

Cadastre as part of Society – Society as part of Cadastre?

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SUMMARY

Cadastral systems and structures as instruments for registration of land and tenure have a long history in many countries all over the world. The different approaches are very much linked to cultural background and history. New technologies which are available at low cost nowadays and which may be obtained not only by professionals but as well by non-professional citizens are going to underpin the development of new business models and of a new understanding of the relationship between public authorities, professionals in private practice and citizens. The role of the citizen within the governmental processes is going to be changed – processes need to be customized. How can professionals raise awareness among stakeholders to accept their new roles? It is once more the surveyors to take the responsibility to encourage citizens to be part of the system and take a role in a partnership model, which may increase transparency and security for land tenure in future.