

Assessing Transparency and Accountability of Land Governance in Kenya

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SUMMARY

Good governance is critical for the successful implementation of land administration processes. For example, to ensure effective land tenure, fair land allocation, and proper land use among others we need good land governance. Land is one of the most important resources for every society in this universe and therefore efficient and effective governance of land is required. Different organizations/agencies on different levels for example FAO, UNDP, World bank, and UN-Habitat have come up with different frameworks to assess good land governance.

Therefore, the objective of this study is to assess the accountability of the actors and transparency in land governance in Kenya according to the nine principles discussed in the land governance elective course 2022 at ITC faculty, University of Twente within the master's programme Geoinformation Science and Earth observation. These nine principles include Transparency, accountability, public engagement, effectiveness and efficiency, rule of law, equity, security, sustainability, and subsidiarity.

A qualitative method consisting of a literature review and own experience/knowledge acquired during the land governance elective course will be used in the study. Results from the literature review and the knowledge acquired during the land governance elective will be used. Based on the findings, a discussion is developed, and a score table is developed ranging from low(L), medium(M), and high(H) on different actions/services that different departments in the ministry of lands and physical planning provide.

The examination will be based on the principles of accountability of actors and transparency as outlined in our land governance elective course 2022. This assessment can therefore help the government of Kenya to assess and strategize on what is in dire need of redress to help achieve

good land governance.

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