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What is Land Administration? Exploring an inclusive definition

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Improved land
administration / governance /
management



Food security
Poverty reduction
Combatting climate change,
deforestation and land
degradation

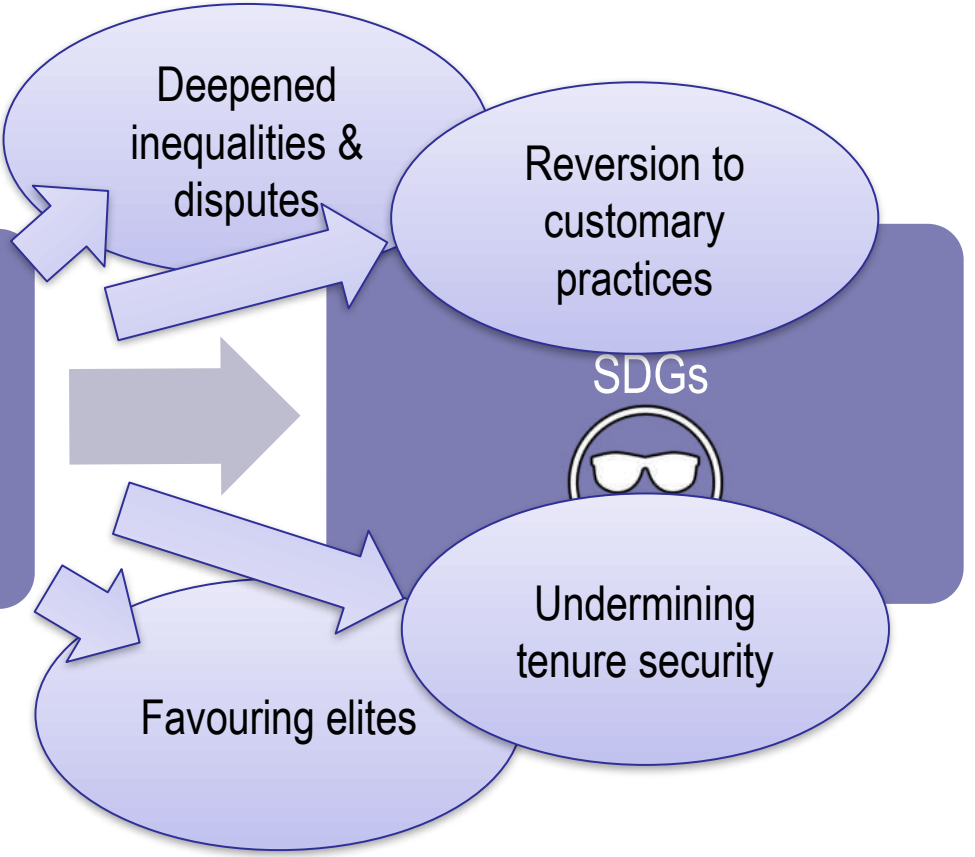


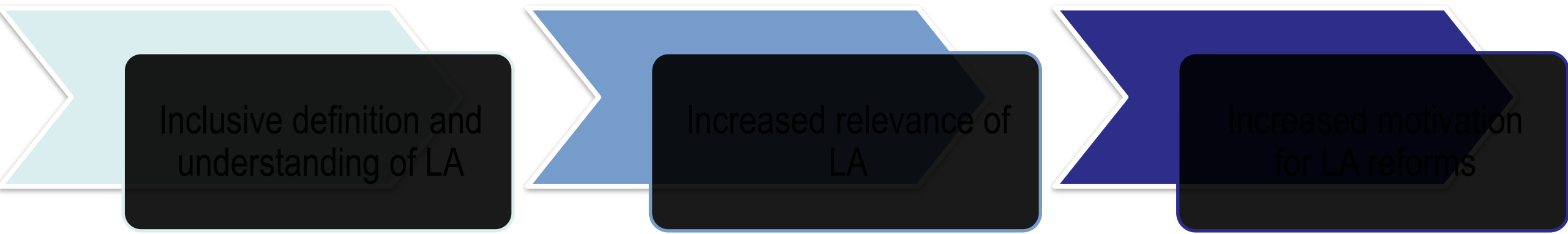


