Land Administration in Africa

Searching for land tenure security

May 22nd to 25th 2006 - Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania & Uganda

Securing land tenure in Africa

This regional course will bring together various groups of stakeholders and practitioners to discuss land tenure security in Africa, a high political and development priority in many African countries.

Among the issues to be addressed during the course are: the linkage between land tenure security, poverty reduction and sustainable growth; “traditional” and innovative approaches to provide land tenure security; the current situation in the land tenure securing process in participating countries as well as a review of international experience from outside of Africa including Thailand, Honduras and Brazil.

Objectives

The main objective of this course is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge between practitioners of land administration. At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

• Identify benefits, weaknesses and complementarities of the different mechanisms of land tenure security;
• Have a better understanding of past successes and failures in insuring broader land security;
• Examine ways to secure broader access to legal property rights;

During the working group sessions, participants will take advantage of the knowledge acquired through the presentations to undertake a problem based group exercise.

Participating countries & target audience

Target countries include: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. This course is addressed to:

• The public sector (e.g. Senior officials, policy makers and policy analysts of relevant ministries, staff of Deeds/Titles Registry or Record Office, Valuation Office, Surveys, Mapping, National Land Information System);
• Leaders of community-based organizations (CBOs) and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs);
• Representatives of informal settlements and traditional authorities;
• Donors: World Bank and other multilateral/bilateral staff involved in land programs / projects;
• Member of technical bodies;
• The private sector; and
• Trainers, researchers and academics involved in land activities.

Workshop program

Monday May 22nd - State of the debate around land tenure security : searching for innovative approaches
Tuesday May 23rd - Securing land tenure: lessons learned from international experience
Wednesday May 24th - Land Administration in Africa: progress to date
Thursday May 25th - Toward broader land tenure security in Africa

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