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Title of session

Workshop 1 - Land Administration for the 21st Century

Name of presenter/chair

Chair: Andrew Trigg -Chief Geographic Information Officer, Land Registry of England and Wales
Presenter: Rev Canon Andrus Ukaejiofo, Co-ordinator FELIS/NTDF, Department of Lands and Housing, Nigeria

Rapporteurs

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Presentation title: The Future of Land Administration in Nigeria

Land Administration in Nigeria is undertaken by one agency developed as a result of the 2004 Land Use Act Cap L5. The presenter gave a history of the development of Land Administration in Nigeria and the British influence in designing the original system albeit without automisation. The Federal Land Information System (FELIS) has brought great benefits; the National Technical Development Forum on Land Administration (NTDF) providing a stakeholder forum to ensure consistency of approach, process and procedure. This has resulted in a huge increase in the volume of title documents prepared. The climate is now right for investment in Nigeria by land and property developers as a way of stimulating the economy and providing the financial support needed. The author explained that the Government of Nigeria holds all freeholds and those transactions are for the lease of such land and property.

Questions	Answers
<p>What is the relationship between Land Registry and Survey Dept in issuing a Title of Land?</p>	<p>In Nigeria, Ministry of Lands and Survey includes Land Survey Dept and Planning and Lands Dept (inc: Land Registration). Town Planning prepares plans, Survey Dept prepares title plan documents, Lands Dept prepares title deed certificate. In some States of Nigeria, the Commissioner has the power to sign off title documents which speeds up the process.</p>