

Inaugural workshop to the second phase of the CASS/PLAAS CBNRM Programme of research, analysis and communications

“BREAKING NEW GROUND”

New Approaches to Community Based Natural Resource Management for Development in Southern Africa

Background

CASS at the University of Zimbabwe and PLAAS at the University of Western Cape, South Africa, have jointly implemented a regional programme of analysis and communication on CBNRM in Southern Africa since 1999. The programme funders, Ford Foundation and International Development Research Centre have agreed to support a second phase of the programme from 2003 to early 2007.

The overall objective of the programme is to contribute to the enhancement and sustainability of rural livelihoods as a means to reduce poverty in Southern Africa. It will do so by promoting, and engaging communities and decision makers to have a deeper understanding of how natural resources can be used and managed sustainably to enhance rural livelihoods, and advocating a people-centred approach to development and biodiversity conservation. The programme recognises the value and use of a variety of natural resources in a range of livelihood activities by a diverse population of resources users operating at different scales. Relevant units of analysis and targeted policy arenas will range from the local to the intermediate to the global, and include relationships between actors and institutions operating at different scales.

Inaugural workshop; 24-25 November 2003

The inaugural workshop will specifically address CBNRM's crisis in confidence through presentation of papers that will deal with the status of the CBNRM sector in the region. Commissioned papers to this end have been requested to set the scene to engaging with challenges for CBNRM implementation in the region and the research agenda of this programme.

The workshop will specifically address the following:

- ❖ Discuss the status of CBNRM in the region
- ❖ Use the first phase evaluation report to discuss lessons from phase 1
- ❖ Plan for phase 2 programme activities
- ❖ Discuss and finalise research themes
- ❖ Constitute research teams to address the research themes

Thus, the workshop will discuss the status of the CBNRM sector in the region and make recommendations on how Phase 2 of the programme can contribute to the revitalisation of the sector.

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