Beyond large-scale land acquisitions...
Agrarian transformations and the corporization and financiaization of agriculture

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‘Large-scale land acquisitions’ - top of the iceberg of wider dynamics, diverting attention from a dynamics of control over land-based activities/ production and profound agrarian change

Present dynamics based on the integration of the entire production cycle

- Integration of primary production / finance in an overall cycle
  The Finance-Value-Chain
- Spreading the risks / no collateral / A reversal of the risk-profit relationship within the production chain

New actors / New production and investment models

Commercial banks engagement in primary agricultural production
Agricultural engineering/ management companies
Investment/equity funds

Based on a South African case-study – but models are extending fast on the African continent

Present dynamics - More than land loss and food security issues through large-scale land acquisitions

- Profound restructuring of agrarian societies

- **Finiaziarization and corporization of agriculture**: New productive agricultural models and redefinition of orthodox frontiers of the agricultural sector (led by external actors to the sector)
- **Deregulation and foreign powers**: Private norms and control over agricultural regulation mechanisms; Foreign economic powers’ control - emphasizing food sovereignty issues
- **Concentration and dualisation within the sector**: Dominion of few large international groups (commercial banks, asset management companies)
- **Socio-Professional implications**: Marginalization in the decision making process for communities and independent family (small scale and large scale) farmers - Proletarisation, farmers become ‘service provider’ or rent seekers - The end of the peasant?