

Just in Time for the Party: Integrated Land Information System for Namibia - Opportunities for Improved Land Administration

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SUMMARY

Reforming land administration systems would bring about benefits for government and society through supporting improved land delivery, security of tenure and economic development. The Land Information systems are the essentials in land administration as it helps provide an account on who owns what, where and the value of the land. Efficient land markets depend on systems to facilitate and ensure transparency and efficiency in transactions. LIS support economic development and improve business processes within the land sector. In addition, it helps identify essential areas for development and supports land use planning. Studies have been carried out in various countries on land administration reforms and benefits of system improvements have been recorded. This paper aims to add to the body of literature by providing an in-depth analysis on the case for reforming of the Namibia Land Administration System. The paper highlights the legal and institutional set up for the implementation of an integrated land administration system. Following the second national land conference in 2018, an integrated information system was proposed to support improved land administration; combining the National communal land administration system (NCLAS) for communal land, the deeds registry system, the land information system under the auspices of the surveyor general and the new flexible land tenure system supported by the social tenure domain model. A method of document review, literature analysis and short-term interviews with officials working on the system provided some direction on opportunities. The Namibia Statistics Agency has been spearheading the design and implementation of a National Housing Information System that will support the generation and storage of data from local level to a centralized online information system. Based on research, the Namibian government will need to implement a phased approach to system design and promote the participation of users and beneficiaries through community awareness programs. In addition, there is a major need to develop initiatives that recognize the importance of strong political, legal, and social environment for the success of the new system.

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