Land registration between policy and social security

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SUMMARY

Land registration has more than ever become an issue in all societies and for all governments. The need to define land tenure in a cultural and social context and to integrate land registration as a fundamental right and obligation of citizen into legal frameworks is growing from different backgrounds. Besides a major economic aspect which is essential for creating sustainable land markets and for securing investments, which are necessary for keeping economy and the labour market prosperous, the requirements from a social aspect are pushing decision-makers to provide facilities for the establishment of well accepted and secure frameworks. Taxation and valuation, either as drivers for land registration or as by-products of land registration are no longer only a source of income for public budgets but have become instruments to steer land markets and to implement policy. It is the professionals, who take the role of providing expertise and knowledge, who mediate between stakeholders and who implement technology for the sake of long-term security, independence and trust by citizen.