

Mainstreaming Gender Issues in Land Administration Awareness, Attention and Action

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ABSTRACT

The paper follows up on the FIG-Guidelines on Women's Access to Land and suggests for the surveying community courses of action for specific mainstreaming tasks. Research on land tenure in a socio-economic context has been done by different professional groups (lawyers, economists, anthropologists, etc.). It is proposed to work towards mainstreaming of gender issues by using this knowledge and prepare new literature on land tenure, cadastre and land administration, taking into account the needs of practitioners.

The paper further suggests action within the following areas:

1. Gender disaggregated land data and gender sensitive indicators
2. Gender in plural legal regimes
3. Socio-economic impact studies and monitoring
4. Simple, local models of land administration
5. Gender balance at all levels of organisations, and
6. Participation of women in implementation.

Despite the daunting tasks at hand, the power of modern communication gives reason for optimism. It has become easily accessible to network with other interest groups and share ideas and experience, all of which are essential to meeting the challenge of developing new models for land administrations and equitable access to land.

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