



Land Law Reforms and Security of Tenure in Rwanda: A Comparative Analysis

Dr Helen Martin

Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA)

Correspondence: dmartin@aol.com

Land Law Reforms and
Security of

DOI

[10.5281/zenodo.18835](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18835)

[139](#)

14

Received 01 November 2005

Accepted 14 December 2005

Abstract

Land law reforms in Rwanda have aimed to enhance security of tenure for rural communities by clarifying legal rights over land ownership and use. The study utilised secondary data from official government reports, academic literature, and interviews with local stakeholders to evaluate the effectiveness of the reforms in addressing tenure insecurity. Recent reforms have led to a significant increase (45%) in documented land rights among traditionally marginalized groups, indicating improved legal protection for vulnerable populations. The analysis highlights that while overall security has improved, disparities persist between different socio-economic groups, necessitating further targeted interventions. Policy recommendations include enhancing access to formal dispute resolution mechanisms and strengthening community engagement in land governance processes. Land Reform, Security of Tenure, Rwanda, Land Law Reforms

Keywords: *Land tenure, rural development, legal reform, customary law, property rights, governance, security of tenure*

ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

Email: info@parj.africa

Request your copy of the full paper today!

SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

Submit at: app.parj.africa



Scan to visit app.parj.africa

Open Access Scholarship from PARJ

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge