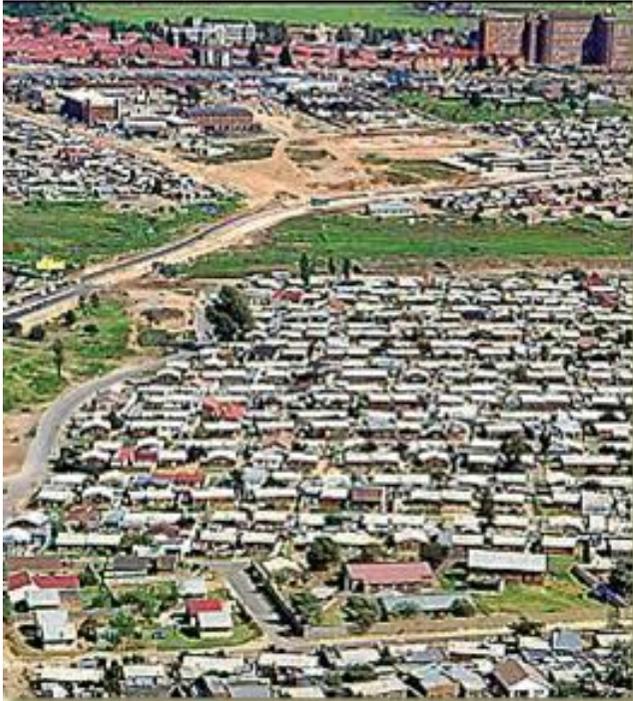




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Good Governance in Land Tenure and Administration

And Other FAO Initiatives



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FAO and the Land Tenure Service



Ø Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Ø Land Tenure Service

Ø Normative work

Ø Field work



Land Tenure Service; Normative 2006 -



Ø Sustainable and affordable systems, including security of tenure, for access to land and other natural resources.

Ø Other initiatives



Land Tenure Service; Normative 2006 -

Ø Low-cost land tenure security

Ø Post emergency land institutions

û Community driven (disasters) responses

Ø Land information for the poor

û Interaction between institutions and communities

Ø High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor

û Improving tenure security of the poor



Land Tenure Service; Normative





Dissemination Cooperation with FIG

Ø2 High Level FAO Sessions in FIG XXIII
Congress in München:

û **Global Land Tenure; Challenges and
Innovations**

û **Land Tenure Data in Policy Making**



Good Governance in Land Tenure and Administration

- Ø What is governance?
- Ø What is governance in the context of land tenure and administration?
- Ø What is the situation?
- Ø What could be done?



Good Governance



Ø Governments, Authorities:

- ü Elected, selected, accountable

- ü Create and implement policies and regulations

- ü Interact with citizens, serve

- ü Indicators: Accountability, Stability, Effectiveness, Regulatory Quality, Transparency, Rule of Law, Control of Corruption



Governance in Land Administration



- Ø Problems common, large and global
- Ø Not well documented, published
- Ø No longer forbidden topics of discussion
- Ø Not many corrective advice or actions in place



Weak Governance in Land Tenure

- Ø Excessive, expensive, procedures hinder investments and marginalise the poor**
- Ø Administration used for systemic, uncontrolled, corruption**
- Ø Legitimises right violations and bad development:**
 - ö Destruction, evictions; unplanned, uncontrolled, development**
 - ö Converts public assets/land for private gain; Peri-urban development (huge) serves wrong interests**



Consequences of Weak Governance



- Ø **Economic development:** Hindrance
- Ø **For the poor:** Marginalisation
- Ø **Environment:** Overexploitation
- Ø **Society:** Instability
- Ø **Development cooperation:** Illegitimacy

A WEAK LAND ADMINISTRATION IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO ALL OF THE ABOVE



FAO response

FAO project for *Improving the governance in land administration*

Ø2006

- û Conceptualisation, impact assessment
- û Case studies
- û Expert meeting
- û General publication

Ø 2007 – 2009

- û Quantification
- û Awareness
- û Guidelines
- û Code



Promoting Good Governance

THANK YOU

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