuyek of GRAIN.

**LAND INVESTMENT DEALS AS A CAUSE OF AFRICA’S FOOD SUPPLY PROBLEMS**, 16 August 2011 (6.43 mins)
http://fsrn.org/audio/land-investment-deals-a-cause-africa%E2%80%99s-food-supply-problems/8979
Good *Free Speech Radio News* interview with Anuradha Mittal of the Oakland Institute. Cites examples from South Sudan and Tanzania.

**THE NEW AFRICAN LAND GRAB**, 30 June 2011 (11.25 mins)
http://english.aljazeera.net/indepth/opinion/2011/06/201162884240129515.html
Good *Al Jazeera* report by Joan Baxter of the Oakland Institute.

**HEDGE FUNDS AND AFRICAN FARMS**, 13 June 2011 (27.30 mins)
*CBC* interview with Anuradha Mittal of the Oakland Institute about its reports on global land grabbing.

**FOOD: THE HIDDEN DRIVER OF GLOBAL POLITICS**, 17 May 2011 (25.28 mins)
http://www.npr.org/player/v2/mediaPlayer.html?action=1&l=1&islist=false&id=136394365&m=136401585
Excellent interview on *National Public Radio* with Lester Brown of the Earth Policy Institute.

**MADAGASCAR: COMMUNITY RESISTANCE TO CORPORATE LAND THEFT**, 6 April 2011 (28.20 mins)
http://montreal.mediacoop.ca/sites/mediacoop.ca/files2/mc/audio/Stefan%20Christoff/wsfmayamadagascarfinallow.mp3
Interesting interview at the World Social Forum in Dakar with Madagascan land activist Mamy Rakotondrainibe about the consequences of the Daewoo case.

Excellent brief piece by Lester Brown (Earth Policy Institute) reveals how rich countries worried about their future food supplies, along with investment banks, are buying up arable land in Africa, yet failing to deliver any benefits to local people.

**LAND GRAB FEARS FOR ETHIOPIAN RURAL COMMUNITIES**, 15 December 2010 (18 mins)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p00cc3zx/Business_Daily_Ethiopias_Land_Issue/
Excellent *BBC Business Daily* series of interviews with Ed Butler covering the hopes and fears surrounding large-scale FDI in land. ‘Pastoralism is not sustainable’ argues one minister.

**LAND GRABBING IN MALI**, 29 November 2010 (from 25.15 - 32.15 in a 45 min programme)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/console/b00w794q/The_World_Tonight_29_11_2010
More *BBC The World Tonight* interviews in Mali by Kati Whittaker about serious land and water conflicts. Also Mark Archdeacon-Butler (Tearfund) and Lorenzo Cotula (IIED).
LAND DEALS OF WEALTHY NATIONS, 24 November 2010 (4.32 mins)
Interesting interview with Ruth Meinzen-Dick of IFPRI on The World.

MALI HELPS LIBYA WITH LEASED FARMLAND, 24 November 2010 (4.49 mins)
Interviews in Mali by Kati Whittaker about a 50-year lease to Libya on The World.

PAN AFRICAN LAND GRAB REPORT, 17 November 2010 (10 mins)
Interview on IRIN Talks Bulletin 43 with Tinyade Kachika, author of Oxfam International-funded report.

DOWN ON THE FARM, 4 October 2010 (18 mins)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00b0lg8
Excellent programme on the BBC World Service’s Business Daily. Jeff Conrad of Hancock Agricultural Investment Fund say it’s good news for productivity; John Peck of Family Farm Defenders criticizes the impact of investors on rural communities. Olivier de Schutter raises the alarm for farmers of the less developed world.

LAND LEASING IN ETHIOPIA, 25 February 2010 (7.38 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/11359
From BBC Radio 4 programme The World Tonight, asks whether this is a shameless land grab by the rich or an opportunity for the poor. Interviews with a Dutch company.

BIOFUELS IN SIERRA LEONE, 16 February 2010 (3.04 mins)
Useful discussion of issues on World Radio Switzerland of a Swiss biofuels firm in Sierra Leone. Bringing jobs or starting a land grab?

THE GREAT AFRICAN LAND GRAB, 14 January 2010 (30 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/10276
Outstanding broadcast from Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Starts with Sierra Leone, turning from rice to sugar cane for biofuels. Excellent interviews with a variety of farmers, officials etc. A company ‘suggestion box’ is locked. Followed by comments from Devlin Kuyek of GRAIN.

CONGO BRAZZAVILLE/SOUTH AFRICA LAND DEAL, 21 October 2009 (3.29 mins)
http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/8424
Very critical comments on BBC World Service from Yao Graham, Third World Network-Africa.