

A Critical Acclaim of the Fit for Purpose Publication

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SUMMARY

It is absolutely necessary to look for ways to speed up the work of the surveying professionals in the field of Land Administration. And it is the merit of the Fit for Purpose initiative of The World Bank and FIG for having put the issue of efficiency of the work of surveyors on the table. Even though the publication had the developing countries in the focus, the principles for more efficient cadastral system and surveying processes are to be applied in developed countries as well.

Looking at the success factors for achieving a sustainable, reliable and respected land administration system, we feel that the FIG/World Bank paper shows some deficiencies. The publication is based on some false assumptions and does not keep what it promises, especially with respect to concrete directions to build fit-for-purpose land administration systems.

This critical revue shall not hamper the search for better and more efficient ways to achieve good results quicker but makes aware that some additional conditions are necessary to lead to sustainable results.