Rethinking the Role of Land Administration in Housing Production: a Contemporary Perspective

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SUMMARY

Land is a major input in housing production. Its sound administration is argued as imperative to improved housing outputs. From a conventional perspective it is argued land administration supports housing primarily through the provision of tenure security. This paper advances a new argument: for land administration to assist in providing adequate housing it must not only support tenure security, it must also provide an integrated set of land administration processes. In other words, even if tenure appears to be adequately secured in legal, social, and economic terms, it is actually the establishment of linked land administration processes that enable production of adequate housing. From this argument, a new conceptual model is developed to explain this broader relationship between land administration and housing. A research synthesis of past studies and specific case studies of Victoria in Australia and Lagos in Nigeria inform the arguments.