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Land governance arrangements in operationalizing effective land administration systems: Prospects for evaluation approach

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Rationale

Question: what method can evaluate land governance arrangements for operationalizing effective land administration systems?

Aim: to contribute to development of an evaluation approach on land governance arrangements in operationalizing effective land administration systems

Objective 1: ID key features of good land governance and effective land administration

Objective 2: ID evaluation benchmarks from practice

Objective 3: develop measurement criteria





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Methods

1. A review of frameworks on land governance and land administration -> to identify features that relate good governance and effective LA.
2. A reference to country experiences on land governance arrangements in processes of LA -> benchmarks for evaluation.
3. Evaluation approach constructed.

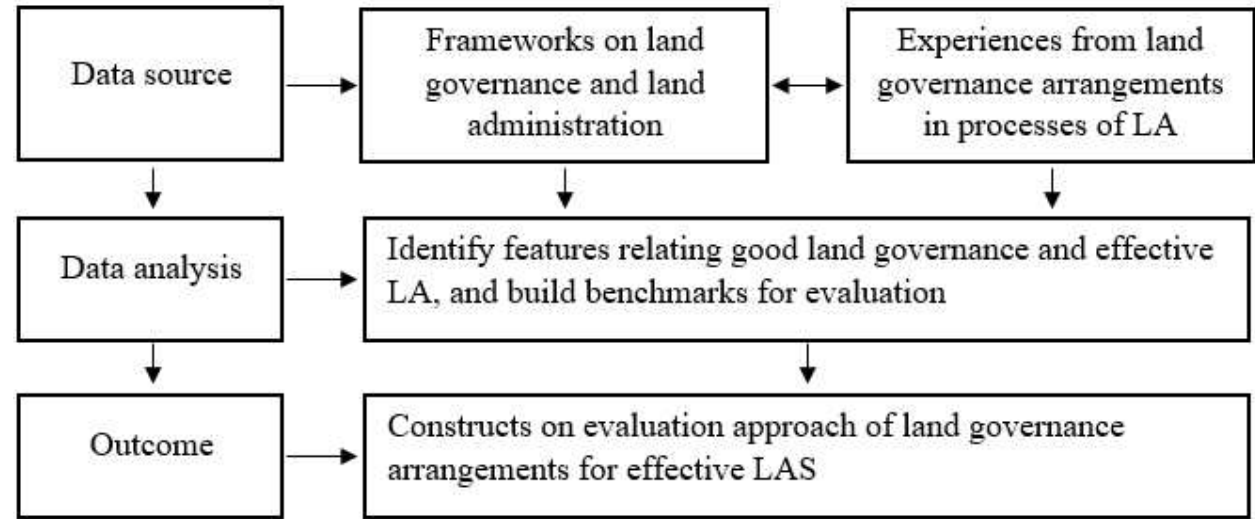




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Land governance and land administration framework

