

eBook: Real Estate Registration and Cadastre. Practical Lessons and Experiences

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SUMMARY

Following requests from a number of fellow professionals, an eBook entitled "Real Estate Registration and Cadastre. Practical Lessons and Experiences" was drafted and made available for free on the Website gadlandreg.com in February 2020. It has been downloaded by almost 2,000 different people from 115 different countries so far. The book focuses on practical experiences in projects establishing, and making sustainable, real estate registration and cadastre systems in countries that needed to make changes or establish their systems for the first time.

The intended audience is those who would lead or be involved in such projects or programs, including senior staff in government agencies and team leaders from financing partners or bilateral donor agencies and consultants (local or international) working in the sector. The book can be used as the basis for training, taking one chapter at a time, or for a workshop lasting two or three days, or just for reading about experiences and lessons learned in other projects and programs.

Recently the RICS invited the authors to produce a shorter version as an 'Insight' paper that builds upon the knowledge, understanding and wisdom found in the eBook. Dictionary.com refers to: 'knowledge' as an acquaintance with facts, truths or principles; 'understanding' as the comprehension and personal interpretation of the knowledge; 'wisdom' combines knowledge and understanding with just judgement as to acts; and 'insight' as seeing into the inner character or the underlying truth. 'Insight' requires an accurate and deep understanding. Much of the content of the eBook provides the required knowledge and wisdom, including much of the basic theory, many empirical examples and a detailed annex with a literature review.

The presentation of the eBook at the FIG e-Working week aims to raise awareness about the book and how it can be used, share lessons learned and to look forward. The authors would like to

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convey the message that it would be possible to add other chapters to the eBook, but these require different authors, for example: the social impact – including impacts on vulnerable, indigenous or otherwise disadvantaged groups; capacity development and training programs; real estate market development, providing financing or credit for smallholders and small enterprises; land economy and valuation; local government and other influences on land use, planning, address systems, etc.; state land management; property related issues to climate change, natural disasters and responses to crises, such as covid-19 pandemic.

You can access the book here: <https://gadlandreg.com>

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