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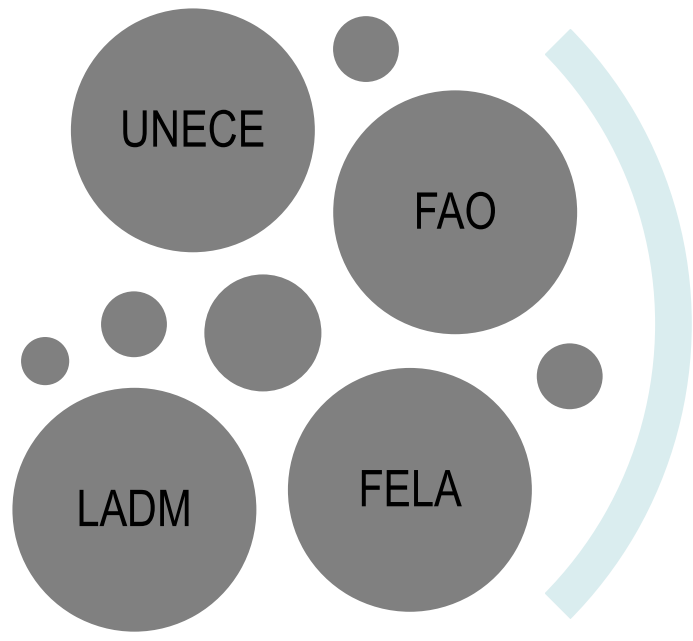


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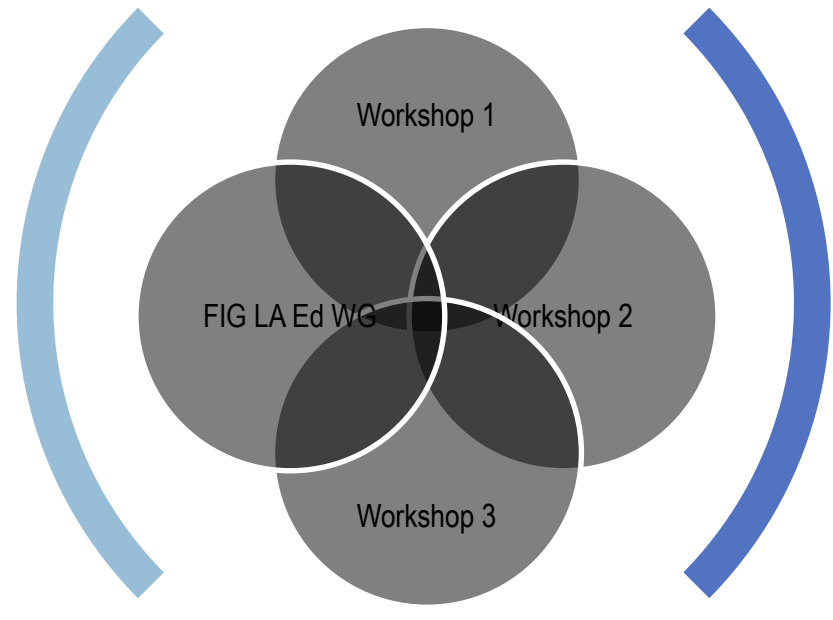
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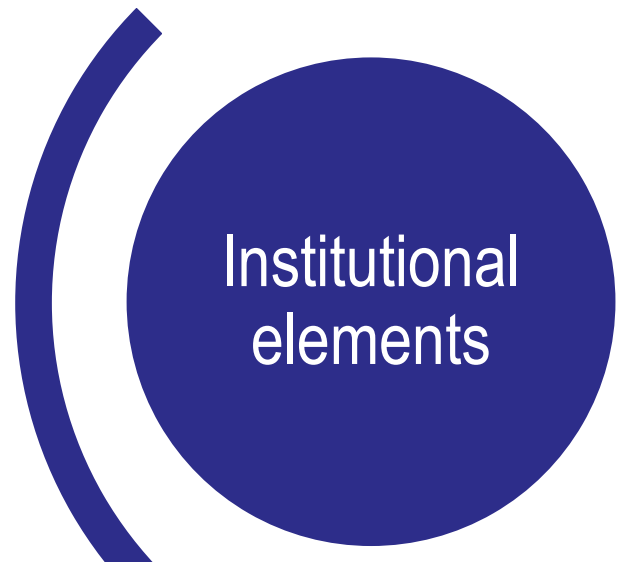
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Empirical method



Committee method



Synthesis



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What
is
land?

