



Africa Geodesy Capacity Development Workshop

Advancing Fit-for-Purpose Land Administration in Sub-Saharan Africa

The Intersection of Geodesy and Land Governance

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Land Governance Challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa

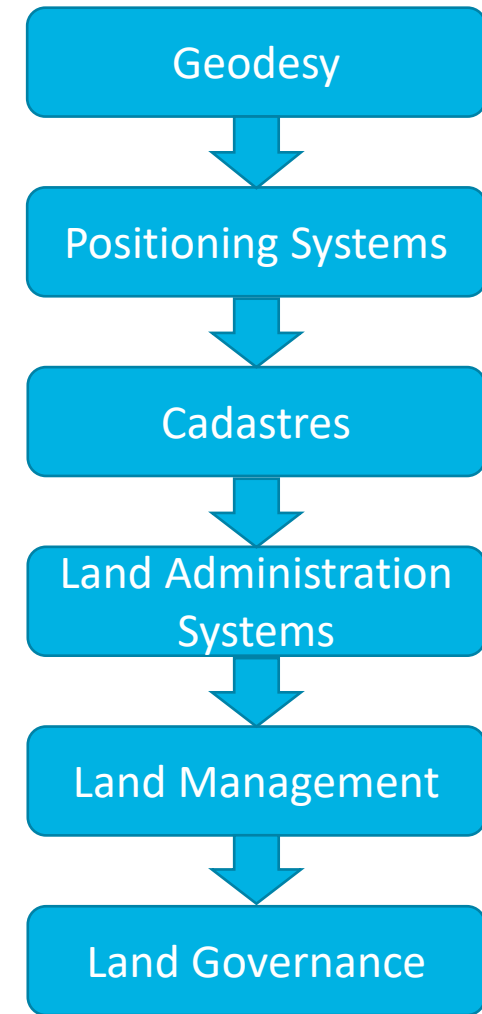
- **Colonial Legacy:** Pluralistic property regimes and displacement
- **Poor Governance:** Corruption, lack of transparency, and inadequate land information systems
- **Gender Inequality:** Limited access to land for women and vulnerable groups
- **Rapid Urbanization:** Increasing pressure on land resources and informal settlements
- **Tenure Insecurity:** Around 10% of rural land in Sub-Saharan Africa is registered

Sub-Saharan Africa has the most land available yet the highest productivity gap among regions and the highest poverty rate!



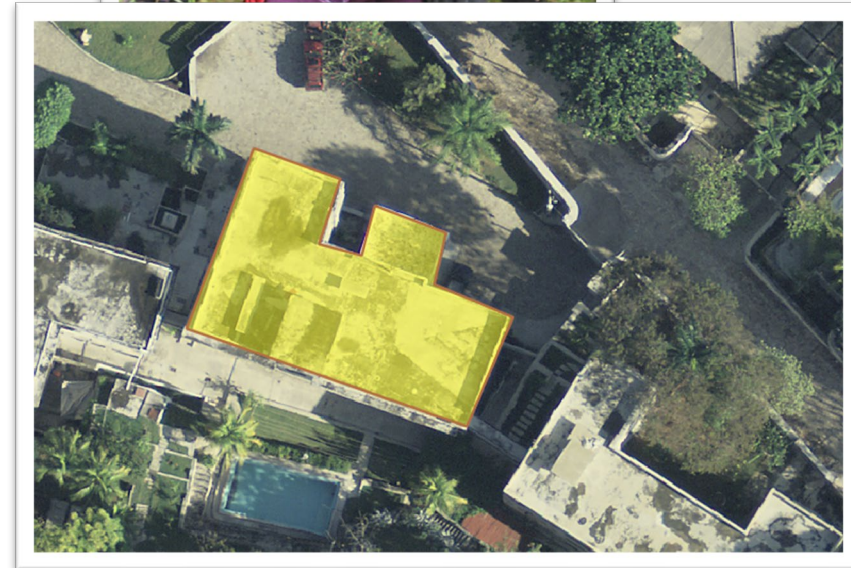
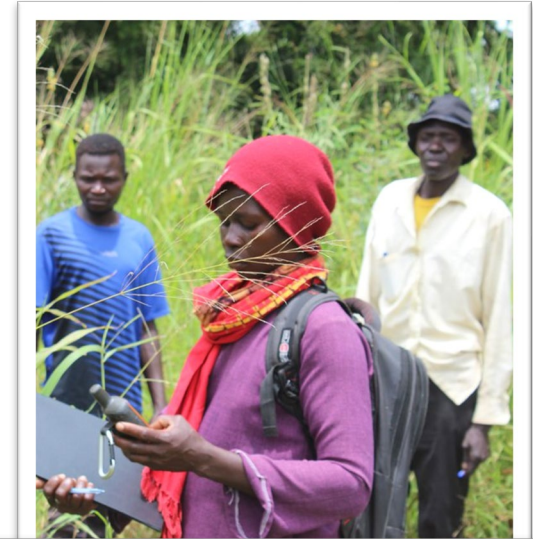
Role of Geodesy in Land Governance

- Provides foundational spatial framework for land administration
- Modern surveying and mapping tools to support land management
- SDIs to support decision making on various GEOSS themes – agriculture, climate, biodiversity etc.
- Secure land tenure systems
- Accurate geospatial data reduces conflicts over land ownership and boundaries
- Sustainable systems for land management, land valuation and land development



Fit-for-Purpose Land Administration

- FFP LA principles promote the adoption of practical, scalable and cost-effective solutions
- Modern geodetic solutions provide:
 - ***Flexibility:*** Adaptable to different contexts
 - ***Affordability:*** Cost effective for resource-constrained regions
 - ***Inclusivity:*** Ensures participation of all stakeholders
 - ***Attainability:*** Enables quick and scalable land rights recordation



Benefits of Integrating Geodesy in FFP LA Interventions

- **Improved Land Governance:** Accurate data supports transparency and accountability
- **Enhanced Tenure Security:** Reduces disputes and promotes equitable access to land
- **Sustainable Development:** Facilitates better land use planning and environmental management
- **Support for SDGs:** Contributes to poverty reduction, gender equality, and sustainable cities

Integrating geodesy with FFP LA can contribute in achieving efficient land governance and ultimately sustainable development



The Agenda 2030

People – Planet – Prosperity – Partnerships – Peace



Land Governance

Application of Flexible Land Recordation Solutions

- **Informal settlements:** Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Nepal, Philippines, Namibia, Colombia
- **Customary tenure:** Philippines, Laos, DRC, Uganda, Zambia, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- **Natural resource management:** Uganda, DRC, Kenya
- **Post-crisis:** Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Kenya-Kakuma, Nepal
- **Formal land information/registration system:** DRC, Nepal and Namibia



Moving Forward...

- **Invest in Geospatial Infrastructure:** Strengthen geodetic networks and land information systems
- **Promote Fit-for-Purpose Approaches:** Tailor land administration systems to local contexts
- **Foster Collaboration:** Engage governments, communities, and geodesy experts
- **Capacity Building:** Train professionals in geodesy and land administration
- **Leverage Technology:** Use affordable tools like Social Tenure Domain Model (STDM) and open-source software



Conclusion

- We are aware of the challenges
- We have the potential solutions
- We have innovative concepts, tools and practices
- We have the opportunities

WE CAN BE THE CHANGE AGENTS!



Thank you

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