

The New Face of the Informal Land Tenure Management in Morocco

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SUMMARY

In Morocco, the informal land tenure was subjected to the Islamic law and local customs and rules until the endorsement of the new law on May 2012. The new law aims the enhancing land governance by supporting greater fairness, participation, efficiency and accountability in decision making over land access, use and dispute resolution. The new law stipulates that any owner may induce his neighbors to demarcate the boundaries of their contiguous properties. The demarcating expenses are shared between the parties. Since the law has been enacted, its implementation was delayed for various reasons and challenges. This study has the aim to develop a new scheme for setting up an implementing approach of applying the new law. A comparative study of the two land demarcation systems is presented. Two scenarios have been discussed and consist of creating a new public institution or empowering the national council of licensed surveyors to manage the informal land tenure. A sequence of achievement mechanisms has been illustrated to enable decision makers to carry out the new enacted law disposals.