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GOV5: Options for Low-Cost Registration in Local Regions: Lessons from Recent Experience

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 | 8:30-10:00AM | MC2-800

Session notes by Marco Gonzalez-Navarro

1st session- R. Knight (IDLO)- “Statutory recognition of customary land rights: Legal and empirical issues”

- Reported ongoing work in Mozambique, Uganda and Liberia.
- Laws existent on all countries but not actually producing titles/not implemented
- IDLO has an initiative to help communities get titles. They are experimenting with 4 different treatments:
 - control villages
 - Legal education treatment
 - Legal education and paralegal advice treatment
 - Full legal services
- Running surveys to make comparisons. Reported results from baseline surveys.
 - Villagers reported distrust in leaders and worries of losing land during title process

2nd session- T. Burns (Land Equity International)- “Pilot implementation of systematic low-cost demarcation in rural Tanzania”

- This is a voluntary procedure that generates land certificates
- In 2007 created GPS maps of 2 districts
- In the pilot the actual production of the titles was very slow

3rd session- D. Roberge (FIG)- “Modernization of cadastre and land rights infrastructure in Haiti”

- Reported on plan to create Haiti’s cadastre (approximate cost US 70 million)
- Effects should be: tax receipts, tenure security, economic efficiency

Questions from attendants:

- Land use planning should play a role in titling effort
- Titling efforts should not underestimate the conflicts that must be solved before awarding titles
- Rachel Knight mentioned extremely high cost of Land Surveyors in developing countries.