

Land Acquisition in Developing Economies

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ABSTRACT

Land administration theory has developed a new, multi-disciplinary approach to building, designing and managing land administration systems (LAS). This articulation of the approach runs parallel to development of land indicators to improve reliability and usefulness of international comparisons of LAS tools, especially in response to demands for good governance. These developments form the background to formulation of human rights based land acquisition standards. However, land delivery processes in general, and the sub-set of compulsory land acquisition and resettlement processes, in particular, are complex and cross-cutting. In developing countries, technical issues, rather than humanitarian issues, tend to paralyze attempts to reform of land delivery processes. Capacity building is therefore a key component of reform of land acquisition processes.

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