Limitations of Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration Implementations in Africa

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SUMMARY

Despite the increasing recognition of Fit-for-Purpose Land Administration (FFP-LA) as a viable approach to land administration in developing countries, some limitations are being observed. This study aims to fill this gap by identifying and analyzing the key limitations of FFP-LA implementations in Africa and the impact these limitations have on the effectiveness and sustainability of land administration and management in the continent. A literature review was conducted to identify the key limitations of FFP-LA implementations in Africa. Lack of accurate and up-to-date land information, weak institutional capacity, limited access to technology, political and economic instability, poor land use planning, lack of coordination between different agencies, and lack of community participation and consultation were identified as major causes among others. The study also employs a qualitative research method, using case studies from selected African countries to explore the impact of these limitations on the effectiveness and sustainability of FFP-LA systems. The case studies provide detailed insights into the specific challenges faced by these countries in implementing FFP-LA systems, as well as the strategies that have been adopted to overcome these challenges. The study concludes that while FFP-LA is a viable approach to land administration in Africa, it is important to be aware of and address the limitations that can impede its implementation and effectiveness. The study recommends that future FFP-LA implementations in Africa should focus on addressing limitations such as the development of accurate and up-to-date land records, strengthening institutional capacity, and increasing community participation and consultation among others. The research contributes to the limited literature on FFP-LA implementation in Africa and provides insights for practitioners and policymakers on how to improve the effectiveness and sustainability of FFP-LA systems in the continent.

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