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Climate Responsive Land Governance and Disaster Resilience: Safeguarding Land Rights



Effective Land Administration: Insights from Nepal on navigating Governance, Legal and Financial Pathways within the Climate Change - Land Nexus

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Progress in Land Administration and Sustainable Land Management in Nepal

Substantial Progress: Nepal has improved land tenure security and sustainable land management

Key Policies and Legislation

- Land Use Policy (2015), Land Use Act (2019) and Land use Regulations (2022)
- National Land Policy (2019), Amendments to the Land Act and Land Regulations (2020)
- Various directives, procedures and SOPs

Objectives

- Protect land rights and provide security of tenure
- Implement land use planning for sustainable management
- Align with Nepal's commitment to the SDGs



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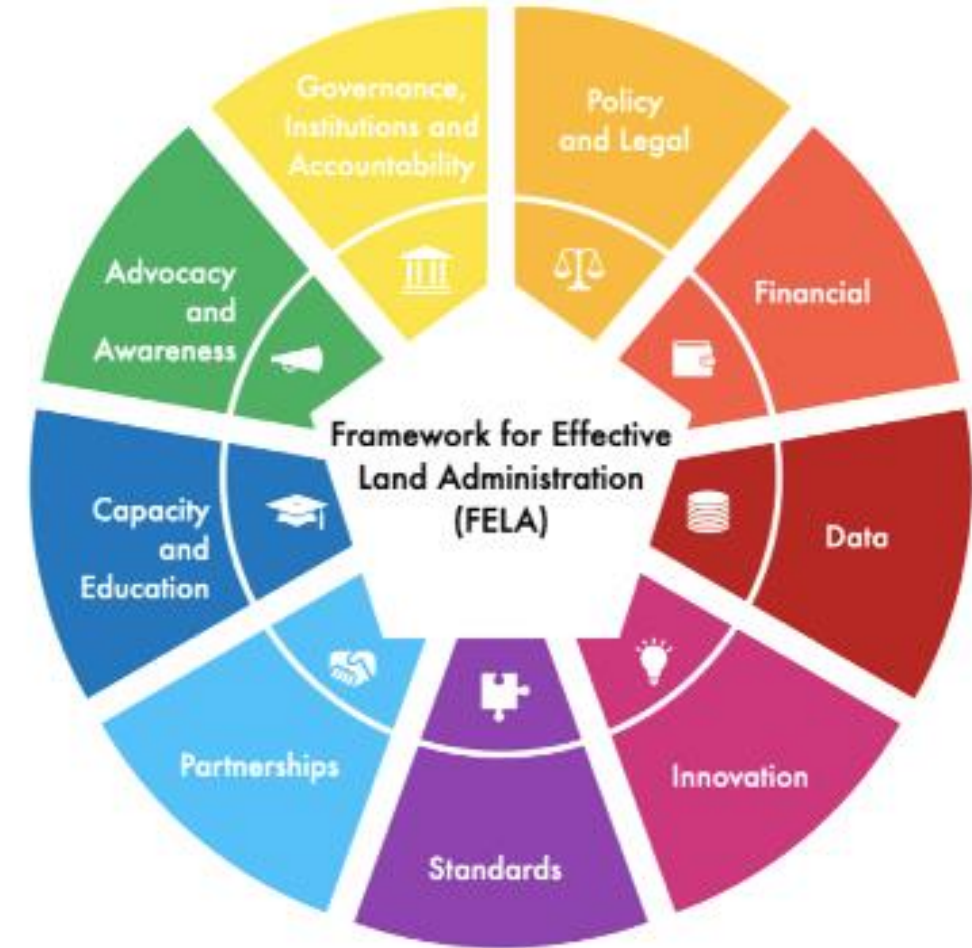


Future Directions

UN-GGIM Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA)

Offers innovative approaches with 9 pathways to enhance land administration

Particularly relevant for addressing the impact of climate change (floods, landslides, soil erosion etc.)



