

Abstract

Land Information and Management Systems: Some Key Issues

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Land information and management systems vary enormously across the world. This presentation will argue that information systems cannot be separated from the management systems they are designed to inform. Land is a complex issue and whatever system is put in place to assist in its management must fit the political, cultural and socio-economic context of the country or region concerned. This includes the historical developments of land ownership and reform over time. This is especially the case in Latin America. Any system which does not carefully consider these non-technical issues is unlikely to succeed. This presentation will outline the key issues involved in developing an efficient land information and management system. Supply-driven approaches are not adequate and must be replaced with demand-driven approaches.