

Supporting Lantmäteriet's International Land Governance Training Program

In 2019, Cadasta partnered with the advanced International Training Program (ITP) for Applied Land Governance, hosted by Lantmäteriet (the Swedish mapping, cadastral, and land registration authority). This collaboration builds on an earlier Cadasta assessment of Botswana's Land Administration Procedures, Capacity, and Systems Program supported by Lantmäteriet.

The Cadasta team provided training to approximately 24 land professionals from Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia who were strategically selected based on their ability to carry out reforms and organizational change in the land sector and to create an environment of cooperation and partnership. As part of the ITP program, participants designed an intervention intended to address key land governance constraints in their home countries.

Attendees from Kenya, Rwanda, and Tanzania selected Cadasta tools as part of their proposed "Change Project." Cadasta supported the Rwandan participants to use Cadasta's tools to link all land actors involved in land transaction processes. Village leaders were trained by Cadasta staff and equipped with smartphones to collect land transaction data. This information helped land notaries to formalize the transactions.

In their report, Lantmäteriet noted that by using Cadasta's tools, village leaders were able to easily collect and send land transaction data to the notary system for formalization.

"The use of Cadasta's tool helped the land notary to track land transactions that occurred and to sensitize buyers and sellers to come to the sector office to formalize the transaction. With this involvement of village leaders, the number of land actors involved actively in formal land registration was increased from three to four which makes the land registration system closer to the community."

"As Cadasta's tool was used by village leaders who are very close to the community, it was observed that the trust of landowners increased. People who came to the village leaders to register their information in the Cadasta tool, were happy to see that data about their land transactions could be registered at home without going to the sector office."



Lantmäteriet's report found that Cadasta's tools significantly improved land officials' ability to track land transaction information and reduce informal land transactions. The report also noted that with the use of smartphones, Cadasta's data collection application was easily installed and used, even without training. The study also concluded that Cadasta's tools led to an increase in collaboration between all land actors, increased public awareness of formal land registrations, improved regular reporting of formal land transactions and registrations, and improved the accessibility and level of trust in land services by land owners.