

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. Family name: Christensen
2. First names: Åse
3. Date of birth: November 1967
4. Nationality: Danish
5. Civil status: Single, no children
6. Education: (see table below)

Institution	Date from – Date to	Degree or Diploma obtained:
Aalborg University, Denmark	August 2022 - present	Expected PhD completion in October 2024
Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia	July 2017 – March 2021	PhD candidate (uncompleted)
Aalborg University, Denmark	September 2002 – August 2007	MSc in Surveying, Planning and Land Management
ABB Scandia A/S, Denmark	January 1988 – December 1990	Industrial Technician

7. Languages:

Language	Read	Speak	Write
Danish (mother tongue)	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
English	Very good	Very good	Very good

8. Relevant training courses/seminars:

Institution	Duration (days)	Certificate obtained:
FIG Working Week 2024 in Accra, Ghana	19-24 May 2024	A presentation jointly with Prof. Emeritus Stig Enemark: Providing secure land rights in informal settlements: A case study from Mombasa, Kenya.
FIG e-Working Week 2021	20-25 June 2021	A paper jointly with NUST colleagues: Supporting Capacity Development in Land Administration in Namibia: The NUST Experience. Presentation: The Case for Private Conveyancing: Innovative Approaches for Land Tenure Documentation – Lessons from Zambia.

Namibia University of Science and Technology, Department of Land and Property Sciences: Symposium on Land Governance in Southern Africa	3-4 September 2019	Contribution to national report and attending Symposium on Land Governance in Namibia
World Bank Annual Conference on Land and Poverty Washington DC, United States	25-29 March 2019	Poster presentation and paper on <i>Land Governance in Namibia: Challenges and Opportunities.</i>
Polytechnic of Namibia Teaching and Learning Unit	3 days during June/July 2015	Great Teachers Workshop certificate
International Federation of Surveyors Conference in Stockholm, Sweden	3 days during June 2008	"Improving Slum Conditions through Innovative Financing"
Farland Conference Budapest, Hungary	3 days during November 2007	"Future Approaches to Land Development"
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit and Ministry of Lands and Resettlement in Namibia	1 week during October/November 2006	"10 th Africa Forum"
Greenland Home Government Nuuk, Greenland	3 days during May 2005	Research Seminar, "Regional Development in the North", concerning development in Greenland, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Norway and Sweden

9. Membership of professional bodies:

Danish Association of Chartered Surveyors

International Federation of Chartered Surveyors (FIG), Working Group on Land Administration Education

10. Present position:

Unemployed (since 1 July 2024)

11. Years within firm:

NA

12. Key qualifications:

Ms Christensen has lecturing experience in Land Governance and Administration related courses, including Land Policies and Institutions, Governance and Spatial Information Management, Land Administration and Project Management for Land Administration, land tenure and land law. She was heading the programme development and review of the Bachelor of Land Administration Honours, Diploma and Bachelor programmes in Land Administration at NUST. She has experience supervising bachelor, bachelor honours and master's students.

She is knowledgeable about land administration systems, slum upgrading, tenure security, and fighting poverty by giving disadvantaged people formal land rights. She is good at organisation and planning, has strong analytical skills and is good at thinking strategically. She has performed qualitative and quantitative

data collection and analysis, including socio-economic research and investigation of institutional obstacles and problems and law examinations. She possesses in-depth knowledge of the Flexible Land Tenure System (FLTS), which allows for stepwise upgrading of land tenure and ensures low-income people's access to secure land rights.

Ms Christensen is also experienced in project coordination of technical assistance (TA), land titling, mapping and cadastre projects with donors such as the World Bank (WB), Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Norwegian Government (StatensKartverk - Norad), and multilateral donors. Bid preparation within TA, mapping, land registry and cadastre, but also assisting with composing technical proposals with various donors. She is skilled in planning, organising, and implementing professional and international conferences.

She is familiar with project planning, personnel management, monitoring, financial control, reporting and evaluation in a multicultural environment. Establishment of project organisation, including norms and systems for administration procedures. Experience in establishing a team of international staff and consultants, project start-up, applications, writing and reviewing reports, procurement of equipment and supply, contract negotiation, negotiation with international and local consultants, and employment of international and local staff and consultants. She is experienced in ensuring contractual obligations, keeping deadlines, organising, and motivating people. She adapts easily to different cultures and environments and is very good at focusing and working toward set goals. Good at taking responsibility and working independently as well as in a team.

