

Land Value Change and Spatial Interventions Including for Climate Actions in Kenya

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SUMMARY

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Why I am interested in this particular Topic

- Land value change and spatial interventions including for climate actions
- Objective(s)

My initial interest in Land and its value was based on uninformed perceptions, perhaps anchored on my limited understanding of land as a resource for the individual, the community, the society, and ultimately the nation state. Kenya's land values systems goes a long way back to before slavery, European exploration of the African Continent, cultural influence some this from Europe yet others from the Far East, the Middle East and the Near East. With the passage of time, the disparate infusions impacted on our people, the way we relate to land, as a resource. Fast forward to today, the 21st century, whose first quarter is nearing the end. Hardly a day goes by without reading in the media – both social and main stream media, something relating to land. I wish from the bottom of my heart that it be mainly positive, but that is clearly wishful think. The trend is about acrimony, family feuds, corruption scandals, Land grabbing and Cartels in land in Kenya

Results

This would be wishful thinking to perceive harmony and, at worst tolerance even in the face of adversity, however caused. I would love for those contesting or laying claim to land to be civil to

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each other. Something tends to snap and let out the jinni of unreasonableness, cheating, lying and converting a truth into an outright untruth. Many of my compatriots have been killed over land, stories abound of brother killing brother, sister killing sister, I fear it is too ambitious to hope for, but I am a born optimist. I hope that my discussion will contribute to peaceful co-existence; increased foreign and domestic investor confidence, which in turn will boost economic output and equitable distribution of resources

Conclusions

There are a series of conclusions, but the one most glaring is the many laws, some of which tend to contradict each. Over time there have been many commissions and policies and laws. Similar to Education policies which have gone through revisions and reviews, thus leading to inconsistency and disarray. In many ways this absence of policy consistency drives away would investors whether local or foreign much to our economy's slow growth and development

Significance of this Study

The disharmony relating to land matters has a bitter interface between those who transact in it, however innocent. The recent developments which tend to get messier and uglier. The net results are economic, social, technological, moral consistency. Given the level of education and knowledge one would expect better living in which one neighbor worries about his/her neighbour like in the big books of religion. Policies and laws that foster greater leadership are possible. There ought to be models out there that we can adopt.

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