

# Modernizing Land Administration in Ghana: the Transformative Initiatives of the Lands Commission

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## SUMMARY

The transformation of land administration systems is a critical endeavor for many countries worldwide, particularly in developing regions where land plays a pivotal role in economic development, resource management, and social stability. The paper will undertake a comprehensive examination of the transformative initiatives driven by the Lands Commission in Ghana to modernize the nation's land administration system. At the core of the paper will be a detailed analysis of the strategic steps and multifaceted efforts made by the Commission in the pursuit of modernization. Specifically, the study will delve into the transition from traditional paper-based land records and processes to digital systems, and the integration with other systems to ensure secure, transparent, and reliable land transactions.

Moreover, the paper will critically evaluate the legal and policy reforms that have been enacted to facilitate and support this ongoing transformation. Particular attention will be given to how these reforms synergize with technological advancements, foster collaborative engagement among various stakeholders, and enhance the capacity building of the Lands Commission, all of which are integral to the success of the modernization process.

The primary objective of the study is to provide a nuanced and comprehensive understanding of the Lands Commission's holistic approach to modernizing land administration. It will offer an in-depth exploration of the specific actions taken and the tangible outcomes that have resulted from these efforts. This encompasses a detailed analysis of the efficiency gains and improvements in transparency achieved in land transactions, which, in turn, mitigate the frustrations commonly associated with these processes.

Through this in-depth case study, the paper aims to distill invaluable insights that can serve as a

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practical roadmap for other nations contemplating similar enhancements to their land administration systems. The experiences and lessons derived from Ghana's ongoing modernization journey will be presented as practical guidance and recommendations for countries looking to embark on their own path of transformation. By doing so, this study contributes to the broader goal of strengthening land administration systems worldwide, thereby fostering enhanced economic development and social stability.

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