Ms Christensen is experienced in training, supervising, and mentoring colleagues in bid preparation, interpreting tender documents and contracts, reviewing bids and contracts, and ensuring contractual obligations.

13. Specific experience:

Country	Date from – Date to
Denmark	June 2022 – June 2024 Research Assistant at Aalborg University in Copenhagen, Department of Sustainability and Planning
Kenya	16 days in September 2019 Fieldwork in informal settlement
Zambia	8 days in November/December 2019 Fieldwork in communal area and informal settlement, co-hosting workshop. 2 days in September 2015 (Delivered presentation to Peoples Processes NGO).
Namibia	March 2012 – July 2021 Lecturer in Land Administration at Namibia University of Science and Technology
Azerbaijan	2 site missions from November 2009-January 2010 Project coordination
Mongolia	4 site missions from October 2009-May 2010

	Project coordination, contract negotiation
Nicaragua	1 week during November 2007 Preparing material for company conference participation
Moldova	Several site missions from October 2007-December 2009 Project coordination
Denmark	September 2007- February 2012 Coordination of international projects, preparing project proposals
Namibia	October 2006-February 2007 Fieldwork for Master thesis

14. Professional experience:

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June 2022 – June 2024	Denmark	Aalborg University	Research Assistant	Research Assistant in the Department of Sustainability and Planning. Lecturing (semester 7) and supervision (semesters 7, 8, 9, and 10). Member of FIG working group on Land Administration education (from January 2023 – present). Mentoring fellow research assistant.
March 2012- July 2021	Namibia	NUST / Polytechnic of Namibia	Lecturer in Land Administration	<p>March 2012 – July 2021 Lecturer in Land Administration, including Land Policies and Institutions, Governance and Spatial Information Management, Land Administration, and Project Management for Land Administration. Lecturing activities included instruction, curriculum review and development, course material development, setting and marking assignments, moderation, and supervision of research project students. Lecturing activities included coordinating and supervising in-service training/WIL students and providing capacity-building services to communities and NGOs. Several consultancies on Namibia’s Flexible Land Tenure System were conducted during the tenure. Review of Diploma and Bachelor in Land Administration programmes and development of a new Bachelor in Land Administration Honours programme and reviewing the programme. External assessor of mini-thesis in Master programme (for University of the Free State, South Africa).</p> <p>January 2014 – December 2016 Deputy Head of Department of Land and Property Sciences. Duties included partaking in developing a departmental strategic plan and research strategy and substituting the Head of the Department when required.</p> <p>January 2014 – June 2019: Section Head/Programme Coordinator for the Land Administration Section. Functions included semester planning and course allocation, timetabling, and contracting external part-time lecturers and moderators.</p>
April 2020- February 2021	Namibia	Madiba Consult, Germany	Local evaluator	20 days consultancy on evaluating the Support to Land Reform V programme. As a local evaluation team member, it encompassed providing input on and reviewing the inception and evaluation reports and conduct of the evaluation mission. Face-to-face and online interviews were conducted with ministries, para-statal, local authorities, NGOs, community members, corporate businesses, and academia.
Sept/Oct 2019-	Namibia	UN-Habitat / Global	Consultant	10 days consultancy on the Computer-Based FLTS Capacity Assessment in Namibia. As the local consultant, it embraced providing input on and reviewing reports and partaking in face-to-face interviews with various

