

The Creation of a Land Policy Research Centre: a Way to Strengthen Land Governance and Administrative Institutions

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SUMMARY

Abstract: In 2009 and in 2010, Kenya came up with far reaching reforms in the land sector. The two documents created new Land laws and new institutions. Among the institutions created was the National land commission. One of the functions of this new institution was to conduct research on land. There was identified a need for a land policy research centre in partnership with Universities and research institutions. The Commission has a Directorate in charge of research but has not created a research centre as envisaged by the two documents. The paper argues that the Commission would benefit from a Land policy centre that conducts research related to land and the use of natural resources and make recommendations to appropriate authorities.

The paper is developed from a cross sectional study with questionnaires administrated to practioners in Real estate. Data collected hopes to establish that creation of a Land policy Research centre will inform land, natural resources and environment policy making decisions through scientific research, policy evaluation and innovative local solutions.

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