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## ***Towards Sustainable Land Governance with Swedish Support***

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The intention is to present a few examples where Lantmäteriet and Sweden as a donor has supported some African countries in Land Governance over the last couple of years.

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## Swedish Developing Aid and International Services at

Policy framework for Swedish development cooperation, humanitarian assistance

Strategy for multilateral development policy

Agenda 2030, regional or thematic strategies

Lantmäteriets contribution for global development



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## Thematic priorities of the new reform agenda

1. Combating poverty through job creation, trade and education
2. Improved health for the most vulnerable
3. Promoting freedom and fighting oppression
4. Expanded and more effective climate aid
5. Strengthening women's and girls' freedom and empowerment
6. Strengthened synergies between development assistance and migration policy
7. Enhanced humanitarian assistance to save lives and alleviate suffering

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## Lantmäteriet Development Cooperation

- Focus on Africa and Eastern Europe/Western Balkans
- Preferably a few larger projects (4-5 years). Funded by Sida
- Resident staff from Lantmäteriet in our projects
- Capacity Development (individuals & organizations)
- Sustainable results in focus!



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## Current projects

- Liberia (2019-2023, 2024-2027))
- Rwanda (2022-2027)
- Serbia (2022-2025)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (2023-2027)
- ITP LZ (Liberia & Zimbabwe)
- ITP 3 I I (Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia)
- Albania – cooperation with the Swedish Tax Agency

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## Sustainability

- Sustainability; directly after the project ends, one year after project ends, five years, ten years... How to measure? Who to decide?
- Personal view; very difficult to ensure long term sustainable results with support from one doner and doner project. Several doners supporting the same development needed.
- Crucial to ensure:
  - Not only the management of the organisation must live and lead the change, it must go higher than that! Without political leadership and guidance, a significant project result will most probably be lost quickly.
  - Funding, capacity and capability together with a legal foundation

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## Liberia –

### Capacity Building for Inclusive Land Administration and Management in Liberia (2019-2023) Development for delivery of sustainable land services in Liberia (1st June 2024-2027)

- New Land Act in Liberia
- Developing Liberia Land Authority on all levels
- Supporting education in this field in Liberia
- Close cooperation during several years with e.g World Bank
- Supporting the development of several regional offices
- The pandemic did not help. Challenge to secure sustainability in investments as organisational development, work processes, capacity building, technical skills and much more



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**Liberia –**

**Capacity Building for Inclusive Land Administration and Management in Liberia (2019-2023)  
Development for delivery of sustainable land services in Liberia (1st June 2024-2027)**

Examples of significant change, results and evidence that we are at least driving in the right direction

- **Decentralization of services** and operational costs for five County Land Offices that were renovated by the World Bank LLAP (Liberia Land Administration Project).
- Decentralized service delivery also intended to **increase revenue** generation and improve the financial sustainability of the Liberia Land Authority. The revenue increases in the two chosen role-model offices validated the proof of concept and the success of this intervention.

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## Rwanda – Capacity Development in Land Management (2022-2027)

- Increased Awareness on land matters amongst professionals in the land sector, Rwandan citizens and journalists
- Capacity building, leading to enhanced knowledge and improved skills amongst staff at NLA
- Engaging stakeholders, civil society and enhanced coordination with external partners
- **Other donors;**
  - Land at Scale project (Kadaster International)
  - Japanese mapping project (JICA)

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Significant change, results and evidence that we are at least driving in the right direction

- **Capacity and Capability** development on both technical and organisational matters
- Improved **knowledge about land right** through awareness campaigns
- **Land clinics and boundary correction** – An established way for the National Land Authority meets community and villagers. The open discussions also leads to boundary corrections when needed.
  - *Testimonial from Niyonsenga Jean, a land committee member at Kabaya sector: “The training significantly broadened our understanding of women’s land rights, shedding light on the pivotal role of land ownership. It was truly an empowering experience that transformed our perceptions and emphasized the intrinsic value of owning land.”*

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## International Training Program

- Sida's International Training Programme (ITP) offers key people from institutions in low- and middle-income countries training in implementing reforms. The objective is a transparent, efficient and democratic state administration under the rule of law.
- To strengthen capacity amongst public institutions, increase trust for public services and secure land rights, in particular for women and vulnerable people
- An ITP connects people, organisations and also countries under one program.
- Lantmäteriet is running two ITPs
  - ITP3.11 – Applied Land Governance for East Africa (Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia)
  - ITPLZ - Applied Land Governance For Liberia and Zimbabwe

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## International Training Program - Applied Land Governance For Liberia and Zimbabwe

### Zimbabwe:

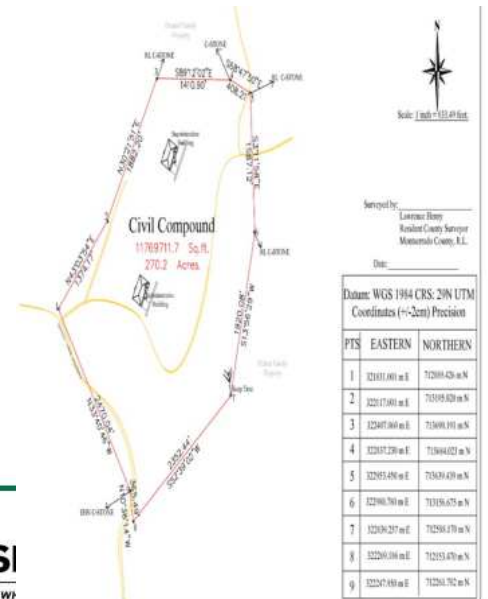
Change project involves creating a market square.

- Finalization of building plans
- Drafting of the lease template
- Awareness and consultations
- Digitizing market layouts into GIS
- Challenge: Fundraising for construction

### Liberia:

Change project involves developing process for approving deeds for Bentol Land.

Close cooperation between governmental organisation, local authorities and citizens.





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## ITP 3 | I – Applied Land Governance in East Africa

*Testimonial: a single mother from a rural community in Ndake Chiefdom, Zambia gained knowledge and confidence to assert her right to negotiate for a better value of her land when it comes to compensation. With the support of the ITP, she and many others were informed through the community meetings about the importance of having property under customary land valued. The information is not only empowering for Ms. Sakala but also represents the tangible impact of our efforts to ensure equitable land rights for women and marginalized individuals. Jane's story exemplifies how our project has empowered countless others to claim for their rights during displacement.*



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## Conclusion

- Do we know we reach sustainable results? It is up to the receiving country / organisation to ensure!
- Sustainable results are only ensured if there is a political will and focus.
- Sustainability is supported by the competence and capacity development leading to a number of "change agents" in a country in the field of Land Administration.

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*Thank you for your patience and interest*

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International Federation of Surveyors supports the Sustainable Development Goals

## Commission #

Commission's name

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