

Building Fit-for-Purpose Land Administration systems – World Bank experience

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SUMMARY

In support of the principles and methodologies laid out in the joint FIG/WB publication Fit for Purpose, Gavin Adlington, Lead Land Administration Specialist at the World Bank, will briefly describe how most western countries actually did use this principle when first establishing their systems and only later managed to afford more technically accurate methodologies to update their systems once the initial cadastre or land register was in place. He will briefly outline the experiences, lessons and ongoing programs in applying the fit for purpose principles in projects funded by the World Bank over the past fifty years. He will draw on records from past Bank interventions world wide, including his own personal experiences over the last 36 years in Africa, South Asia, the Middle East and the former socialist block in Central/ Eastern Europe and Central Asia.