Hybrid solutions to securing land rights in the continuum between customary and formal land tenure

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Abstract: For land in the continuum between communal land tenure and formal (western) tenure, there are two main ways of enhancing security of rights. First, custom and the adaptation of custom, including ceremonies to ancestors, burying birth cords etc. Second, quasi formal methods such as ad hoc written agreements and sketch plans. Preliminary work in Zimbabwe in 2005 also found evidence of non-title registers being used to add security to land holding, and this seminar presents findings of research into how development levy registers and headmen’s registers may be a factor in the security equation of communal land right holders.

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