



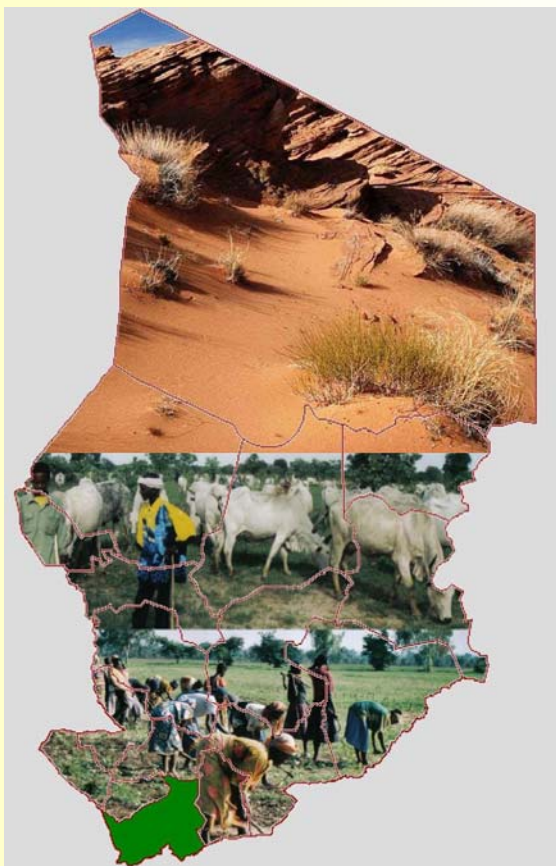
## Land Management under the Decentralization Process in Chad

### From the Example of the Logone Oriental Region

#### Introduction and Hypotheses

Landlocked in the heart of Africa, Chad has its vegetation mainly found in the South with a greater pressure over land and its related resources as the population tends to settle more there. Having been excluded from the management of their resources, the local population are now giving the opportunities to take their stake in hands with the decentralization implemented since 1996. However, the realities on the ground do not come as the applications of the texts adopted in the new constitution.

#### How can Decentralization in Land Management Sustain Local Development in Chad?



#### Objectives

Identifying major issues that land management faces according to the new administration system in Chad, and what could be the solutions for favourable changes in the sense of sustainability.

#### Theories

- Land Management
- Devolution vs. Deconcentration
- Sustainable Development
- Good Governance

#### Methodology

The study was mainly based on qualitative research method with semi-structured interviews. The region of Logone Oriental served as case study to emphasize on some key issues.

#### Research Questions

- Will decentralization bring more advantages or more disadvantages to land management in Chad?
- Can decentralization of land management solve current problems in the management of land?
- Which new problems related to land management might be caused by decentralization?
- How should the deconcentration be designed and implemented to improve land management?

#### Findings

- ✓Decentralization: Confusion between deconcentration and devolution
- ✓Land Management: Great absent in the decentralization process
- ✓Natural Resources Management: Towards unsustainability
- ✓Cadastre System: The weakest link in the Chadian land administration
- ✓Land Tenure System: Confusion of the legal pluralism
- ✓Conflicts Management: The bipolarisation « North versus South »

#### Conclusion and Recommendations

Without any land policy, it is very subjective to address land related issues and to set priorities for the improvement of land administration services. Therefore, the study recommends further analysis for the definition of land policy that could present all the hindrances in land administration, and discusses how the situation could be improved according to the local realities. Devolution itself cannot be a solution for the moment, as land management faces several challenges. It would be better to have a dualistic system that includes deconcentration and devolution in order to ensure the good governance in the management of land and its related resources at the community level. Above all, only political will can reinforce here the decentralization process for a sustainable development.