

Prof Mandivamba Rukuni Biography

Professor Mandi Rukuni (Mandi) is a development analyst and strategist in several sectors including agriculture, land reform and resettlement, rural development, business, finance, government, and education. With vast experience in food security, agricultural policy, land policy and governance, national and international agricultural research systems, and community-based natural resources management.

Within Zimbabwe, Professor Rukuni acts as an advisor to the Government of Zimbabwe, the donor community, the UNDP, and the World Bank on issues of relevance to land reform and resettlement policy and agriculture. In this regard Mandi has contributed to the reviews and support to Zimbabwe's land resettlement programmes in support of the Ministry of Lands, the EU and World Bank.

In terms of continental involvement, Mandi has over the last 5 years devoted a significant amount of effort into the strategic review of the Sustaining CAADP Momentum initiative under NEPAD/Africa Union Commission (AUC).

He also provides support to mainstreaming the AUC/AfDB/UNECA Land Policy Initiative (LPI), including developing of *Guiding Principles for Large Scale Land Based Investments (LSLBI) in Africa*.

He led the technical team advising NEPAD on its Land Governance Implementation Framework. Additionally he recently led the drafting team preparing the *Science Agenda for Agriculture in Africa*, covering Africa's cropping, livestock and pastoral and food systems. This work was completed under the auspices of the Forum for the Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA). Professor Rukuni has also completed political economy analyses for various clients including donors and the UN.

Mandi has worked on short term assignments and/or advised a number of African governments on issues of agriculture and land and these include: Malawi, Cameroon, Tanzania, South Sudan, Uganda, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Burundi, Rwanda, Kenya, Swaziland, Lesotho and South Africa.