

## ‘South-Southwest Madagascar’ – Robin Farbridge

### Abstract.

The talk deals with an EU-funded investigation to detect and develop groundwater in the arid S-SW of Madagascar.

The nation has a history of drought, cyclones-floods hence food insecurity and famine is a recurring problem; the arid south-southwest is especially impacted.

The Mahafaly and Antandroy people who live in the S-SW have a traditional life and have a history of resistance to Central Govt, largely run by highland Merima people.

The region has a history of failed projects and low central govt interest.