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January 2020		Land Tool Network		directorates and divisions in the Ministry of Land Reform and academia.
August-December 2018	Namibia	GIZ	Consultant	16 days consultancy on Quality Assurance and Training for Process of Establishing a Monitoring System for Flexible Land Tenure System (FLTS) and Conducting a Baseline Study.
Aug. 2017-March 2021	Namibia	NUST	PhD student (uncompleted)	PhD programme in Spatial Science: Land Administration Namibia University of Science and Technology Topic: <i>Urban Land Tenure Security in Namibia: A Comparative Perspective.</i>
Feb.-March 2017	Namibia	MURD	Consultant	Review the Blueprint for the Mass Housing Development Programme for the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development (MURD). The main contribution was the assessment of housing needs in Namibia. Provided 8 days of consultancy input for the consultancy, which was in total 42 weeks.
Aug.-Sept. 2015	Namibia	GIZ /Ministry of Land Reform	Consultant	Prepare a discussion paper on developing a baseline concept for FLTS in Namibia to help the Ministry of Land Reform and NGOs involved in FLTS implementation set appropriate indicators for measuring progress. It considered different approaches to monitoring system development and included the development of recommendations for indicator setting and data collection. Total of 15 working days.
Sept.-Nov. 2014	Namibia	GIZ / Ministry of Land Reform	Consultant	25 days consultancy to develop a road map for an implementation plan for FLTS in Namibia, which should form the basis for the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement to operationalise the provisions of the Flexible Land Tenure Act. The roadmap outlined the concrete actions and steps to be taken within the different phases of the implementation, the actors involved and their roles, and the institutional structures and systems.
July 2014	Namibia	GIZ / Ministry of Land Reform	Consultant	14 days consultancy to develop a discussion paper for developing an implementation plan for the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement (MLR) to operationalise the provisions of the Flexible Land Tenure Act in Namibia. The discussion paper identified the perceived needs of the MLR, the FLTS regulations committee and other relevant actors and the main substantive, technical, institutional, and administrative issues involved.
September 2007-February 2012	Denmark	BlomInfo A/S	International Project Coordinator	Project coordination, back-stopping, supervision, and management support to projects under implementation. Several site missions to negotiate with clients, ensure project progress and contractual obligations of ongoing projects. Training and supervising Danish and foreign colleagues in bid preparation, interpreting tender documents and contracts, reviewing bids and contracts, ensuring contractual obligations and project management. Responsible for legal documentation, archiving references, certificates of execution, and contracts. Preparation of internal Terms of Reference for short-term consultants, planning of presentations and workshops.

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				<p>Preparation/representative/ participation in various conferences and seminars on cadastre, land consolidation, development, and poverty alleviation.</p> <p>Assisted in preparing proposals within Technical Assistance and cadastre and composed technical proposals in English and Spanish. The preparation of Proposals, Expressions of Interest (Eoi) and Pre-qualifications included projects funded by World Bank (WB), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), European Union (EU), Asian Development Bank (ADB), African Development Bank (ADB), Nordic Development Fund (NDF), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Norwegian Government (StatensKartverk), and multilateral donors.</p> <p>Project Coordinator for the World Bank-funded project: “Preparation of Digital Cadastre Plans for 59 Cadastral Municipalities in Gostivar”, Macedonia. The total project budget was about EUR 240,000. The project was part of the “Real Estate Cadastre and Registration Project” programme, which aimed to increase the efficiency of real estate registration and building cadastre system. More specifically, the project completed the establishment of the real estate cadastre, including cadastral and real estate ownership information. Existing aerial photos were used for making new cadastral plans in digital form, serving as a basis for preparing inventory lists and registering real estate rights. Duties included giving administrative and planning support to the project manager and ensuring formal contractual procedures and communication with the client.</p> <p>Project Coordinator for the EUR 1.5 million SIDA-funded project: “Technical Assistance to Support First Cadastral Project at the Agency of Land Relations and Cadastre of Republic of Moldova 2006-2009”. The program’s objective was to establish a transparent, efficient, and effective cadastral system to provide users with cadastral and registration services at affordable costs. The project included institutional strengthening of the cadastral system and assuring its financial and institutional sustainability, human capacity building and improvement of public access to cadastral data and information, and contribution to a fiscal cadastre development through assistance in the implementation of the new system for property mass valuation and appraisal, as well as improving the quality, reliability and confidence of cadastral system and facilitation the property transactions. Duties included application writing for additional project funding and extension, report writing on procedures, experience, and recommendations of a pilot project to elaborate a methodology for improving the quality of</p>

