Effective Land Administration in Africa: Promising Practices and Way Forward (Preliminary Results of the LPI Study)

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Outline

• Rationale and methodology of the Study
• Why Action is Urgent
• Weaknesses in Land Administration
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Rationale & Methodology of Study

- Land Administration relevant for Africa’s economic development and social & political stability
- Yet too weak to enable land play its role in development
- AU Declaration on Land urges LPI to facilitate implementation of F&G on Land Policy
- Improving Land Administration is an objective of LPI 5-Yr Strategic Plan (2012-2016)

Methodology of Study:
- Desk Review by 2 Consultants – Focus on case studies of promising good practices (10 thematic areas)
- Country-based Experts validate facts
- Workshops to validate concept note and draft study report (August in Addis; December in Kigali)
Why Action is urgent

- Lots of land & other NRs in Africa but highest poverty rate
  - About half of global usable uncultivated land (202 m hectares)
  - Highest agricultural productivity gap (25% of potential)
  - Lots of minerals, valuable forests and water
  - Yet 47.5% of population live below $1.25 a day in 2008
  - Africa has failed to leverage land & NR for development
- Improving land governance - part of the solution
Weaknesses in land administration

- Limited Size & capacity of the state sector – Few professionals & documented land – 10%
- Lack of transparency and corruption
- Weak land use planning & proliferation of slums
- Weak infrastructure for surveying and mapping
- Inefficient land administration
- Increasing land ownership inequality and landlessness
- Limited control and ownership of land by women
- High level of land disputes and weak judicial systems
Case Studies of Promising Good Practices - I

- Registering communal land – Tanzania ($500/village), and piloting in Ghana & Mozambique; Mexico
- Registering individual land:
  - With no map – Ethiopia ($1/parcel; 20 m parcels); piloting in Burundi
  - With map – Rwanda ($8/parcel; 10.3 m parcels); piloting in Madagascar, Tanzania, and Egypt
  - With detailed boundary survey – piloting in Uganda & Ghana ($20-$35/parcel)
- Registering lands, land use planning & management – piloting in Burkina Faso, Benin & Cote d’Ivoire
- Promoting gender equity in land ownership and control – Rwanda, Ethiopia, Tunisia and Mozambique
Case Studies of Promising Good Practices - II

- Promoting responsible agro-investment – 10 NA countries
- Decentralizing land administration – Ghana, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Uganda
- Improving efficiency in land administration through application of new technologies – Ghana & Uganda LIS
- Improving management of state land through land inventories – Ghana & Uganda
- Strengthening institutions for land dispute resolution – initiatives in Tanzania, Ghana, Burundi, Mozambique
- Strengthening valuation, information systems and tax policies to increase revenue – Ghana & Philippines
- Capacity development – LPI Flagship study
- Public private partnership - Philippines
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