Land: a political issue

- UN/ECE 1996 Land Administration Guidelines
- FAO 2002 Land Tenure and Rural Development
- UN/Habitat 2003 Handbook on Best Practices, Security of Tenure and Access to Land
- UN/Habitat 2003 Pro Poor Land Management
- World Bank 2003 Land Policies for Growth and Poverty Reduction
- EU 2004 Guidelines to support land policy design and reform processes in developing countries
- World Bank 2005 Doing Business: Remove Obstacles to Growth
Common approach

- Only innovative institutional arrangements can cope with increasing populations, greater investments in land, economic growth and more social welfare.
- Lack of these arrangements lead to land grabbing, conflict, resources misuse, undermines productive and economic potential.
What to do?

- Exclusive focus on formal title proven inappropriate
- Much greater attention to existing institutional arrangements
- Stronger rights for women, herders, indigenous people
- Avoid uncritical emphasis on land sales markets
- Rental markets provide more equity, productivity, long term investments, if restrictions are eliminated
- Land reform can only be fully utilized if requirements and scope of intervention is carefully compared with others
- Land issue is part of a broader development policy
Impact on land administration

- Innovative definition of property rights
- Simple procedures, quick, and low transaction costs
- Simple transparent systems, participatory
- Low cost
- Efficient and effective
- Free from political pressure
- Low cost demarcation
- Mechanisms conflict resolution
- SDI at low cost, transparent and accessible for linking registers of different categories and at different levels
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‘Implementing Land Management Policies’

- Policy Objectives
- Policy
- Instruments
- Tools
- Role of land
- Public administration
- Interoperability
- Core Cadastral Domain
Special focus

- Land redistribution and land reform: how to do??
- Land administration on post conflict areas: how to do?
‘Process’

- process design
- management
- strategy development
- technological support
‘Determining’

- adjudication
- cadastral mapping
- participation
- technology
- conflict resolution
Observations

- New data-acquisition methods
  (orthophoto, satellite imagery, LIDAR, GPS, video)
‘Recording’

- database technology
- data access
- information management
‘Dissemination’

- user satisfaction
- products and services
- quality management
- internet opportunities
‘Information’

- meaningful
- institutions
‘Ownership’

- type land tenure
- change land tenure
- solving conflicts
Observations

- Village titles
- Certificates of occupancy
- Group ranch title
- Flexible title
- Co-ownership
- Communal titles
- Anti-eviction orders
‘Value’

- concept of value
- valuation mechanisms
‘Use’

- classify land use
- land management
‘Land’

- spatial units
- participation of right holders
- technology
- evolutionary methods
Conclusions

- definition of land administration comprises all fields
- innovations urgent
- joint effort, both from professionals and organisations

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Publication

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- www.oicrf.org
- www.fig.net

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