

The Roles and the Challenges of Traditional Rulers in Land Conflicts and Management in Nigeria – a Case Study of Bauchi State in Nigeria

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SUMMARY

In this paper the process of land acquisition and sources of land conflicts would be described. The definition and the roles of traditional rulers would be given. The historical evolution of the traditional institution in Nigeria with particular reference to Bauchi State experience in land management would be presented. The unique position of Bauchi State in Nigeria in terms of its significant population and land mass has been identified. The State's advantage position as regards to its socio-political weight in Nigeria's land administration was highlighted. The specific roles and the yearning gap of the traditional institution contributions in land conflict resolution would be enumerated as it affects Bauchi State in particular. The advantages and the disadvantages of the traditional rulers roles would be listed. In conclusion, the recommendation towards effective roles of traditional rulers would be offered.