



# Land Administration for National Development (LAND)

## Programme summary

The LAND programme 2015-2019 was a Dutch partnership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Kadaster, with expert contributions from (inter)national governments, private companies, NGOs, knowledge centres and universities. In this programme, Kadaster organised about 30 short term projects. These so called LAND actions were all performed in the context of (possible) application of Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration (FFP LA) as a means to improve legal certainty, to stimulate economic development, to fight poverty, to contribute to post-conflict and post-disaster recovery and gender equality and to help prevent (environmental) criminality.



## Land tenure atlas

With a global, digital land tenure atlas, the impact and progress of Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration can be indicatively assessed and monitored. The framework and architecture of the atlas were defined, including suggestions on content as well as on layout and publication channels.

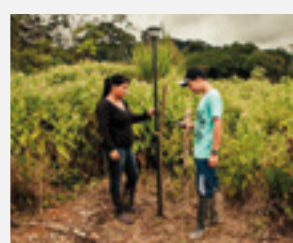


## Cuba

Citizens in Cuba can acquire private property of land and real estate again. After two failed attempts Kadaster was asked to do a needs assessment for a successful implementation of an urban cadastre.

## Latin Cadastres

After the 2016 Latin cadastres conference several Fit-For-Purpose pilots were started, like here in a post-conflict area of Colombia. Land titling is a very strong instrument to support a peaceful society. Land administration may also contribute to food security and prevention of deforestation.





## Inclusiveness

Experiences by a variety of actors in the FFP LA domain are bundled in a report, giving an overview of implementation strategies and best practices in recording overlapping and complementary land rights. There is a special focus on land rights for vulnerable groups.



## Arab land conference

Kadaster and the Jordanian Department of Land and Survey shared their experiences in land administration and digital archiving with the Arab region conference participants. They promoted cross-border cooperation for the benefit of peace and understanding, and advancing their knowledge.



## Benin

As a result of this LAND project, the Beninese cadastre (ANDF), Kadaster, VNG International and the Royal Netherlands Embassy have agreed on a 4 year project on modernisation of the land administration. The project started in January 2018 and is led by the Dutch company MDF.

## Africa symposium

The participants of the Eastern Africa regional surveyors conference in 2017, organised by the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya and Kadaster, acknowledged that there is a critical role for the surveyor in designing and implementing FFP and the maintenance and upgrading of processes.

## Brazil Mato Grosso

The feasibility of the FFP approach as a method of speeding up the formalisation of land rights was successfully tested in two pilot areas in the province of Mato Grosso. This was done in cooperation with the national land reform institute and other state level institutions. As a result land certificates were supplied to land owners.





## Nepal UAV

A multi-stakeholder dialogue and workshop series conducted by Kadaster revealed Nepal is well placed in terms of laws, capacity, and collaboration for supporting the country-wide application of UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) in the land sector.



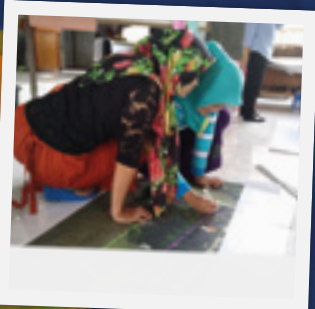
## Vietnam

The agricultural sector has a key role to play in poverty reduction and social stability. One of the instruments to scale up productivity, efficiency and tenure security is land consolidation. The needs assessment showed necessary steps on central and local level. Kadaster is involved in follow-up projects.



## Indonesia

The PaLaR pilot indicated a time efficiency that is useful to accelerate land parcel registration and it provided a good showcase for cheaper land registration in rural areas in Indonesia.



## Handbook movie

Many participatory mapping initiatives generate a lot of land data with varying quality and missing meta data. By using some kind of handbook the quality of the survey and the data collected becomes verifiable and the cadastre organisation can determine whether or not it can validate and register the data collected in the land survey. The 'handbook' was realised in the form of an explanatory movie.



## Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration

Land administration is a fundamental infrastructure for the sustainable economic and social development of all societies. Estimations show that about 70% of the people-land relationships in the world are not documented in a context where the population continues to grow and the pressure on land and natural resources increases. This results in many land conflicts and competing claims on land. Appropriate administration of land, providing clear and intelligible land information, is the start of conflict resolution and sustainable land use (planning) anywhere in the world. A flexible and pragmatic approach allowing for land administration systems to be incrementally improved over time whenever necessary or relevant is a dynamic process: purposes evolve, thus administrations as well.



Kadaster was deeply involved in the development of the Fit-For-Purpose Land Administration approach\* (FFP LA). This approach means that land administration should be affordable, fast and designed to meet the needs of the people and the environment. Participation of the landowners/users is an essential part of the approach, which makes it a combination of top down and bottom up land administration. The ultimate goal is 'Land Rights for All'.

**“This partnership clearly demonstrated the willingness of governments to more actively ignite securing land rights for all, using knowledge of organisations like Kadaster together with innovative approaches.”**



**Frank Tierolff** | Chair of the Executive Board of Kadaster



## Land Administration for National Development

The LAND actions were all small-scale interventions and ranged from desk research to actual pilots in the field, from fact finding discussions with policy makers and politicians to professional discussions with cadastral institutions abroad, conferences and communication products. Many times, a LAND action was followed by a larger land administration project, financed by other national or international funds. For example, in Colombia, Indonesia, Nepal, Mozambique and Benin. The LAND actions did exactly what was intended with the programme: Ignite FFP LA. Organisations like UN-Habitat and the World Bank have embraced FFP LA as part of their guidelines for land governance and land management related interventions.

\* FIG Publication 60 (<https://www.oicrf.org/-/fit-for-purpose-land-administration>)

## Next steps

While the LAND programme ended, a new programme funded by the Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs was launched in 2019: LAND-at-Scale. LAND-at-Scale fits very well in Kadaster's intentions to make a step forward from ignition to national implementations of FFP LA approaches. Another development is the broadening of the focus. Where initially FFP LA was mainly aiming at pro poor, post-conflict and post-disaster actions, nowadays the SDGs as a whole are inspirations for FFP actions. Land administration can also play a supportive role in controlling and mitigating climate change, in gender equality and governance of urban areas. Setting up a land administration can also be a driver to develop national spatial data infrastructures.

**“Secure land rights contribute to inclusive and sustainable development, which is particularly important for the position of women and vulnerable groups in society.”**



**Carola van Rijnsoever** | Director Inclusive Green Growth/Ambassador Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

## Overview of LAND actions related to LAND objectives

The LAND actions have been classified in four categories. The first category is about identifying needs in the area of FFPLA and for planning of actions. Advice & Advocacy aims at developing awareness, agenda setting, innovation and guidelines for practical application. Actions in the third category contribute to Capacity Development through workshops, lectures, on the job trainings, study visits. Effective knowledge-sharing to ensure the lessons learned, was put forward by the Networking & Events category.



Identification of needs	Advice & Advocacy	Capacity Development	Networking & Events
Indonesia	Uganda	Mozambique	Latin America
Cuba	Benin	Rwanda	Brazil
DR Congo	Tanzania	Nepal	Africa
Nepal	Kenya	Generic (2x)	Arab States
Vietnam	Brazil		Generic (7x)
Gambia	Indonesia		
Brazil (2x)	Generic		
Arab States			

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