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PARTICIPATION OF SURVEYORS IN LAND POLICY FORMULATION

EXPERIENCES FROM THE KENYAN PROCESS



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- Approximate area 582 646 sq. km
- 97.8 % Land and 2.2 % Water surface
- 20 % high potential land 80 % arid/semi arid land.
- Population Approx.40 million (2009)
- Annual population growth rate 2.9 %





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1) Current Land Administration Practices

- Multiple land regimes and land registration systems
- Public Land vested in the President and Commissioner of Lands
- Highly bureaucratic institutions
- Lengthy and Costly land transfer and registration systems
- Neglected regime of customary law



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2) Key Proposals in National Land Policy

- Pro-poor policies
- Public Land vested in National Land Commission
- Productivity targets
- Minimum and maximum land sizes
- Ecosystem protection and management
- Recognition of gender dynamics in land
- Rights of vulnerable groups – minority communities, refugees, internally displaced persons, persons with HIV/AIDS
- Devolution of management of land to community level
- Alternative land dispute resolution mechanisms





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3) Global Context of Land Policy Formulation in Kenya

- African Land Policy Framework and Guidelines
- UN Habitat Guidelines on developing Pro-poor Land Policies



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4) Kenya National Land Policy Formulation Process

- Commencement: February 2004, Finalised: December 2009
- Policy issues grouped into broad themes
- State & Non State Actors participation in Thematic Groups
 - Rural Land Use
 - Environment and Informal Sector
 - Urban Land Use
 - Land Tenure and Social
 - Cultural Equity
 - Legal Framework
 - Land Information Management Systems
 - Institutional and Financing Framework





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5) Kenya National Land Policy Formulation Process Cont'd

- Production of Issues and Recommendations Report
- Production of First Draft National Land Policy
- Approval by Cabinet for discussion by the public
- Discussion and Endorsement by key stakeholders in April 2007
- Approval by Cabinet in June 2009
- Preparation of Sessional Paper on the NLP
- Adoption by Parliament in December 2009



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6) Role of Surveyors in the KNLPPF

- Technical input to Thematic Groups
- Public Education and Awareness
- Advocacy among legislators, opinion leaders, policy makers, public administrators and professionals
- Generation of empirical data and knowledge
- Strategic engagements with government and key stakeholders





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7) Key Strategic Engagements

- Government through the Ministry of Lands, Land Reform Transformation Unit (LRTU)
- Civil Society – Land Sector Non State Actors (LSNSA)
- Parliament – Kenya National Assembly
- Professional Societies – Association of Professional Societies of East Africa (APSEA)
- Private Sector – Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)
- Religious Organisations
- Research Institutions
- Development Partners



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8) Tools For Engagement

- Courtesy Calls
- Workshops
- Membership of Ministry of Lands Steering Committee
- Information and Education Communication Materials
- Media Campaigns
- Research and dissemination of findings

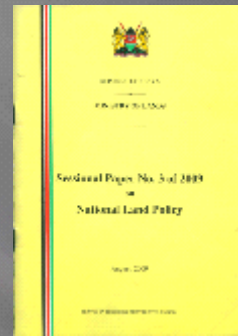




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9) Achievements

- Kept land reform agenda alive in public domain through media campaigns
- Effective public information campaigns through workshops and IEC materials
- Generation of knowledge to guide policy implementation in the areas of Land Use Policy, Land Tenure Reforms and Land Information Management Systems
- Contribution of ISK to adoption of Sessional Paper on the NLP through advocacy and dialogue with legislators.
- Fruitful sustained relationship with Ministry of Lands



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10) Future Outlook

- Continued engagement with Ministry of Lands during implementation phase of the National Land Policy
- Research for knowledge generation to guide implementation of proposals on special intervention areas
- Technical input and capacity provision to new institutions
- Advocacy for resource mobilisation to operationalise NLP.
- Sustained partnerships with key stakeholders.
- Liaison with the FIG African Task Force for up-scaling and capacity building in Africa





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