



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, LANDac, the Food & Business Knowledge Platform and Hivos kindly invite you to a presentation and discussion about:

## Flowers for food?

### *Scoping study on Dutch flower farms, land governance and local food security in Eastern Africa*

Date: 9 June 2016, 13:30 – 15.00

Location: The Hague, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bezuidenhoutseweg 67

LANDac/ IDS Utrecht University have conducted a scoping study on Dutch flower farms, land governance and local food security in eastern Africa within the Food & Business Knowledge Platform (F&BKP). While earlier research focused mainly on evaluating the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of floriculture investments, there is still a significant knowledge gap on the land governance arrangements around the investments, and how the investments impact local food security.

The report is based on fieldwork in four countries (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia) and uncovers the complex linkages between land governance – policies and regulations governing the access to and use of land – and how they relate both directly and indirectly to local food security. The study found both negative and positive impacts of floriculture investments on local development and local food security.

In this meeting, the principal researcher of the study, Evans Kirigia, will give further information about the study's main findings and recommendations. Following this presentation, a number of key experts working on issues related to the flower sector will respond: Caroline Wildeman of Hivos, as well as representatives from the government and flower sector (to be confirmed). Following their responses, there will be room for questions and discussion with the audience.

The full report is available here: [http://www.landgovernance.org/assets/20160210-LANDac\\_Flower-Report-WEB.pdf](http://www.landgovernance.org/assets/20160210-LANDac_Flower-Report-WEB.pdf)

#### **Programme**

*(Facilitator: Annelies Zoomers, Professor of International Development Studies and Chair of LANDac)*

13.30 – 14.00	Presentation of the report by Evans Kirigia
14.00 – 14.20	Round of responses: Caroline Wildeman (Hivos), representatives of government and flower sector (to be confirmed)
14.20 – 15.00	Questions followed by discussion

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