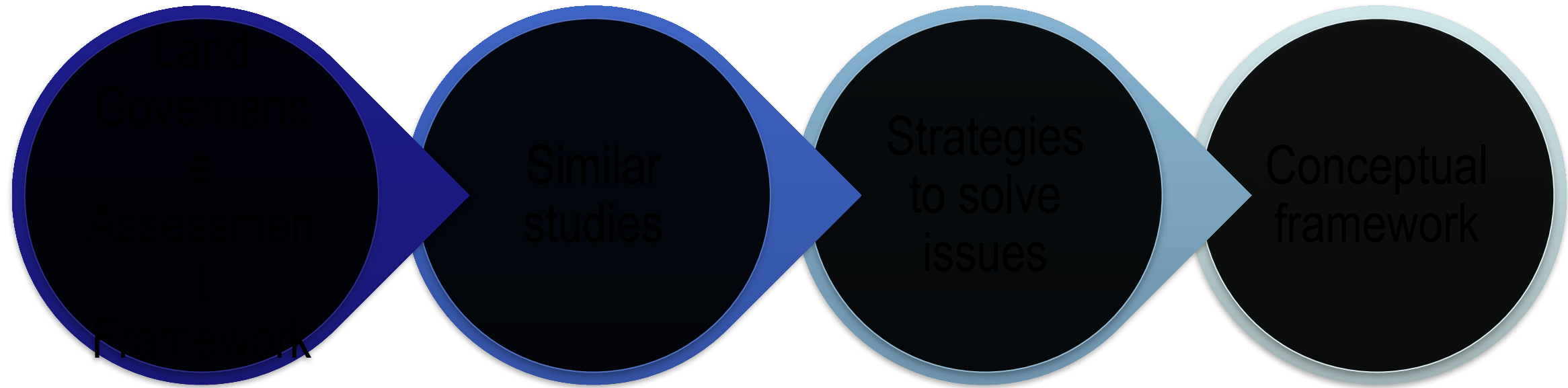




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Results

Core evaluation aspect	Key Indicator	Possible benchmark	Evaluation element
Legal and institutional framework	Inclusiveness of multiple interests to land	Inclusive to multiplicity of interests in land	Clarity in formulated legal framework and its implementation
		Inclusive to all categories of people	Attention paid to gender and vulnerable groups
	Institutional functioning	Level of decentralization including customary land governance institutions	
	Inclusive policies, programming, and operations	A broad policy framework for sustainable development and human rights, encompassing: - land and land administration, - agricultural policies supporting family farming and policies supporting development of economic activities	
Land management	Transparency in handling issues to land	Participation of local communities	Decisions involving local people in land related governance
		Land valuation and taxation	Clear and efficient procedure
		Dispute resolution	Equitable procedure
Sustainability behind development of LAS	LAS serving social welfare	Purpose of developing LAS	Support in implementing formulated land policy and law
		Establishment of LAS and its utilization	Implementing what lays out in land policy and law, particularly to protecting social tenure and natural resources for economic development >>> usage of land information from LAS in land management decisions
		Protective measures of majority land interests	Equity in formal recognition of land tenure rights in planned public interests, whatever land governance arrangements in place





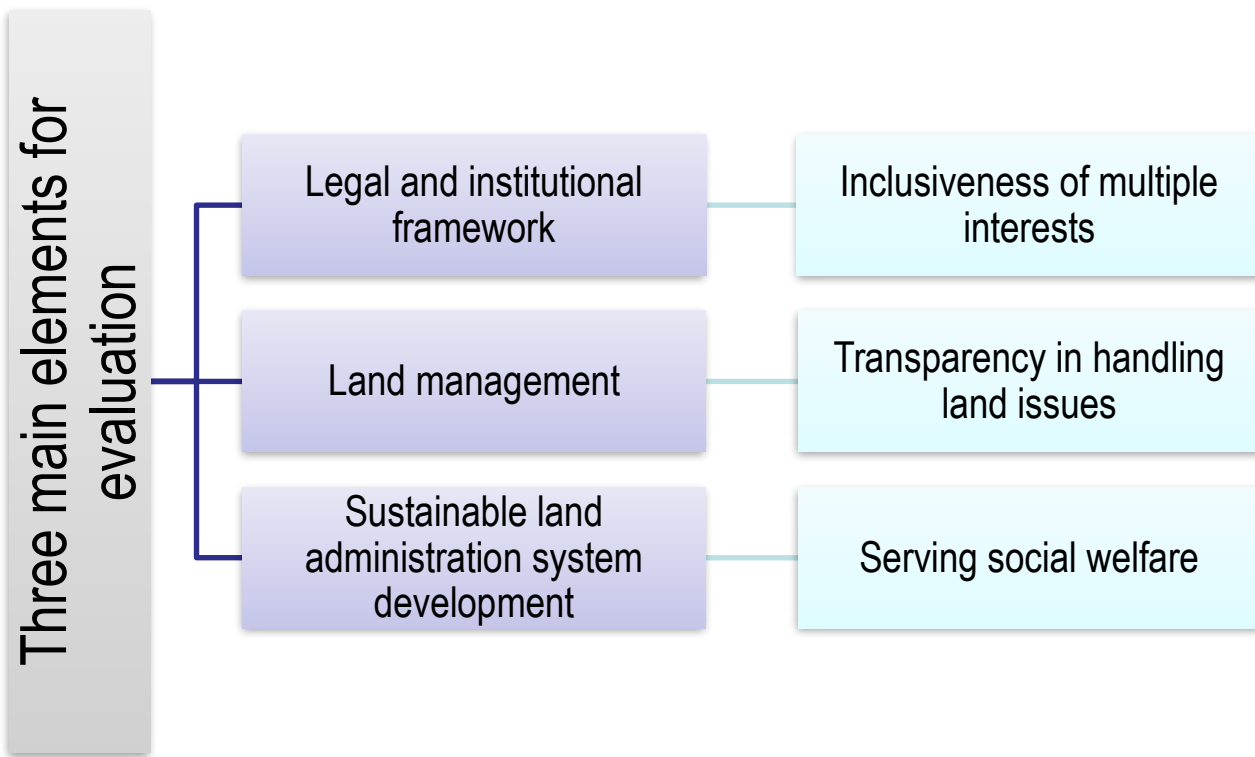
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Discussion



- Differences in land governance arrangements have impact in operationalizing formal land administration services
- Expectation and reality differ due to differences in land governance arrangements
- Despite contextual differences, there persistent issues to land governance



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Conclusions

- Whatever land governance arrangement in place, the evaluation approach should be based on the outcome of operationalizing a LAS against the purpose of its development.
- That is, how land governance arrangement support attaining LASs objectives
- The evaluation method developed in this study can be used to evaluate land governance cases which are built on different arrangements for the purpose of operating effective LASs.

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