



LAND ADMINISTRATION

Legislative drafting and institutional strengthening

An enabling, legislative and institutional framework is fundamental to the efficient and effective operation of any property rights system. Land Equity International (LEI) has significant experience working with partner agencies to support institutional strengthening. Our experts work with key stakeholders to build local capacity, improve coordination within and between agencies, and introduce common standards across government departments. We also work closely with legislators, government representatives, the private sector and community representatives to develop and introduce legal reforms which provide for equitable, efficient and accountable land rights recording and transferral.

LEI is experienced in:

- *Legislative review and drafting* – examining land laws and regulations, identifying inconsistencies and bottlenecks, advising on improvements and drafting new laws and regulations
- *Institutional review* – examining institutional responsibilities, and streamlining functions within and between land agencies to deliver international leading practice
- *Change management* – re-engineering business systems and processes to improve land administration efficiency, transparency and customer service, and
- *Strategic planning* – providing forward planning assistance based on clear and strategic business models.

Clients can expect the following when working with LEI:

- Good governance principles form the foundation for legislative and/or institutional development – ensuring efficiency, transparency and equity.
- Country-specific laws and regulations are developed and tailored to local conditions and needs.
- Where LEI works directly with legislators, governments, the private sector and community, this typically results in institutional frameworks being robust and relevant.
- A continuous improvement approach to land office procedures – drawing on leading international practice and involving regular interaction with customers/clients – ensures tailored and current customer/client-focused outcomes.
- Hands-on training, knowledge sharing and shared decision-making opportunities between international experts and local counterparts increase local capacity and facilitate sustainability.

Project examples

| Project Name | Country (Client) | Project Timeframes |
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| <p>Review of the Legal Cadastre of the Government of Ethiopia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEI led this review. Work involved evaluating the legal cadastre pilot projects underway, and helping to prepare a plan for nationwide roll-out. | Ethiopia (World Bank) | 2016-2017 |
| <p>Vanuatu Land Program (formerly Mama Graon – Land Program)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This program included legislative review and support for the introduction of new land laws. It also included a review of the land registration, cadastral surveying and valuation systems, and the introduction of “fit-for-purpose” ICT systems to support improvement efforts. | (DFAT (as AusAID); New Zealand Government) | 2010-2015 |
| <p>Growth and Employment in States (GEMS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFID and the World Bank provided technical assistance to the Federal Government of Nigeria to improve the business environment and increase employment/economic growth through a suite of programs. One goal of the proposed intervention was to raise the supply of securely titled land in Kano and Ondo States. LEI assisted the lead contractor and provided technical expertise to review and develop new land laws and supporting regulations, produce a technical manual to support systematic land titling and registration (SLTR) registration procedures and provide training to the adjudication and demarcation teams tasked with carrying out SLTR in five states. | Nigeria (DFID and World Bank; subcontractor to lead contractor) | 2012-2014 |
| <p>Modernization of Land Services and Institutional Strengthening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEI helped train staff in land registry daily operations and applied international leading practice (in the field of land administration) to this training. LEI assisted the Land Administration Authority to implement the Land Bill 2009, which was before parliament at the time this project was running. We also recommended processes to streamline land registration processes and contributed to the drafting of strata title law [sectional titles]. | Lesotho (MCA Lesotho) | 2009-2013 |
| <p>Review, design and specification of title and deeds registration system (BESTAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project focused on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of property registration and related transactions as a key underpinning mechanism of the general business environment. In implementing the project, LEI assessed the current registration system, reviewed existing laws and regulations, mapped existing and improved procedures and was responsible for the design and specification of an automated land and deeds registration system. In preparation for the introduction of new ICT systems, 80,000 deeds and 150,000 title records were digitised. | Malawi (World Bank) | 2010-2011 |

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