

The Importance of Cadastral Procedures for Sustainable Development

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ABSTRACT

This paper states that cadastral systems are necessary for sustainable social and economic development. This does not mean that all land in for instance developing countries need to be registered in a land titling system. In most developing countries, traditional land tenure provides security of tenure for existing land use without the need for land titling. However by applying cadastral procedures on cases, when investors are seeking land for new development or other activities that will change traditional land use, the procedures can both safeguard the traditional interests and investors interests for land titles and mortgages. It is therefore important to develop appropriate cadastral procedures and a cadastral organisation with capacity to implement the procedures, even though not all land will be registered.

Such cadastral procedures should define an independent cadastral authority with the responsibility to investigate cases, balance the involved public and private interests and make decisions. The procedures should be participatory and transparent.

The most important cadastral development today is to develop such kind of legislation and build capacity within a cadastral organisation to be able to carry out the cadastral procedures.

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