

Examining The Impact of Digitization on Land Title Registration: The Case of the Gambia.

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SUMMARY

Accurate and efficient land title registration is crucial for economic development, providing legal protection for ownership, improving access to financing, and reducing disputes. This study examines the impact of digitalization on land title registration in The Gambia. The study made use of questionnaires and a focus group discussion to collect data from officials in land title registration institutions as well as estate agents, legal practitioners, landowners, and chiefs. The findings indicated that key positive impacts of digitising land title registration include easier access to records, greater transparency and faster processing times. However, significant challenges impede its progress, including inadequate training, staff resistance and technical issues. The study recommends capacity building and enhanced infrastructure and process redesign to fully harness the potential of digitalization in land administration. The study offers some important insights into how technology can improve efficiency, transparency and security in land transactions, while also revealing challenges that need to be addressed for successful implementation. These findings may be beneficial to legal professionals, businesses and citizens.

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