

A Framework for the Evaluation of Land Administration Systems

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SUMMARY

On the international level, there are currently no accepted frameworks and methodologies to compare and evaluate national land administration systems. Comparisons, however, are an important source for learning and for identifying strengths and weaknesses. Part of the difficulty for adopting a common comparison framework for land administration systems is that they are in constant reform and, more importantly, they have strong social and cultural links and implications. Land administration systems reflect the particular and different perceptions that societies have of their land.

This paper presents the development of a framework and methodology that allows carrying out such evaluations. This evaluation framework takes economic, social and environmental issues as well as the different social, political and administrative background of each country into consideration. It is based on evaluation principles and distinguishes five different evaluation areas, which are each associated with different stakeholders that have different responsibilities. Each evaluation area is further divided into evaluation aspects. The evaluation framework is applied to case studies illustrating how it can benefit evaluators and decision-makers.