

# A Briefing on Current Cadastral Activities in Eritrea

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## SUMMARY

Despite its existence for more than 130 years since the Italian colonial period, Eritrean Cadastre system remains largely unchanged. The Mandatory Registration Law proclaimed 20 years ago has not been enforced and the practice is still voluntary, sporadic and incomprehensive.

The accomplishments so far are below expectation due to complex challenges. But still, the efforts underway to transform it to a modern system are immense. The Cadastral Office has just revised its five-year strategic plan. The plan recognizes the rough road ahead in the implementation.

This paper attempts to give a picture of the country's context of cadastre, benefits of cadastral registration, recent developments, encountering challenges and concluding remarks.