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Workshop: 'Effective Land Administration in Nepal' at LMTC Dhulikhel (27-29 Feb 2024)

Focus: Intersection of climate change and land management through the FELA framework

Key Themes

- Governance and Accountability: Strengthen frameworks for equitable land administration
- Policy and Legal Frameworks: Adapting regulations to manage land and climate challenges
- Financial Strategies: Evaluating land valuation and sustainable financial models to support land management



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FELA – Governance and Accountability

- **Importance of Governance**
 - Essential for managing climate-induced risks
 - UN-GGIM’s FELA emphasises governance, leadership, and accountability for resilient and equitable land management
- **Recent Reforms & Initiatives**
 - Modernisation of land services through digitalisation (LRIMS, NeLIS) to improve efficiency and transparency
 - Decentralisation: Establishment of local service points in 135 locations across 77 districts to enhance accessibility
- **Challenges**
 - Coordination between institutions hampered by different administrative structures
 - Evolving policy frameworks needed to integrate climate resilience and adaptation more effectively
- **Technology Advancements**
 - Digital land records – accessibility and climate adaption planning
 - Ensuring accessibility for marginalised groups – digital literacy and inclusion

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FELA – Policy and Legal

- **Alignment with International Agreements:** UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, Rio Conventions etc.
- **Key Legislation**
 - Land Use Act 2019, Land (Survey and Measurement) Act 1961, Land Revenue Act 1977
 - Climate focused: National Land Policy 2019, Land Use Policy 2015
- **Climate Strategies**
 - **NAPA and NDCs guide land management** for resilience, forest conservation and sustainable agriculture
- **Digitalisation:** Systems like LRIMS and NeLIS enhance transparency and monitoring
- Initiatives for **formalising informal land tenure** address climate-induced displacement and landlessness
- **Cross-Sector Collaboration:** Coordination between land and environmental agencies for informed land use decisions, but **further integration is needed.**
- Integration with the National Urban Development Strategy 2017 and SDG Roadmap 2017



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- **Climate-related public expenditures** are crucial, especially with a high vulnerability to climate change such as the case in Nepal
- Expertise in climate change, land administration, and **public finance often remains siloed**
- Land administration experts and public finance specialists may not fully collaborate each other to fix the priorities and understand the implications of climate change for land governance
- **Integration of climate finance into the national budget** is essential for ensuring the long-term sustainability of climate adaptation and mitigation
- Effective management of climate finance thus requires **harmonising external funds with domestic resources** and ensuring that all relevant governmental departments are informed and involved in the process

→ It is essential to integrate climate finance into national land administration processes, aligning external funding with national priorities, and ensuring accountability and transparency in the use of climate-related resources.

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Alignment of Strategies

2030 Agenda - FELA 5 Ps	Climate Objective	Evidence from Policy	Land Administration theme	FELA Pathway	Stakeholders in Nepal	Success Indicator for Nepal	Supporting (New) Initiatives	Means of Verification in Nepal	Action/Project Idea
Partnership Planet	Build the climate resilience of vulnerable communities in rural and urban sectors (p.23)	NAPA2020	Climate Change – Land Nexus	Governance, Institutions, and Accountability	...	Degree of inter-agency and cross-sectoral collaboration	...	Number and nature of collaborative initiatives or platforms established for coordinating the climate land nexus across different sectors and levels of government	Task Force for inter-agency and cross-sectoral collaboration ...
Partnership Planet	Build the climate resilience of vulnerable communities in rural and urban sectors (p.23)	NAPA2020	Climate Change – Land Nexus	Legal and Policy	...	Number of climate policies or action plans revised to include land.	...	Count of national, regional or local climate policies or action plans that have been updated to integrate land explicitly	Legal Framework Harmonization Nepal Expert Group Meeting ...
Prosperity	Build the	NAPA2020	Climate Change –	Finance	...	Level of	...	Increase in the	

- Maps the relationship between national policies, climate goals, LA themes and stakeholders
- Promotes inter-sectoral and inter-institutional collaboration

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Recommendations – Future Directions

Analysis using FELA recommends

- Break down sector silos, encourage resource-sharing and coordinated actions
- Align efforts for resilience, sustainability and inclusiveness
- Ensure clear roles, responsibilities and success indicators for stakeholders
- Streamline efforts, avoid duplication and leverage strengths for unified climate and land governance response
- Funding remains a challenge – but collaboration is strong among stakeholders in Nepal
- Overall larger contributions needed to scale up and expand efforts



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