Land Administration Master's Programme Mission Revisited

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SUMMARY

Less than a quarter of the countries in the world maintain a complete land administration system. Conventional land titling programs appear incapable of bridging the gap; they fail to support the provision of a minimum form of land tenure security – for all the citizens, including vulnerable ones.

Land administration is one of the seven-courses domains taught at Faculty of geo-information science and earth observations – ITC, University of Twente. In order to provide up-to-date course programme with most recent trends and developments (both on the technological and the institutional sides of land administration), our regular practice is periodical review and improvement of the individual modules and the programme as a whole. The review is done based on the 1) evaluations per separate module (both from students and staff), 2) serials of workshops with the land administration lecturers, researchers and students; and 3) latest publication in the land administration domain (e.g. books, scientific journal papers, conference proceedings, etc.).

Based on the last review, we came to land administration master's programme mission revisited as following:

to provide education, research, and capacity development in responsible land administration; to develop land administration capacity rooted in cadastral intelligence, and to create change agents capable of designing and applying both responsible and fit-for-purpose land administration solutions.

The aim of this paper is to describe the procedure, the input used, methodology, analyses and the mission, vision and goal statements from the review of land administration domain taught at ITC.