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The Adoption and Implementation of the VGGTs in the Curriculum in The University of the West Indies

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Background

Courses in which VGGTs incorporated at UWI:

- Cadastral Systems – undergrad and postgrad levels
- Introduction to Land Administration – undergrad and postgrad levels
- Programmes for Geomatics engineers, valuation surveyors, land managers,

Other Possible Programmes or Courses:

- Geography, IT, Environmental Studies, Law and others

Implementation

Requirements for inclusion

- That the VGGTs are seen as relevant to the curriculum by the programme developers
- That stakeholders of the programme see it as relevant
- That the structure of the programme allows room for inclusion
- That the lecturer has authority to vary the content in the academic institution
- However, can be delivered as academic theory alone

Barriers to the Presence of the VGGTs

- The programme leader or curriculum developer is not aware of the VGGTs or its relevance to the programme or course
- Stakeholders including those providing professional oversight are not aware of or are resistant to its inclusion
- The society is not receptive to land rights implications

Barriers to Awareness

- There are insufficient linkages between the institution and the industry
- The institution does not promote the VGGTs in seminars for external stakeholders
- The institution does not provide technical advice to the state

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Experiences

- Awareness has been built in
 - Land Governance Assessment project for the state,
 - cadastral management information system for the state,
 - Land policy project, land management project for the region

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Experiences

- Different professionals from the programmes are now aware of the VGGTs
- Several graduates have been tasked with revision of land management policies in public institutions and have incorporated the VGGTs



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