Advancing Young Women’s Land rights in rural areas

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Overview of presentation

1. Context & background
2. Contextual analysis
3. Constitutional and Legal Framework
4. AFRA’s intervention
AFRA is a NGO founded in 1979. For the past four decades it has promoted land rights and agrarian reform with the object of redressing past injustices and improving quality of life and livelihoods of rural impoverished people.

Range of strategies employed at different times include documenting realities and telling stories, building community-based institutions, rights awareness, advocacy, policy development, strategic litigation and the provision of legal advice.

Our constituencies, farm dwellers: diverse group living on commercial farms
Contextual analysis

Patriarchal undercurrents → Cultural beliefs → Internalized discrimination

Social norms ← Customary practices ← Economic marginalisation
Contextual analysis continued

- Eviction
- Constructive eviction
- Inheritance
- No ownership
- Land & property
“I will not be told by a woman”

“this is a matter to be discussed by men”
Legal Framework

- Land tenure in South Africa
- Statutory vs Customary laws
- Gender equality and ownership
- ESTA
- LTA
How does AFRA address the problem

- Strengthening organising & mobilising skills
- Providing safe spaces for women
- Providing safe spaces for men and women to engage
- Dialogues on Joint solutions
- Amplify women’s voices
Happy youth day

“When you strike a woman, you strike a rock”

Zulu idiom

Qina Mbokodo

THANK YOU

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