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RESEARCH AGENDA AND RESEARCH PROJECTS 2011-2013

RESEARCH AGENDA

This research agenda includes topics that must be well understood for the successful implementation of the RBN's Vision 2020 and Masterplan, as well as those that are national/global in nature, but can be profitably explored through the microcosm of the Bafokeng Nation.

1. Economic Development

- **Bafokeng Demographic and Health Survey**
- Communal land tenure and economic development
- **PGMs and economic development (together with MISTRA)**
- The role of China in African development: the perspective from NW Province
- Attitudes towards work, employment and livelihoods in the RBN
- Ethnicity in a context of ethnically-defined resource allocation
- Aid vs. Social Capitalism: The Royal Bafokeng Nation as case study
- **Gender, land, economy**

2. Governance

- Traditional Conflict Resolution Systems (and processes)
- South-South peacemaking dialogue: Contact with other 'peace communities'
- Traditional leadership and democracy
- **The Corporatization of traditional communities: The Royal Bafokeng Nation and The Florida Seminoles.**

3. Food Security

- **Bafokeng Agricultural Masterplan**
- Food security baseline study (incl. "What issues negatively impact food security in the RBN?")
- **The Mining/Agriculture nexus (together with the Ashoka Foundation)**

4. Public and Community Utilities

- Bafokeng census and land use survey
 - The quality of the RBN basic services (water and electricity)
5. Environmental Sustainability
- RBN Sustainability Report
 - Cracked houses and other environmental impacts of mining
 - Alternative energy sources/prospects for use in the RBN
6. Education
- Education impact analysis
 - Role of culture in Education
 - Heritage Education for Sustainable Development
 - Global approaches to education reform
 - Mother tongue education: issues and trends in Setswana-medium education (together with Brown University)
7. Sports
- Sport baseline study
 - The role of sport in development (comparative analysis)
 - Soccer as a strategic intervention (together with MISTRA)
8. Health
- Health baseline study
 - TB and HIV Prevalence and prevention
 - Public-Private-Partnership in the RBN Health sector
9. Pub Policy
- Public Policy process: lessons from the Bafokeng model
10. Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Bafokeng cultural and historical repository
 - Religious trends in the RBN: a qualitative and quantitative study
 - Bafokeng / Batswana Indigenous Knowledge Systems: Relevance & optimization towards Vision 2020
 - Values-survey: What deep-seated principles do Bafokeng live by?
 - Indigenous Knowledge database: plants-usage, animal-product usage, recipes

Research Projects with funding committed by RBN for 2011-2013

RBN Agricultural Masterplan (2010, 2011, 2012)
 Bafokeng Census and Land Use Survey (2010, 2011)

Bafokeng Socioeconomic and Health Survey (2010, 2011)
Bafokeng History and Heritage Archive (2011, 2012, 2013)
Education Impact Analysis (2013)
Sport Baseline Study (2012)