Solid earth, underground, fresh water,
coastal water, air space

High seas, seabed, atmosphere, outer space

Belonging, identity





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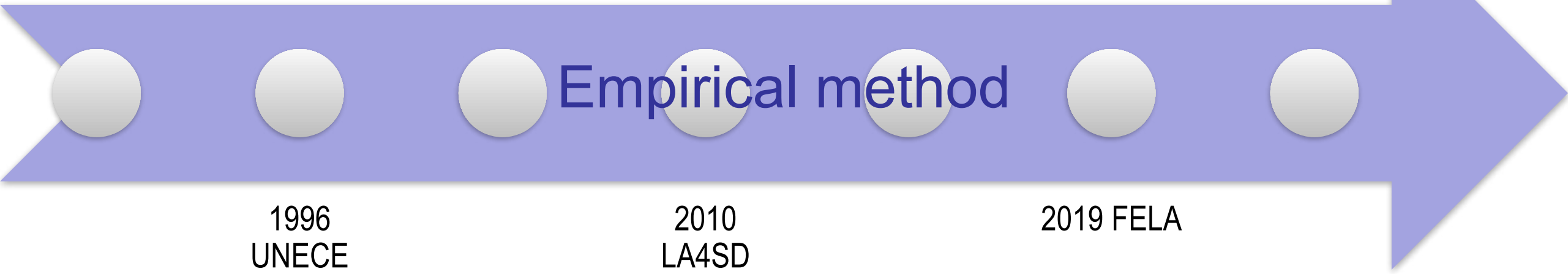
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&
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2002 FAO

2012 LADM

2020 ...



1996
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2010
LA4SD

2019 FELA

Evolution of land administration definitions

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the way in which the rules of
land tenure are applied and
made operational.

2002 FAO

the process of determining,
recording and disseminating
information about the relationship
between people and land.

2012 LADM

an operations management
function to administer and
implement land policy strategies.

2020 Fisher
& Whittal

Empirical method

1996
UNECE

the processes of recording and
disseminating information about
the ownership, value and use of
land and its associated
resources.

2010
LA4SD

the processes of recording and
disseminating information about
ownership, value, and use of
land when implementing land
management policies.

2019 FELA

relates people to land and informs
on the 'how', the 'what', the 'who',
the 'when' and the 'where' of land
tenure, land use, land value, and
land development.

