

Study visits to the Netherlands

In September and October we welcomed several delegations at Kadaster. Below a short report of the visits.

Armenia 4-9 September Armenian Cadastre Committee



During the visit, the Dutch ambassador to Armenia, Nico Schermers, emphasised the importance of the project and the ongoing cooperation. With a notary, the group discussed the procedures of the Dutch Kadaster law and

the relationship to the work of the notary. At the Kadaster registration department, the group got inside information on those processes, and a visit to the Kadastermuseum revealed the historic evolution of registration and surveying processes. The group also visited the National Archive of the Netherlands in the Hague. Kadaster presented and shared information on enterprise architecture, records management, innovation processes, and the Dutch legal system. Visit www.kadaster.com for more information on the project Digitalisation of Cadastral Archives in Armenia.

| Vincent Verheij

Albania 28-30 September State Cadastre Agency

Among the delegation were the CEO, directors and sector chiefs representing various departments of State Cadastre Agency. The programme was full of presentations and discussions to make optimal use of the short time available.

We talked mainly about organisational-change aspects, such as the role of a multi-annual strategy, business plan, and the role of Kadaster in society. Other topics were related to more operational aspects, including how to monitor and anticipate the expected work supply, to



develop products and services, organise customer contact, and human resource management.

| Marije Louwsma

South Africa 3-7 October Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development

The delegation immersed itself in various aspects of the system in the Netherlands, including land registration, surveying, spatial data infrastructures, rural development and spatial planning. We visited the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality and the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, under

which the department of spatial planning sits. Discussed topics were highly relevant for South Africa, where improving the recordation of land rights is top priority for tenure security, land policy, and socio-economic development.

| Marije Louwsma

Indonesia 24-27 October Ministry of Agrarian Affairs, Spatial Planning and National Land Agency (ATR/BPN)

The study tour had been long-awaited, originally intended to take place in 2020, but was delayed several times because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ATR/BPN is transforming from a surveying/mapping organisation into a customer-oriented digitally driven land administration agency. The week-long visit enabled participants to gain insights into Kadaster's own transformation experiences, including organisational redesigns, legislative aspects, process re-engineering,

IT redevelopments, and community engagement. They visited offices in Apeldoorn, Arnhem, and Zwolle. Also, they got an update from Indonesian colleagues currently studying at ITC, University of Twente, in Enschede.

Results from the study tour are being used to refine plans for the next phase of collaboration between ATR/BPN and Kadaster.

| Rohan Bennett

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Ambition for nationwide land registration in Benin

During his visit to the Netherlands in October, President Patrice Talon of the Republic of Benin discussed with Kadaster about modern land administration.

Dutch inputs

The Netherlands' own system is built on the principles of nationwide registration, systematic updating, full digitalisation, and a financially autonomous cadastral organisation.

Achieve goals together

President Talon expressed his ambition to realise a nationwide cadastre in Benin. An efficiently organised land administration system is indispensable for boosting the economy, levying taxes fairly and supporting food and legal security. He has invited Kadaster, together with its partner organisation in Benin l'Agence Nationale du Domaine et du Foncier, to develop a plan on how to achieve this goal in the short term.

300,000 plots

This is a follow-up to the 5-year land administration project that Kadaster is currently carrying out in Benin together with the global consulting organisations MDF and VNG international. In this project, Kadaster is developing cadastral procedures and systems, supporting organisational development and the registration of over 300,000 rural and urban plots.

| Christelle van den Berg



Project



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Editorial

Letting go, looking forward

How does one let go of something that is dear to the heart and has brought so much added value? When is the best time to let go? Right after it served its purpose? Or keep it longer to recall positive memories? And how? Should we let go in the flow of daily life, or in a more conscious and purposeful way? And do we need to consider what we could reuse or recycle? We all have our different ways, and sometimes we are just forced to let go.

For me, letting go is also about growth. As persons and organisations, new challenges continuously arise that force us to reflect and let go of things we previously valued. This might be through a pandemic or some other external environmental, economic, food or energy crisis. By appreciating what was and by recognising how it brought us where we are, it is easier to take the next step.

This year at Kadaster, we said goodbye to two people very dear to our hearts: Chrit Lemmen and Kees de Zeeuw. Both have now left Kadaster after many years of service. At the special symposium, we looked back on what we achieved with our network, knowledge, and practice. We organised the event as a team effort, which helped us to embrace the coming era of Kadaster International. It fuels our ambition to keep moving forward and helps to drive our motivation to address the global challenges with our expertise on geo-information and land administration.

