

Spatial Data Infrastructure and the Cadastral System of Trinidad and Tobago: the Caribbean Experience

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ABSTRACT

Spatial data infrastructure (SDI) provides the bedrock for the efficient and effective management of cadastral systems. It provides the ability to relate the different data themes and sub-systems that characterize modern cadastral systems. The development and maintenance of SDI are however major challenges to the countries and territories of the Caribbean. Their continuing reliance on their former European colonizers and their poor economy are mainly responsible for the weakness of both the SDI and the cadastral systems. Using Trinidad and Tobago as an example, this paper reviews the status of SDI and cadastral systems in the Caribbean and provides an analysis of activities that would improve both.

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