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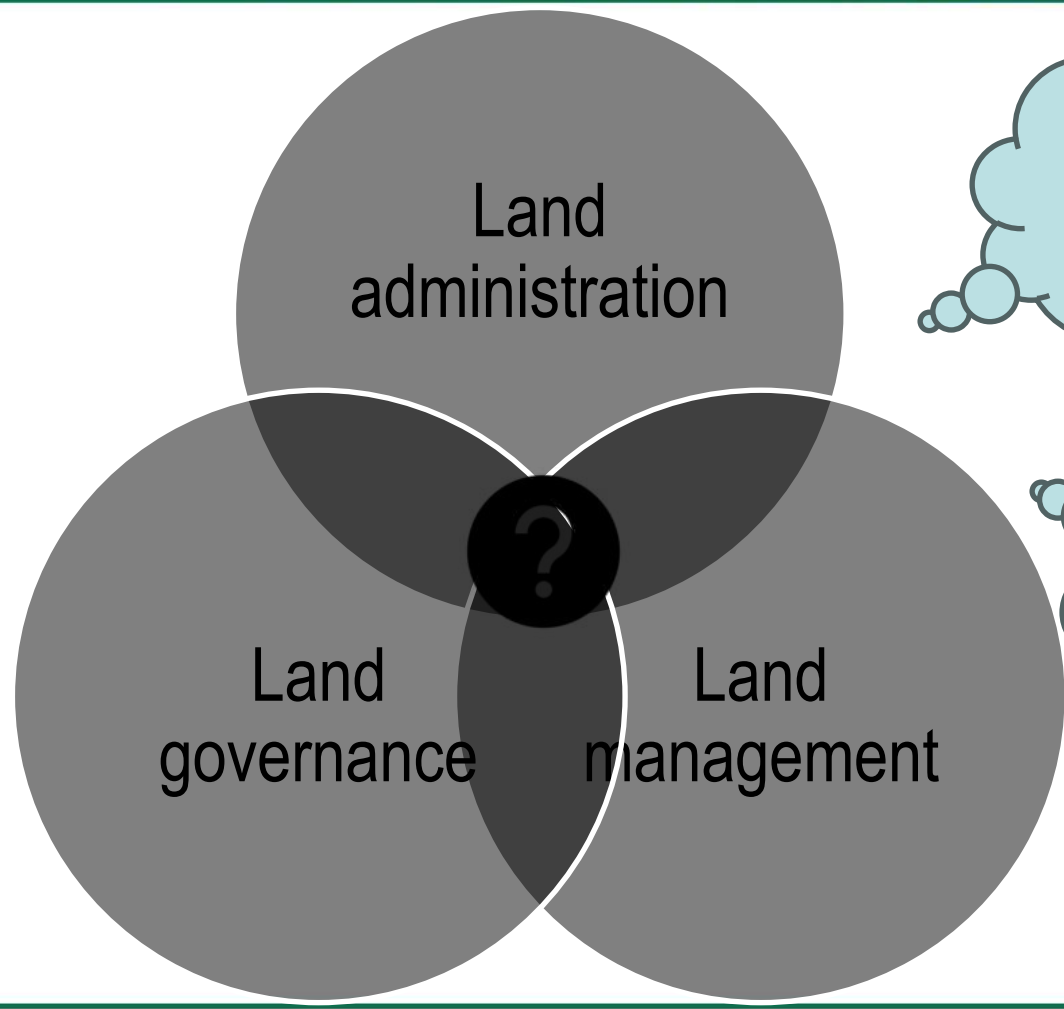
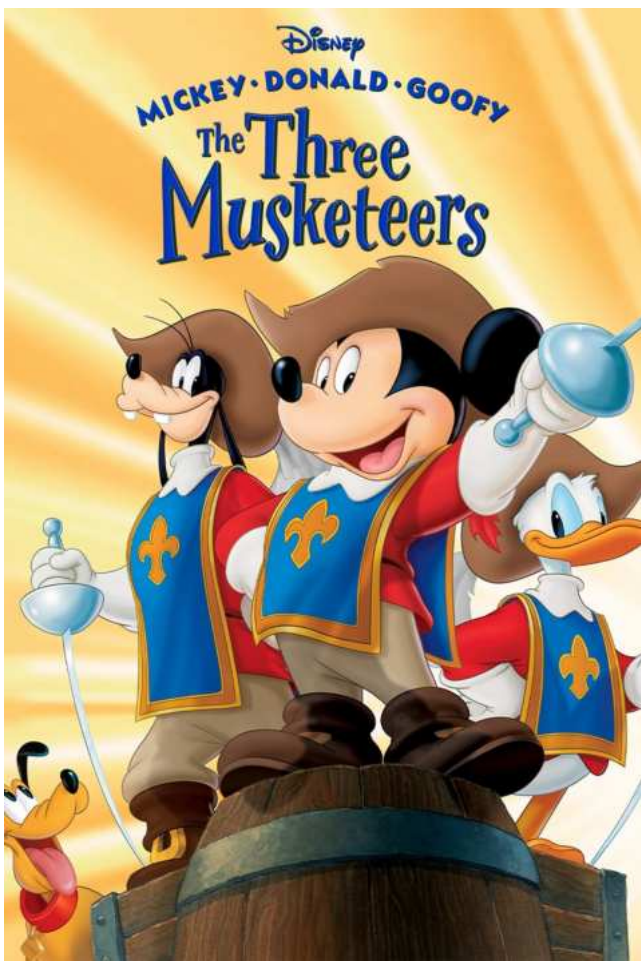
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All for one and one for all?

Time for a new lexicon?

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Institutional elements

- LA regulates human-land relationships
- LA is an aspect of public administration
- LA is ops management function of land policy
- LA is multi-disciplinary, inter-governmental, multiplex
- Effective LA requires state support
- Effective LA is used by people
- LA includes complex socio-spatial relationships
- Effective LA encourages active participation in civil society
- Roles of LA transcend land tenure/value/use/development
- Effective LA requires a systems-understanding of land



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