What will our quarterly 'Abroad' magazine look like from now on? Of course, we will continue to inform you about our projects and developments. But we will further explore online opportunities, bring more stories from our partners and look for ways to engage more. It means that we let go of publishing 4 issues per year to reduce our environmental footprint.

In the meantime, while we let go, we recall the fond memories of the past and make way for our ambitions and motivation to look forward.

| Paula Dijkstra

Showcasing different methodologies in Chad

From 10 to 15 October, Kadaster demonstrated 5 different methodologies to collect spatial and administrative data in Chad. The demonstration took place in two different communities outside of Ndjamen. We applied different options for data collection, processing, and visualisation, both in the office and in the field. We showed the use of conventional total station surveys, participatory mapping both paper based and processing with SmartLandMaps, mobile mapping with both Trimble and Esri technology, and automated feature extraction. The different organisations and stakeholders involved created a dynamic setting with discussions about the methodologies and their technical, financial, institutional, and legal implications. In the end, the Chadian and international experts agreed 'that not one methodology fits all' and underlined the importance of community involvement in any land administration activity.

| Eva-Maria Unger



SPATIAL II regional workshop, Western Balkans

In June/July, a regional workshop in Tirana, Albania, was held as part of the collaborative SPATIAL II project. The event was kicked off by the Dutch ambassador to Albania, Reinout Vos. The participants engaged on issues relevant to countries in the region, including technical and institutional updates from every national mapping and cadastral agency in attendance, coverage on pricing policy options for data and services, and embedding of innovation processes. In addition, Kadaster provided an update on its own digital transformation activities. The participants were motivated, happy to see each other again after two years online, and looking forward to future collaboration.

| Lennart Harmsen



Progress in Colombia



With the election of a new president in Colombia, a completely new team of ministers and top-level officials was installed. That is why in September and October, Kadaster had meetings with the new Minister of Agriculture and the new directors of both the National Land Agency and the National Mapping and Cadastre Agency. All of them expressed the need to considerably speed up the land formalisation and administration activities by applying a Fit-For-Purpose approach, following the methodologies of the current projects by Kadaster and its partners.



The two current projects, Land in Peace and Land at Scale, focus on securing land rights in three types of areas: post-conflict, indigenous and Afro-American. Meanwhile, another project in which Kadaster was partnering, was finalised. In this project, led by Twente University (the Netherlands) and Universidad Distrital (Colombia), new curricula were designed in order to integrate the Fit-For-Purpose land administration approach in the academic and vocational education programmes.

| Ernst Peter Oosterbroek

Tactile maps broaden horizons

"When I first got a tactile world map under my fingers, I was deeply impressed. I needed one finger to cover the Netherlands and two hands to grasp all of Russia. My world view becomes much more beautiful, because I can now absorb as much knowledge as other people, which means I can find my way with much more confidence."

Ellen Zielemann

If you are blind or visually impaired, you cannot absorb the valuable information in topographic maps. It's difficult to walk an unknown route by yourself. Together with users, we have created a solution for this: tactile maps with Braille! Watch the video in which Ellen explains what it means to her and in which our colleague Vincent van Altena explains why geographical information should be available to everyone.

Small Talk

Fact-finding for Kazakhstan

Kadaster undertook a brief project in Kazakhstan to advise on improvements to the agro-cadastral. We did a desk study, followed by a fact-finding mission in July 2022. This included interviews and meetings with key stakeholders. Besides system fragmentation between agencies, there is need for technical support to map the country. We also provided a plan for obtaining financial support.

Recapping FIG in Warsaw, Poland

Kadaster delegates were highly active at the XXVII FIG congress in Warsaw, Poland - chairing committees, delivering presentations, and engaging in technical discussions. Key issues included the importance of young professionals, showcasing Kadaster's approach to innovation, illustrating how citizen involvement can be activated, and debating open data and privacy.



Proceedings

Eva-Maria Unger new OICRF director

The Office International du Cadastre et du Regime Foncier is one of the permanent bodies of FIG. Its tasks are:

- collecting and systematically filing and indexing all documentation material relating to existing cadastral and land registration systems;
- conducting comparative studies;
- providing information and advice; and
- maintaining the documentation system daily.

Eva-Maria Unger together with FIG, and the team at Kadaster (Pauline van Elstrand and Stephan Honer), will work hard to sustain OICRFs relevance for the future.

FELA available in Spanish and Dutch

The UN-GGIM endorsed Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA) is now also available in Spanish and Dutch, making it more globally accessible.



Dutch



Spanish



Video