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## **Options and Possibilities to Improve the Cadastre in Jordan**

A functioning cadastre is not only the base for land taxation; it also serves to prevent land conflicts, to improve tenure security, and to implement land use plans and land consolidations or readjustments.

The research investigates options and possibilities for improving the cadastre in Jordan. Different aspects such as technical, legal, institutional and administrative issues are taken into consideration. One of the main inputs and principles of this research are people's requirements and needs on how the cadastre in Jordan should look like - in addition to theoretical principles of the cadastre in general, and the technical and legal experts' views and opinions on the situation in Jordan.

The importance of this topic derives from the fact that the cadastre in Jordan inherited a lot of inaccurate data and information from wrong practices and procedures (technical and legal) committed in the past. Some of these practices still exist nowadays. These practices brought to the fact that the number of boundary conflicts, mistakes and disputes over different kind of land transactions considerably increased and because of that people started to lose their trust in both, public and private institutions dealing with this issue. Also the remarkable increase of land value during the last thirty years further increased the demands for more accurate and up-to-date cadastral data.

All of this leads to one main question: Does the current cadastral system in Jordan meet the demands of individuals and society as a whole?

To answer this question the research tackles among others the fields of boundary reestablishment, control and accountability, cadastral information, justification of fees, taxes and prices, obstacles in land transactions, cooperation and coordination between concerned institutions and level of tenure security in Jordan.

**Key words:** cadastre; cadastral information; land transactions; boundary conflicts; boundary reestablishment; land disputes; tenure security; fees, taxes and prices; Jordan.