Towards a framework for assessing the impact of cadastral development on land rights-holders
(or Towards Successful, Sustainable, Significant Land Administration)

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Towards Successful, Sustainable, Significant Land Administration

• What are we trying to do?
Towards Successful, Sustainable, Significant Land Administration

- Why successful, sustainable, and significant?
## Important theoretical considerations

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- Land titles provide security of tenure.
- Used as collateral for mortgage finance.
- Economic development results.
- Customary tenure is a hindrance to economic development.
- Individual titles are the solution to land problems in developing countries.

### Drivers:
- Population pressure and market integration.
- Land rights evolve towards individualisation.
- Customary tenure provides sufficient security.
- Individualisation breaks down social structure.

### Community:
- Decides which rights should be recorded.

### Supporting:
- Incremental approach to tenure reform.
- Individualisation is a long-term goal.

- Emphasise land use rights over land ownership.
- Emphasise democratic solutions, human rights, gender equality.

### Formalisation theories
Successful, sustainable, significant: How did we get here?

framework AND "case study" AND cadastr* AND "land administration" AND (reform OR development)
Successful, sustainable, significant: How did we get here?

Motivation?

- Development / testing of framework / methodology
- Broad geographic scope
- Sub-Saharan Africa and developing contexts
- High citation count
- Case study

Recommendations?
1. Motivation for frameworks

Addressing a gap in knowledge.
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Pro-poor and good governance aspects

- Assessing land readjustment practices
- Assessing standalone LAS
- Identifying weak links between LA components
- Strengthening land governance and rule of law
- Definitions and benchmarks used
- Impact studies

- Sustainability
  - Benefits of cadastral development
  - Developing contexts
  - Challenges to LA
  - Peri-urban challenges
2. Recommendations

**Strong leadership**
- Collaborative governance
- Commitment to reform
- Public support and participation
- Public participation

**Improving tenure security**
- Fit-for-purpose technology and standards
- Upgradable to survey accurate

**Theoretical basis for development**
- Move from Formalisation theories to Traditionalist, Unified, and Adaptation theories

**Good land governance**
- Promotes citizen engagement
- Recognising State’s obligations
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- **Motivations for framework development:**
  - Addressing a gap in knowledge
  - Addressing issues specific to developing contexts
  - Addressing pro-poor and governance-related issues

- **Recommendations for cadastral development:**
  - Strong leadership
  - Participatory process
  - Improvement of tenure security
  - Using fit-for-purpose standards
  - Adaptation / united theory
  - Good land governance
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- Significant
- Successful
- Sustainable