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				<p>cadastral data based on analysing discrepancies between orthophotos and old cadastral maps. The pilot project was intended to speed up the registration of unregistered real estate to increase the quality of registered data.</p> <p>Project manager and coordinator for the 350,000 USD World Bank-funded project; Technical Service for Data Entry of Textual Part into the Database, as part of the Real Estate Registration Project in Azerbaijan, starting October 2009. The project aimed to convert existing title information stored on different media into a unified database in the state registry of real estate. The conversion included completing missing data such as address parameters and technical indicators. The work comprised scanning and data entry of 285,000 hardcopy records (approx. 2 million pages) and conversion of 4.2 million digital records.</p> <p>Home office coordinator for the USD 235,000 project in Ethiopia; Establishment of a Harmonized Land Administration System, Ethiopia, accomplished by BlomInfo and Orgut Consulting as the lead partner, starting December 2009-June 2010. The main objective was to (i) suggest arrangements for land record management (both spatial and textual) that could be implemented sustainably and cost-effectively in the Ethiopian context; (ii) develop an ICT strategy for the land sector as well as a software development strategy, including a time-bound work plan for the implementation of these strategies in the different regions; (iii) assessment of human and other resource requirements necessary to implement improved records management, ICT systems and an appropriate monitoring system and investigation of the existing human and other resources to identify resource gaps and develop a strategy for closing them; and (iv) develop indicators and appropriate reporting systems to enable the monitoring of progress towards achieving improved records management, ICT systems and HR and other resource capacities in the Ethiopian land sector.</p> <p>Home office coordinator for the USD 645,000 SIDA-funded project in Kenya; TA to the Ministry of Lands for support to the Land Reform Transformation Unit and Strategic Land Information Management System (LRTU and LIMS), Kenya. Funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), starting August 2009-September 2011. Recipient of the services: Ministry of Lands, Kenya. The project was accomplished by BlomInfo and Orgut Consulting as the lead partner. The main objective of the TA was to provide technical, strategic, and programme support to the Ministry of Lands/LRTU as it developed and implemented the Land Reform Support Programme (LRSP), i.e., realise and implement activities and programmes therein, which were in line with the framework of the land policy process in Kenya.</p>

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				<p>Co-negotiator on the USD 420,000 Millennium Challenge Corporation funded contract in Mongolia; To Improve the Legal and Institutional Environment for Urban Land Privatization, Registration and Exercise of Rights to Land within the Property Rights Project, starting November 2009. Project start-up, review of reports, negotiations and discussions with the client, ensuring contractual obligations and project progress, supervision, and management support to the local project coordinator. The objective was to facilitate changes to laws, regulations, and administrative procedures that, in turn, would make it more efficient and cost-effective for Mongolian citizens to privatise land, register land, and exercise their rights to land (use, transfer, mortgage, etc.). To accomplish this objective, the Consultant reviewed and improved recommendations prepared by the Commission, drafted amendments to laws and regulations, developed a strategic approach to implementing these recommendations, executed the strategy and conducted training. The aim was to improve the ASRT business processes and conduct public outreach activities.</p> <p>Co-negotiator on the USD 3.35 million Millennium Challenge Corporation funded project in Mongolia; Improvement of Business Processes & Information Technology of the System for State Registration of Rights to Immovable Property which was part of the Property Rights Project. Starting in February 2010 and running for 3 years. Project start-up, planning of initiating presentation and workshop. The objective was implementing the Property Rights Project activity to make registration processes more efficient and effective for the public and private sectors. Specifically, the Consultant provided business analysis and recommendations on improving registration information technology systems, processes and procedures; developed management and guidance documents on them; digitised registry data, including digital backups of all information; developed interconnection of 13 separate offices of the General Authority for State Registration (GASR): the central office complex; four district offices in Ulaanbaatar; and eight regional offices; incorporated Property Registry processes and information into GASR’s IT systems, especially connection of Property Registry and Civil Registry files; established data flow connections between GASR (especially Property Rights) data and the National Land Information System; and cooperated with an architectural design firm, LRC firm, Monitoring and Evaluation Contractor and IT and equipment provider.</p>
January 1988- June 2002	Denmark	Various companies	Industrial Technician	Responsibilities were: Work planning, supervising and mentoring colleagues, training in new machinery, Quality Control (QC), and teamwork. Duties were: Management of the computer-operated metal working machines and mechanical equipment,

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				programming, operating, maintenance, repair work, Quality Control (QC), and Quality Assurance (QA).

15. Relevant information:

Publications:

2021

Mabakeng, R. M., Chigbu, U. E., De Villiers, S., Awala, C., & Christensen, A. (2021). *Supporting capacity development in land administration in Namibia: The NUST experience*. FIG e-Working Week June 2021. Retrieved from:
https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2021/papers/ts02.1/TS02.1_mabakeng_de_villiers_et_al_11034_abs.pdf

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https://www.conftool.com/landandpoverty2020/index.php?page=browseSessions&form_session=950&presentations=show

2019

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2018

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Asino, K., & Christensen, Å. (23 August, 2018). Namibia Statistics Agency event; Presentation of *Assessment of housing needs in Namibia*, ILMI Working Paper Series, Working Paper no. 8. Namibia University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Natural Resources and Spatial Sciences, Integrated Land Management Institute.

