

Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA): Research Synthesis

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SUMMARY

The Framework of Effective Land Administration (FELA), endorsed by the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), supports establishment and modernisation of country-level land administration systems worldwide. This synthesis research aims to provide a comprehensive overview of FELA application and research progress made since the endorsement by the United Nations. Through a comprehensive synthesis of existing research, the current state of FELA adoption in the research community and its impact on land administration globally is provided. By identifying challenges and successes relating to FELA, it contributes to ongoing efforts to refine and enhance land administration practices, promoting effective land administration and equitable access to land worldwide. While the FELA framework has gained global recognition, its recognition at the national level remains challenging. This research contributes to the ongoing efforts to bridge this implementation gap by examining key factors of the framework's adoption in the research community. Research on the uptake of FELA can provide insights into how countries are incorporating FELA principles into their policy development and implementation. Specific case applications such as Pakistan, Ethiopia, Armenia, Indonesia, the Netherlands, and various European countries helps to show how FELA is being discussed and considered. This is crucial for aligning national land administration strategies with global best practices, ensuring that land administration systems are effective and responsive to local needs. Countries that are considering or implementing FELA may require capacity-building efforts, including training and technical assistance. Research can identify these gaps in knowledge and capacity using the FELA, helping international organizations and governments tailor their support to meet specific needs. Further, the fact that the private sector, is considering FELA is important. It indicates that businesses and, in the land sector donors, recognise the importance of effective land administration. Research can show how private sector actors are engaging with the FELA principles and how they can contribute to the framework's successful implementation. Comparative research using the FELA across countries and regions

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allows for the identification of common challenges and successful strategies. This information can facilitate peer learning and the sharing of best practices, enabling countries to learn from each other's experiences. Research on the IGIF and FELA adoption further support UN-GGIM to coordinate their efforts more effectively. It allows them to target support to countries where it is most needed and to ensure that the frameworks principles are consistently applied and adapted to different contexts. Finally, FELA is closely linked to several Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those related to poverty reduction, gender equality, and others. Research on FELA's adoption and impact can contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

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