

The Development of Land Information Policies in the Americas

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Background

- UNRCCA - January 2001 resolution
- UN, FIG & PC IDEA
- Special Forum - Aguascalientes
- FIG Role
- Funding
 - Natural Resources Canada
 - USAID & USGS/FGDC
 - World Bank / Danish Trust Fund
 - PAIGH

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Special Forum - Aguascalientes

- Hosted by INEGI
- Program - Focus on Land Management
 - Presentations
 - Discussion
- Report
 - UNRCCA New York June 2005

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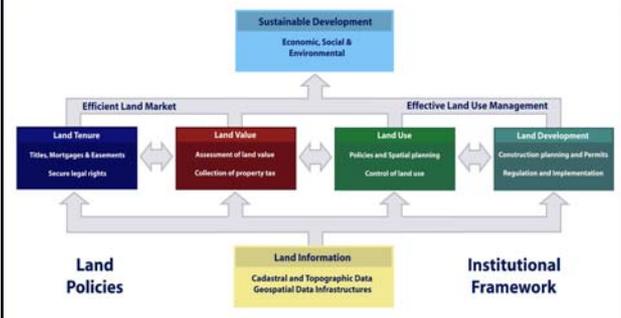
Aguascalientes Statement

- Foster modern land policies and associated SDI's
 - to better support social, economic and environmental sustainability
- Determine policies and programs for educational and institutional capacity building
 - to ensure the development of appropriate land administration systems and associated spatial data infrastructures
- Develop appropriate institutional, legal and technical processes
 - to integrate land administration, cadastre and land registration functions with topographic mapping programs within the context of a wider national strategy for SDI

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The Challenges

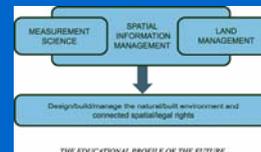
- Educational
- Professional
- Institutional
- Capacity Building

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The Challenges

- Educational
 - Lack of experts to support land administration infrastructures
 - Need to develop programs with a broader profile
 - Need to include educational component in donor projects



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The Challenges

- Professional

Need to establish/improve professional associations

- set professional standards
- improve business practices
- develop and approve ethics and codes of conduct
- enforce professional development
- interact with state and national government
- interact with sister associations at regional and international level (FIG)

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The Challenges

- Institutional

- Establish institutional arrangements to better support implementation of land policies
- Diverse approaches throughout the region - one model will not fit all countries
- Need to define standards and adopt land information policies that reflect government priorities

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The Challenges

• Capacity Building

- Sustain existing educational facilities in terms of institutional development, quality management, and financial support
- Develop regional centers to conduct and facilitate knowledge management in land administration
- Ensure that the capacity building component is addressed up front in donor projects – not as an add on.

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Conclusions & Key Findings

- Develop a wider vision
- Formulate national policies
- Demonstrate economic value of LAS & SDI
- Encourage visionary leadership
- Focus on user needs
- Facilitate capacity development of human resources
- Integrate land administration, cadastre and land registration functions with topo mapping and SDI

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The Aguascalientes Statement

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