

APPRAISAL OF THE INFLUENCE OF GOVERNANCE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

ON LAND ADMINISTRATION IN KENYA:

(A CASE OF LAMU COUNTY, KENYA)

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ABSTRACT

This study will attempt to assess the influence of governance policy implementation on land administration in Kenya by looking at Lamu County as a case. Land issues date back to pre colonial era and are mostly attributed to poor policy implementation that has led to mismanagement and mal-administration in the land sector. While Policy implementation constitute how the policy is interpreted and enforced, land policy institutions have faced major setbacks when it comes to goal achievement. The County government in Lamu is going through some profound challenges in the process of land administration that force them to offer inadequate services to the public. In this respect, policy implementation is one aspect of land management. However, since the county government has no regard for policy, land policy implementation faces numerous challenges and obstacles. There is a need to review key transparency and accountability issues surrounding private, communal and public land including loopholes in the legal framework as well as the role of public administrators and other stakeholders within this land service delivery system. A case study of Lamu county was adopted due to the nature of the study and because it would enable an in-depth assessment of the study phenomenon. Using Purposive sampling, a target population of 180 from which we can draw 90 respondents was deemed adequate for the study while questionnaires was used to collect data that was analyzed and presented through tables and charts.