

Understanding the Effects of Commoditization of Land on the Indigenes' Land Tenure Security in Peri-Urban Ghana.

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SUMMARY

Due to the increasing urbanization levels, the growing demand for peri-urban lands in Ghana has fueled the individualization of communal lands. With Ghana's urban population projected to be above 26 million people by 2050, it makes it worthy of interrogation as to whether the peri-urban areas in Ghana are ready to cater to the projected urban expansion while safeguarding the land rights of indigenous farmers on the peri-urban lands. This research critically reviewed the land tenure security of indigenes on lands in peri-urban areas in Ghana. Findings reveal that the movement of migrants and other urban dwellers to the peripheries of the cities to acquire lands for settlement accounts for the landlessness of the indigenes. The paper recommends an enhanced collaboration between the State and customary land authorities in establishing Customary Lands Secretariats (CLS) to coordinate and monitor allocations in a manner that provides equity and secures tenure.

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