

# **The Role of Surveyors in the Kenya National Land Policy Formulation Process**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Kenya has not had a national land policy since attaining its independence forty five years ago. Land ownership, development, management and disposal have been guided by multiple statutes and numerous administrative orders some of which have contradictory provisions. There are lacks clear goals and harmonised prescriptions to guide issuance and registration of rights, regulation, fiscal practices. This has led to environmental degradation, poor land use practices, low agricultural production, increased disputes, and growth of informal settlements. General national and regional development has been slow. It is with this background that the institution of surveyors of Kenya initiated national advocacy to have the land policy formulation process started. Surveyors have played different roles using different tools and strategies at every stage of formulation. This paper seeks to outline these roles, strategies, tools, lessons learnt and areas for further action.

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