

Land Administration Theory: Thinking in Terms of Migration of Systems

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ABSTRACT

The introduction of land administration systems requires substantial investments. Decisions on the institutional context (legal framework, public administration) influence the costs of adjudication and boundary survey substantially. As in many government decisionmaking-processes normally much attention is paid to policy making and not to policy-implementation, insufficient thoughts are given to the operational consequences. Aiming for state guaranteed titles and accurate boundary survey might hamper and delay the establishment of land administration systems, as unfortunately is shown in many countries. Therefore politicians responsible for the land issue in government policy should have a better understanding of the possibilities of starting simple and migrate from simple to complex systems. Surveying professionals should develop the capacity to better understand the relation between societal development and the appropriateness of technology. Better start 'quick and dirty' and develop successfully to 'sophisticated' over years, than start 'sophisticated' and fail.

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