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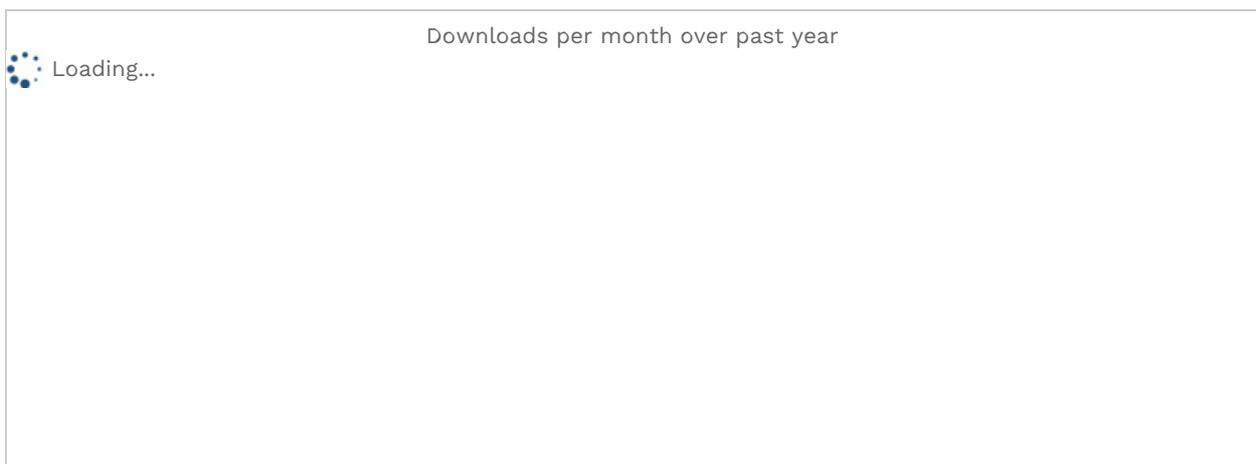
Evolving land rights, policy and tenure in Africa presents and discusses several key aspects of Africa's ongoing land policy debate including legislative reform, the management of land rights, issues of implementation, and policy-making processes. It provides readers with examples of how different countries have approached the highly political and sensitive subject of rights to land and other natural resources. Recent innovative land reform programmes are described, and the authors assess the progress made towards more equitable land policies and highlight the challenges for the future. The book draws much of its material from a workshop on Land Rights and Sustainable Development in sub-Saharan Africa held in February 1999, sponsored by UK's Department for International Development (DFID). IT will be of interest to those in government with responsibility for land matters, development practitioners, donors, scholars, and students. We hope that its readership will span both South and North, and above all, find an interested public in Africa where wider participation in debates about land will help to ensure progressive, workable and acceptable land policies.

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In some areas land tenure evolved a political and land tenure system that could also be described as evolving towards a quasi or semi-feudal type. (d) Feudal systems with landlords and tenants: – Feudal systems of land tenure and feudal relations of production emerged in many different parts of Africa. The ruler granted lands to the military commanders, the aristocracy; the nobility and the church. Such lands could be leased, mortgaged or sold. Development policies on increasing productivity and alleviation of poverty have for many years driven land reform systems in Africa. This is basically how it worked. Premise: Customary systems did not provide the necessary security to ensure agricultural investment and productive use of land.