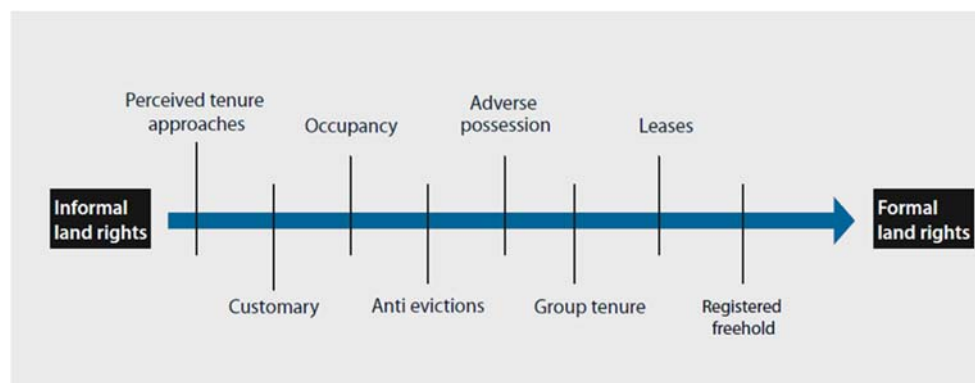


The Global Land Tool Network: leaving no one behind in land administration?

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Abstract: With land being regarded as an ultimate resource without which life cannot be sustained, the impact of the fact that almost 75 percent of the land occupied by humankind is NOT formally recognised leaves many, esp. the vulnerable, in an insecure position. Long before SDG indicator 1.4.2 put the focus on documented land rights and perceived tenure security, partners of the Global Land Tool Network have been working on practical solutions to improve the tenure security of the people who hold land through other means than statutory land rights. The recognition of the diversity of people-to-land relations that sustain the livelihood of many and have social legitimacy (UN Habitat: continuum of land rights; FAO: legitimate tenures) has been complemented by the design and piloting of pro-poor and gendered land tools to serve these other land relations. A few examples from land tools ITC has been involved with will be discussed. Currently GLTN's focus is including a move from piloting to up scaling and design improvement.



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