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Land: a political issue

- UN/ECE 1996 Land Administration Guidelines
- FAO 2002 Land Tenure and Rural Development
- UN/Habitat 2003 Handbook on Best Practices, Security of Tenure and Access to Land
- UN/Habitat 2003 Pro Poor Land Management
- World Bank 2003 Land Policies for Growth and Poverty Reduction
- EU 2004 Guidelines to support land policy design and reform processes in developing countries
- World Bank 2005 Doing Business: Remove Obstacles to Growth





Common approach

- Only innovative institutional arrangements can cope with increasing populations, greater investments in land, economic growth and more social welfare.
- Lack of these arrangements lead to land grabbing, conflict, resources misuse, undermines productive and economic potential.





What to do?

- Exclusive focus on formal title proven inappropriate
- Much greater attention to existing institutional arrangements
- Stronger rights for women, herders, indigenous people
- Avoid uncritical emphasis on land sales markets
- Rental markets provide more equity, productivity, long term investments, if restrictions are eliminated
- Land reform can only be fully utilized if requirements and scope of intervention is carefully compared with others
- Land issue is part of a broader development policy





Impact on land administration

- Innovative definition of property rights
- Simple procedures, quick, and low transaction costs
- Simple transparent systems, participatory
- Low cost
- Efficient and effective
- Free from political pressure
- Low cost demarcation
- Mechanisms conflict resolution
- SDI at low cost, transparent and accessible for linking registers of different categories and at different levels





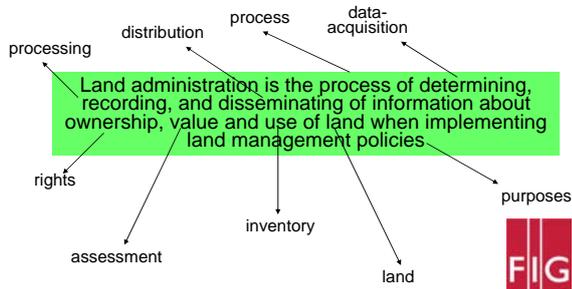
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ITC-UNU Cooperation in Disaster Management and in Land Administration




Definiton of land administration



Source: UNECE Land Administration Guidelines 1996

Two faces of land administration

- Scientific
 - concepts
 - models
 - methodology
- Operational
 - operations
 - management
 - governance



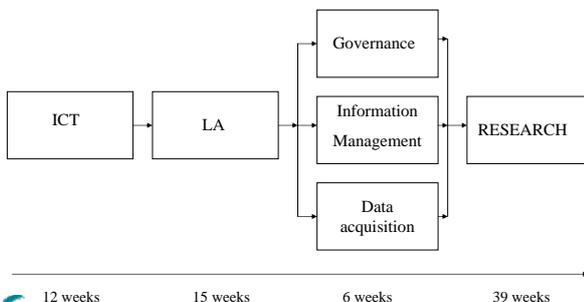
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Portfolio School

- UNU-Annual Decision Makers Meeting (Windhoek Dec. 2006)
- UNU-Short Training Courses (Ghana June 2006, Indonesia Sept. 2006)
- UNU-Symposia (EGM UN/WB/FIG Bangkok Dec. 2005)
- UNU-Networking (ITC Alumni Network)
- ITC-Land Administration MSc (Sept. 2007)
- ITC-Research (Oct. 2006)
- ITC-Advisory Services (UN/Habitat)

New MSc. Land Administration



Research Plan

- PhD Land Administration Systems in Dynamic Customary Tenure (Ghana)
- PhD Land Administration System support in privatisation processes (Mongolia)
- PhD Digital Land Administration Systems (Pakistan)
- PhD Pastoralist Land Matters, integrating GIS in land administration (Kenya)
- PhD Innovative Technologies for Low Cost Land Administration Systems
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Advisory Services

- Expert Group Meeting Transparency in Land Administration
- Training Courses



Thank you for your attention

