

# Analyse et réflexion sur les méthodologies et pratiques de formalisation des droits fonciers

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## SUMMARY

Land is at the heart of the development agenda in many parts of the world where large-scale land acquisitions by foreign investors, high population growth, including in rural areas, rapid urbanization and the associated challenges of rural development, urban development and employment, are leading to an acceleration of the land tenure history.

Land is still the main means of subsistence and the main vehicle for investment, wealth accumulation and intergenerational transmission.

Land titling, in order to secure the right of ownership or occupation and guarantee the recognition and respect of their holders, plays a key role in the economic development of agricultural production chains, the management of natural resources, support for local development and the establishment and proper functioning of land administration systems and infrastructures.

However, the formalization of rights does not necessarily produce secure land tenure. Too often, a formalization process conducted by interest groups, either too complex or too simplistic, can create inequalities or even generate and exacerbate them. Reducing inequalities must be at the heart of any sustainable development policy.

This is why the Ordre des Géomètres-experts proposes to conduct, in collaboration with the other actors of the land governance sector (donors, land administrations and land professionals) a reflection on the methodologies and practices of formalization of land rights. This analysis, based on a representative panel of cooperation projects carried out (closed or ongoing) over the past ten years, will examine the roles and responsibilities of each actor (including surveyors) in the conduct of policies to formalize land rights that can facilitate inclusive economic development, promote

investment, maintain social peace and encourage citizen participation by rural and urban populations.

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