### Similar High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor

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The Norwegian Prime Minister on 3rd May 2004:

#### **A NEW AGENDA** in fighting poverty

Lack of security of tenure has big negative consequences for the individual poor as well as for entire societies.

To reach the UN goal of halving the number of people living in extreme poverty by 2015 we must address this issue.

Establishing good property systems that are accessible for all will be a cornerstone in Norwegian foreign aid



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langt mer enn det er verdt

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Demokrati, menneskerettigheter og velstand er ikke eie, men resultater av innsats som må respekteres, videreu i hver generasjon. Vi lever i en tid da vi må minne oss selv

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#### Hernando de Soto Unlocking the Riches of the Poor

Development schemes for Third World countries rarely benefit the poor, largely because aid is too often squandered by corrupt bureaucracies. That makes fresher, commonsense visions like those of Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto all the more welcome. De Soto has spent years looking deep inside the underground economies where poor people--who make up two-thirds of the world's population--eke out a living. He figures the value of their extralegal property, from cinderblock squatter homes to black-market streetvendor sales, at almost \$10 trillion. De Soto insists that bringing the poor and their assets into the formal economy, which is usually closed to them by oligarchies and epic red tape, would eclipse all previous development efforts.



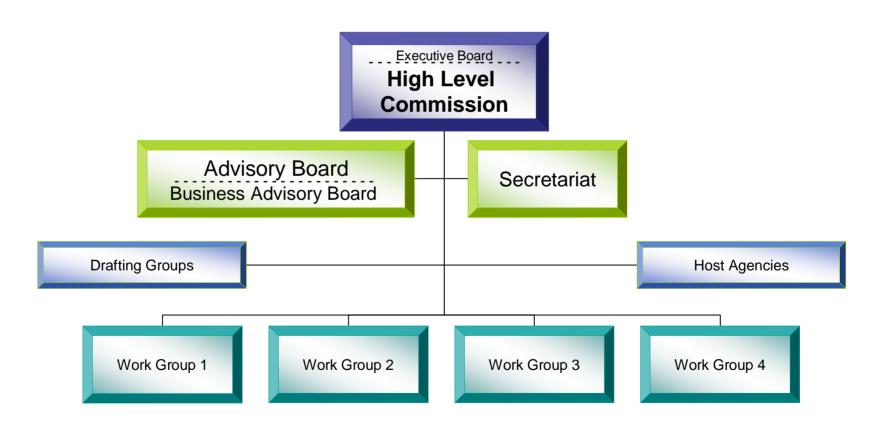


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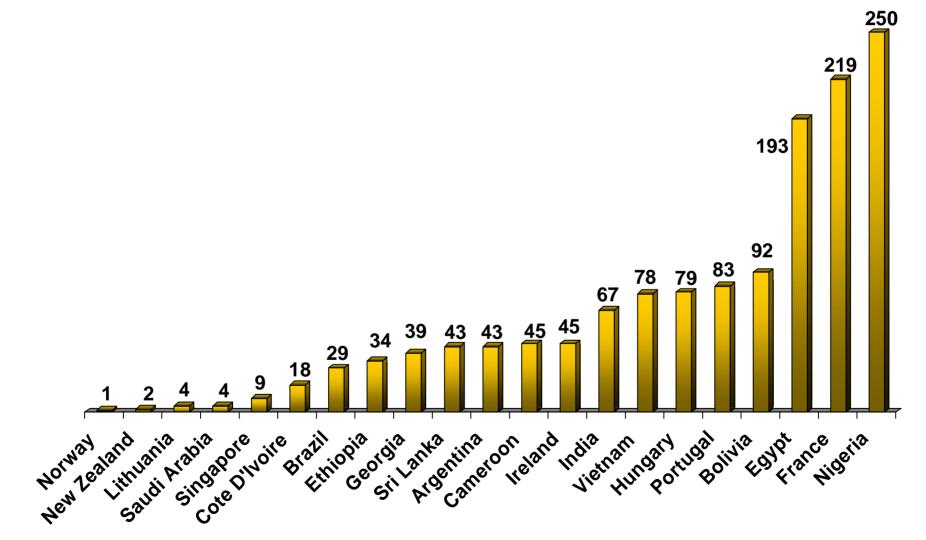
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- Why establish the High-level Commission?
- The tasks of the Commission objectives
- Structure of the Commission
- Commissioners and advisory board
- Who proposed the Commission
- Important concerns

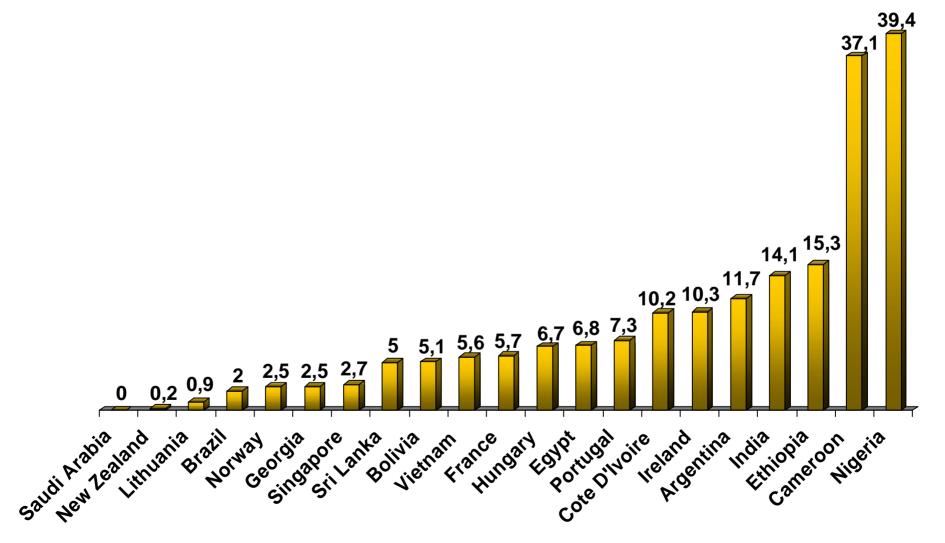
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## Pilot results: time to transfer title (days)



# Pilot results: cost to transfer title (%value)



### Giii High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor

- To get political support for reforms
- Secure broader access to legal rights
- Access to legal organizational forms
- Investigate prospects, actions, obstacles
- Inventory of reforms that have worked
- To produce a tool kit for policy makers

### Give High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor

Co-chaired by Madeleine Albright and Hernando de Soto

- Fernando Cardoso, Brasil
- Shirin Ebadi, Iran
- Prince EL-Hassan bin Talal, Jordan
- Arjun Sengupta, India
- Bejnamin Mkapa, Tanzania
- Mary Robinson, Irland
- Erneste Zedillo, Mexico
- + some 20 people more

### Gilli High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor

#### Advisory board

- Robert Annibale
- Luis Alberto Moreno
- Kumi Naidoo
- Sheela Patel (India)
- Juan Somavia
- Anna Tibaijuka
- John Watson
- Paul Wolfowitz
- Francisco Garza Zambrano

### Similar High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor

- Commission shall work for 3 years
  - Independent members in their personal capacity
  - Outcome of the work will be presented late 2007
- Secretariat at UNDP in New York and UN ECE in Geneva
  - Looking for working group members
  - Funded by governments, private and public sector
- Will it work?