CONTRIBUTION OF LAND SECTOR TO SUSTAINABLE NATURAL FOREST MANAGEMENT

MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS DEVELOPMENT
The Spectrum of Land Sector

- Land sector has a wide spectrum considering the existing needs and uses of lands as limited resource.
- This brings a necessity of having relationship with other sectors i.e Natural Resource, Housing, Agriculture to mean farming and livestock keeping, Fisheries, Water and Irrigation, infrastructure, industry, etc.
- With that it means land sector is a Mather of all,
- Considering the importance and integrative nature of the Land Sector with others sectors, land governance is inevitable
How the Land Sector Relate to Others

- Mining
- Natural Resources
- Agriculture
- Water/Irrigation
- Environment
- Livestock
- Infrastructure
- Fisheries
- Industry
SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT

1. Formulation/establishment of Institutions.
   ◦ Legislations i.e policies, laws, regulations, directives, circular, etc
   ◦ Physical plans (i.e master plans, town plans, land use plans, seasonal plans, deed plans) survey plans, ownership documents, strategic plans for implementation, etc.
   ◦ Administrative set up i.e Central and Local Gvt Set up (the D by D practice) – mainly for administration
   ◦ Individualization (in term of ownership, conservation, protection etc)
   ◦ Leadership (through orders, decisions, commends, etc)
2. Considers the **highest and best use (HABU)** of lands
   - i.e. the uses which ensures maximum returns.
   - Revenue collections, benefits, interests, rights etc

3. Should considers highest degree of **environmental conservation**.
   - to comply with EMA, 2004 which give the need of *Strategic Environmental Assessment*
The Existing Situation in Land Sector

It includes:– Important policy issues, land ownership and administration, usufructuary rights (right to access and use lands), land rights including for agriculture, conservation areas, revenue collection, village boundaries mgt, planning and management of land uses, etc

1. Large parcel of land for agriculture is remained undeveloped (abandoned)

2. Large parcel of land categorized as reserved is not legally allocated and owned (no doc of ownership).
The Existing Situation in Land Sector Cont’d

3. Encroachment and Subdivision of Reserved Land
   • Different human activities including agriculture and livestock keeping, human settlement, villages establishment, etc.

4. Weak/poor land management and Administration especially to the village and reserved lands.

5. Land Conflicts

6. Subsistence farming in the Agricultural Lands as a result it pave the way to encroachment of reserved lands.
The Existing Situation in Land Sector Cont’d

7. Laxity of Management of Grazing Land
8. Deforestation
9. Low speed/rate of land use planning, surveying, allocation and implementation
10. Economic growth
What has been done

1. Formulation of Policy
   - The National Land Use Policy of 1995
   - Mainly to ensure **equitable distribution** and access to lands, guide security of tenure, highest and best use of lands, ceiling, management and administration systems, etc.

2. Legislations
   - The land Acts, Planning Acts, Survey Act, Conflict Resolution Act, etc

3. Prepare and Updating of the Physical Plans.
   - Master Plans, **Land Use Plans**, etc
What has been done

4. Preparation of Land Use Framework Plans
   • i.e LUFP 2007–2027

5. Adjudication of Lands.
   • Fixing of boundaries of land parcels

6. Conflict Resolutions
   ◦ Administratively and by courts/Tribunals

7. Projects Participation

8. Policy Review
What Should be Done

- Recognition of Every Parcel of Land through Planning, Survey, and Allocation/Ownership. Including Reserved Lands (28%)
- Preparation of Land Use Planning, Survey/Demarcation, Allocation, Registration and Implementation.
- To establish the joint efforts of Land Use Planning.
- To ensure proper management and administration of land.
What Should be Done

- Participate fully in boundary conflict resolution/To ensure land ownership which is free from any encumbrance.
- PPP involvement in LUP and implementation
- To ensure good governance in land administration by adhering to D by D policy.
- Public awareness and education
- Environmental conservation by ensuring Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).
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