Asino, K., & Christensen, Å. (19 July, 2018). New Land Question event; Presentation of *Assessment of housing needs in Namibia*, ILMI Working Paper Series, Working Paper no. 8. Namibia University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Natural Resources and Spatial Sciences, Integrated Land Management Institute.

Asino, K., & Christensen, Å. (2018). *Assessment of housing needs in Namibia*. ILMI Working Paper Series, Working Paper no. 8. Namibia University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Natural Resources and Spatial Sciences, Integrated Land Management Institute. Retrieved from: <https://ir.nust.na/bitstream/10628/608/1/WP8-ASINO-CHRISTENSEN-Assessment-of-housing-needs-in-Namibia-WEB.pdf>

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2017

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Christensen, Å. (2017). Partnership for Action Conference: Improving Land Governance and Management in Africa presentation (16 August 2017) of The Flexible Land Tenure System in relation to SDGs, ILMI Working Paper no. 6. Namibia University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Natural Resources and Spatial Sciences, Integrated Land Management Institute. Pretoria, South Africa.

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2016

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Christensen, Å. (2016). NUST Institutional Research Week presentation (2016, November 22) of The FLTS in a Global Context. Namibia University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Natural Resources and Spatial Sciences, Integrated Land Management Institute.

Christensen, Å. (2016). Extended Abstract: *The Flexible Land Tenure System in a Global Context*. NUST Institutional Research Week presentation (2016, November 22) of The FLTS in a Global Context. Namibia University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Natural Resources and Spatial Sciences, Integrated Land Management Institute.

2015

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2014

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Projects at Aalborg University, Denmark:

August 2006 – August 2007;

Master Thesis

Title: "Flexible Land Tenure System as slum upgrading and poverty alleviation in Namibia?"

Theme: Is a flexible land tenure system an adequate and usable tool for slum upgrading and does it have potential to contribute to slum upgrading and poverty alleviation in Namibia?

The research concerned the Flexible Land Tenure System (FLTS) as a tool for slum upgrading and poverty alleviation in Namibia. The problem formulation, *Is FLTS an adequate and usable tool for slum upgrading, and does it have the potential to contribute to poverty alleviation*, was applied to elaborate and operationalise the question. The research included analysing topics involved in the fight against poverty and how it is interrelated with land. The FLTS incrementally improves poor people's access to tenure security through the possibility of land tenure upgrading, and it, therefore, constitutes a continuum of land rights. Additionally, FLTS includes the option for mortgaging land hold and freehold titles, which aligns with De Soto's theory about "dead capital" and land registration systems' catalytic

effect on development in developing countries. It was concluded that FLTS is a useful tool for slum upgrading and has the potential to contribute to poverty alleviation in Namibia and may also be suitable in other developing countries.

Tasks: Preparation, planning and carrying out fieldwork/research regarding investigating poverty alleviation in a land tenure perspective in Namibia. Spent 4 months in Namibia carrying out fieldwork on informal settlements, i.e., interviewing relevant stakeholders (government officers, private companies, NGOs, informal settlers), several visits to and meetings with informal settlers. The study also involved law research in Namibia.

February 2006 – June 2006

Title: "The Danish and Greenlandic system of planning and regulation"

Theme: The Danish and Greenlandic planning and regulation systems were analysed with a sociological-juridical method to investigate why Greenland has the same sophisticated planning and regulation system as Denmark, despite significant cultural, geographical, and demographic differences and needs. Greenland has collective ownership of land, and the total population is around 60,000 persons.

September 2005 – January 2006

Title: "Land tenure systems with Greenland as case"

Theme: The three overall categories of land tenure systems are analysed as far as purpose and function. In this regard, Greenland is used as a case study. The juridical consequences are investigated in so far as lack of securing ownership rights to the land on which the Greenlandic house owner's house is located. This is analysed in light of Greenland's collective approach to ownership of land. Besides, the Greenlandic system of usufruct was assessed regarding possibilities and limitations caused by the collective ownership rights to land.

16. References:

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