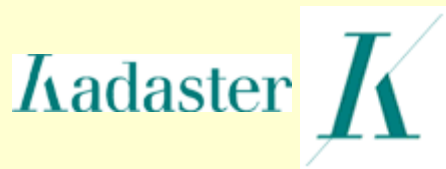


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Land: a political issue

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- FAO 2002 Land Tenure and Rural Development
- UN/Habitat 2003 Handbook on Best Practices, Security of Tenure and Access to Land
- UN/Habitat 2003 Pro Poor Land Management



Land: a political issue

- World Bank 2003 Land Policies for Growth and Poverty Reduction
- EU 2004 Guidelines to support land policy design and reform processes in developing countries
- World Bank 2005 Doing Business: Remove Obstacles to Growth



Land: a political issue

- Germany, 1998, Land Tenure in Development Cooperation
- UK, 2002, Better livelihoods for people: the role of Land Policy
- Netherlands, 2003, Mutual Interests, Mutual responsibilities



Common approach

- Only innovative institutional arrangements can cope with increasing populations, greater investments in land, economic growth and more social welfare.
- Lack of these arrangements lead to land grabbing, conflict, resources misuse, undermines productive and economic potential.



What to do?

- Exclusive focus on formal title proven inappropriate
- Much greater attention to existing institutional arrangements
- Stronger rights for women, herders, indigenous people
- Avoid uncritical emphasis on land sales markets
- Rental markets provide more equity, productivity, long term investments, if restrictions are eliminated



What to do?

- Land reform can only be fully utilized if requirements and scope of intervention is carefully compared with others
- Land issue is part of a broader development policy



Impact on land administration

- Innovative definition of property rights
- Simple procedures, quick, and low transaction costs
- Simple transparent systems, participatory
- Low cost
- Efficient and effective
- Free from political pressure
- Low cost demarcation
- Mechanisms conflict resolution
- SDI at low cost, transparent and accessible for linking registers of different categories and at different levels



Venue & Participation & Date

- UN Conference Centre, Bangkok
- About 60 participants
 - 18 presenters
 - 15 staff
 - 30 experts
- December 8-9



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