

An Analysis of Community Land Use Planning System in Kenya.

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SUMMARY

In Kenya, community land has historically been used as grazing lands, forest, shrines or for subsistence agriculture. These land uses have not been directed by any formal plans. Lack of planning has led to a gradual change in land use trends on a daily basis due to population growth, urbanization, climate change and or discoveries being made. This has exerted pressure on the land and land based resources leading to land degradation, conflicts, low production and decreasing economic benefits. The negative impacts have called for development of National land use policy and enactment of legislation to provide for management and planning of community land.

National land use policy 2016 was developed with an aim of promoting best land use practices for ideal utilization of land resources in a productive, efficient and sustainable way for a social-economic transformation in Kenya. Community land Act 2016 was enacted to provide for management and administration of community land in Kenya. The act has stipulated on how planning for community land use is to be done.

Implementation of the provision made in both the policy and the Act, is expected to mitigate the problems associated with poor community land use. This paper seeks to examine Community Land Planning system as provided for in Community Land Act and National Land Use Policy as a means of attaining sustainable land development.