

Implementing Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration at Country Level

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SUMMARY

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Abstract

This paper looks at Implementing Fit-For-Purpose (FFP) land administration solutions at county level. Such decisions will of course be political and aiming at solving the specific land related problems of the country. This will require a country specific strategy drawing from the FFP guiding principles as presented in the recent GLTN publication (GLTN, 2016).

The publication is a response to the challenges set by the overall global sustainable development agenda. This agenda cannot be achieved without having good land governance in place, including the operational component of land administration systems. The Fit-For-Purpose approach to land administration has emerged to meet these global objectives especially in developing countries. New solutions are required that can deliver security of tenure for all, are affordable and can be quickly developed and incrementally improved over time.

However, the Fit-For-Purpose concept is not just a technical fix. It is about applying the spatial, legal and institutional methodologies that are most fit for the purpose of providing secure tenure for all and enabling control of the use of all land within a specific country.

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This paper aims to present the first step of implementation by unfolding the contents of this kind of country specific strategies. Arguably, they should include the following steps: 1) Analysis of country context; 2) Analysis of existing spatial / legal / institutional frameworks; 3) Developing a country specific FFP strategy for land administration; 4) Designing the country specific FFP spatial / legal / institutional frameworks; 5) Capacity Development; 6) Country Specific Instruction Manuals; and 7) Economic Benefits Analysis.

Finally, the paper presents some experiences and reflections from a case study on implementing the FFP approach for land registration in the Gresik District, East Java, Indonesia. The district includes about 800.000 land parcels of which only about 260.000 are currently registered.

Reference: UN-Habitat / GLTN (2016): Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration – Guiding Principles for Country Implementation. 120 pages. Nairobi.

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