

Implementing Land Policy Reforms in Eastern African Countries: The Case-study of the Kenya Land Reform Policy

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SUMMARY

The training of qualified personnel to implement the emerging land policy reforms is a prerequisite to the attainment of the envisaged objectives of the land reform process in Kenya. The on going national land policy reform process since 2002 is made up several thematic areas. Under each category, identification of the major constraints is outlined in the paper together with possible gaps in the existing framework and a way forward suggested to overcome them. One of the underlying gaps in all the thematic areas identified is the lack of adequate and competent capacity and training to undertake the necessary reforms to achieve the envisaged tangible changes in the land reform process in the country. This article describes a comprehensive outline of the training needs and capacity building in land management required at both tertiary and university levels including continuing professional development and practice of various cadres of personnel in both the public and private sector. The paper concludes by highlighting the need to undertake measures to align the various basic training, specialisations and skill enhancement curricula and curricula in land economics, land management, land surveying, land information systems, land use planning at both the polytechnic and university level with the proposed changes envisaged in the on going national land policy formulation process

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