

Bridging the Security of Tenure Gap: Fit-For-Purpose Initiatives

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SUMMARY

In the article we will describe several examples of fit for purpose land administration methodologies in different continents of the world based on the recent experiences of Kadaster. We will briefly describe initiatives from Latin America, Africa and Asia and discuss more in detail the FFP methodologies that are being implemented and the lessons learned from practice. Lessons learned, that result in innovations of methodology, technology and approaches.

There is an urgent need for the administration of property and land use rights worldwide as a basis for inclusive social and economic growth. The advantages of a well-organized land administration are many fold. It provides legal security to people. It attracts investments and is a condition for land governance. Legal security is an important incentive for people to invest further in their property.

Private parties will not easily invest in property when the ownership status is unclear, or when unknown limitations are imposed on the property. Without legal proof of ownership, access to credit to enable investments is often hard to attain. Land administration is a basic condition for good land governance. It is a vital infrastructure for a government: not only to raise taxes and thus increase the much needed income for the government, but also in support of policy and decision making for sustainable development.

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