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<b>Title</b>	<b>Systematic literature review land rights in Africa</b>
<b>Group</b>	Public Administration and Policy (PAP)
<b>Project type</b>	Internship / MSc thesis research at PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency
<b>Credits</b>	T.b.d. minimum of 12
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<b>Begin date</b>	T.b.d. project will take 3-6 months
<b>End date</b>	T.b.d.
<b>Description</b>	<p>In the ongoing debates about (stagnating) agricultural development in Africa, the role of land rights remains a recurring issue. Individual land rights are thought to safeguard investment, and therefore would improve production per ha. At the policy level Dutch governmental institutes occupied with land registration (Kadaster) share knowledge and cooperate with African governmental institutes to develop and safeguard African land rights. This form of cooperation sparked debate however. As various scholars point out land rights in Africa are complex in nature, often customary, and above all, context specific. Formalizing land rights might lead to distortions of context specific agricultural practices or risk to favor specific agricultural practices (and farmers) over other practices. The complexity and context specific nature of land rights yielded an array of scientific research and knowledge, but no unambiguous conclusion. This thesis research aims to map these scientific insights and develop classifications of types of land rights in relation to types of context and geographical location.</p> <p>In medical sciences a systematic literature review is a systematic approach to map the literature and the insights this literature provides. The systemized nature of the review allows for drawing conclusions on the likelihood of a specific phenomenon or treatment to be related to other phenomena. Based on the wide array of scientific literature on land rights in Africa, a systematic review would allow for drawing more generalizable conclusions on the role of specific types of land rights in specific types of context. If properly executed the review might lead to a peer reviewed scientific publication.</p> <p>Location: PBL Bilthoven.</p> <p>Allowance 550,- gross per month (full-time)</p>
<b>Used skills</b>	Research activities: Design a review protocol, execute the review and synthesize the results in to a conclusion providing insight in the types of land rights and their role in specific types of agriculture and area's in Africa.
<b>Requirements</b>	<p>Profile of the candidate:</p> <p>Ambitious and accurate MSc candidate in the field of agriculture, international development, public administration or a related field. Candidates with proven interdisciplinary skills have an advantage. The candidate should have a basic understanding of agriculture in Africa, and should have an understanding of the role of land rights at a local as well as at a national African level. Candidates able of conducting quantitative analysis have an advantage. The candidate should be able to read quickly, to work with the SCOPUS scientific database and to design a review protocol.</p> <p>The candidate is expected to follow the WUR course on designing and executing a systematic literature review</p>
<b>For which group of students should this be visible? (e.g. MME, BEB etc.)</b>	MIL, MID