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SUMMARY

Land has been the base of life, reason of existence for individuals and countries, security of future and baseline of economy. Lands have been seen as escrows to be transferred to future generations rather than an inheritance for societies. Therefore, for a more secure and solid future, lands need to be used in sustainable manner through securitization of their ownership rights. As a result of the capital increase after the industrial revolution land has become a globally traded commodity and investment too beyond being a source of dominance, and has become even more important in the economy. On the other hand, Sustainable Development can only be provided only through a good land use planning and management. Sustainable land policies are all about having sufficient, correct, current and healthy information regarding immovables. This will be base of development of smart sustainable cities and the development of rural areas. In the light of the accumulated knowledge and experience possessed by the devotedly working staff of the central and regional organization of General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre (TKGM); projects realized in Land and Cadastre services field in last 20 years have increased the quality of services provided to citizens by government. Completion of countrywide cadastre, and also serving the cadastre maps renovated and digitized for use through a Spatial Property System, constitute the main inputs for the plannings towards increasing habitability of our settlements and the place and life quality for sustainable urban and rural development, and in property valuation studies. The authors believe that the details and lessons learned when TKGM has been experienced above matters through different national or international projects could be shared and discussed in order to develop new perspectives for geospatial information infrastructure quality for a smarter life and environmental resilience.

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