Promoting Land Administration and Good Governance

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UN Development Programme’s (UNDP’s) CHARACTERISTICS of GOOD GOVERNANCE

1. Participation
2. Rule of Law
3. Transparency
4. Responsiveness
5. Consensus Orientation
6. Equity
7. Effectiveness and Efficiency
8. Accountability
9. Strategic Vision
10. Subsidiarity
11. Security

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“Good Governance is perhaps the single most important factor in eradicating poverty and promoting development.“

Kofi Annan
Secretary General
United Nations
UN Millennium Development Plan – Goals

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

Source: UN Web Services Section, Department of Public Information, United Nations (2006)

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Land reform will also play a vital role in bridging the social gap and the EU is determined to support it. In this endeavour, the EU is providing support to the timely access to Earth Observation data which has proven particularly well adapted to the African context.

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Surveyors are specialists of low land reality and daily life ....

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enablers for local people, CBO and NGO

mediators between citizens and authorities

advisors to politicians and state institutions