

Compensation for Expropriation in Ethiopia and the UK: a Comparative Analysis

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SUMMARY

Land expropriation is a common practice both in the UK and Ethiopia. The purpose of this paper is to compare and contrast the valuation systems and compensation methods used in Ethiopia and the UK in a bid to establish the level of amount of compensation paid for those who lost their property in the interest of society. The method of comparison employed is micro-comparison as opposed to macro level comparison which focuses on the general aspect of comparison. The findings of this study show that the principle of compensation as “the full recompense of the property lost” has been observed in the UK, while this has not been the case in Ethiopia mainly because land has no value to the holder. It is suggested that even if the UK and Ethiopia are found at different legal and economical development, it is possible to adopt some of the compensable interests used in the UK so as to create fairness in payment of compensation and in the long run tenure security on property holdings.