LEBANON Action Plan

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Lebanon Key Takeaways from TDD

1. **Property rights can be secure even when cadastre is incomplete or not-up-to-date (Japan)**

2. **Lithuania case made us recognize that we already have most of the structures and even resources in place, what we lack is willingness of institutions (and people) to cooperate**

3. **Once the mass valuation is established the costs of maintenance and revaluation are minor**

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Lebanon Accomplishments Needed

1. Changing and modernizing laws to pace with the new evolving digital real estate world

2. Modernizing the organizational chart of the Directorate General of the Land Registry and Cadastre

3. Modernized Digital Land Registry with cadastre and land registry integrated

4. Increase revenues from properties and improve transparency and fairness of the tax system

5. Establish a platform for geospatial data sharing to improve planning and decision making in Lebanon.

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Actions to be taken

Short Term

- Establish multi-agency working groups (NSDI, Mass Valuation, ICT, open data strategy)

- Initiate the work on reengineering of business processes

- Upgrading the current ICT infrastructure

Medium Term

- Development of a new organizational chart of GDLRC

- Creating an integrated unified ICT system for both land administration and cadastre

- Establishing a mass valuation system

Long Term

- Changing laws and practices

- Establishing NSDI

- Enhancing technical and administrative capacities

Lebanon Barriers to Implementation of AP

1. Political, institutional, legal – established and maintained cooperation and coordination between institutions involved (GDLRC, Revenue Directorate, Public Works Ministry, and GAD)

2. Weak GDLRC's staff capacity – use current training resources (Institute of Finance) and linking/knowledge sharing with peer institutions from other countries

3. Cooperation between NSDI stakeholders is poor – GDLRC will invite for establishing a small working group on NSDI (gather enthusiasts)

Support Needed

- <u>WB Financing</u>

- <u>NSDI Specialist to support the NSDI strategy development and the Roadmap</u>

- <u>Land Registry and Cadastre Specialist</u> to identify best practices which could be applied in Lebanon

- <u>Valuation System Specialist</u> to identify the road map for mass valuation system development and implement the appropriate solution for Lebanon

- <u>ICT Advisor</u> to help in identifying the best international products and software to be used.

- Relevant <u>country case studies and study visits</u> to learn about NSDI and mass valuation systems