



Land Administration 2020: A Global Perspective

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ABSTRACT

The World Bank has several decades of financing investment in land administration and management around the globe as well as providing technical assistance and undertaking research. Over the decades, the Bank has worked with many development partners and alongside civil society. The former global development agenda for 2015, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), did not directly embrace the land sector including rights, land administration and management. At best, land governance, arguably was acknowledged as being a key to achieve sustainable development and to support the global agenda as set by adoption of the eight MDGs. Since 2015, the 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with seventeen interlinked goals are the agreed blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. Land is specifically embedded in the SDGs. However, the SDGs have been reported to be failing - even before the current global pandemic took hold. On the one hand, the pandemic has exposed many concerns of the vulnerabilities of the global development agenda. However, the pandemic has identified hope in critical land-related areas such as climate-change carbon emission reduction, green growth and PROBLUE.. This presentation candidly reflects on the experiences of the Bank's support for land administration and moving ahead in a post-covid world.