

# Training course on Land Law and Property Rights in Kenya

## Professional Development Training Course Outline

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| Category | Real Estate Institute | Duration      | 10 Days                 |
| Base Fee | \$3,000 USD           | Delivery Mode | Online / On-site Hybrid |

## Course Introduction

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## Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core principles and strategic responsibilities of advanced land law and property rights in Kenya.**
2. **Master sophisticated techniques for interpreting and applying key Kenyan land legislation and constitutional provisions.**
3. **Develop nuanced strategies for conducting comprehensive land due diligence and title verification in Kenya.**
4. **Implement effective legal frameworks for various land tenure systems in Kenya** (freehold, leasehold, community land).
5. **Manage complex land transactions** including transfers, leases, charges, and easements under Kenyan law.
6. **Apply robust strategies for resolving land disputes through statutory bodies and judicial processes in Kenya.**
7. **Understand the deep integration of land administration, registration, and survey processes in Kenya's land regime.**
8. **Leverage knowledge of environmental law and planning regulations affecting land use and development in Kenya.**
9. **Optimize strategies for navigating compulsory land acquisition by the government and compensation processes.**
10. **Formulate specialized legal approaches to addressing historical land injustices and land reform initiatives in Kenya.**

11. **Conduct advanced risk assessment and mitigation planning** related to **land ownership and tenure security in Kenya**.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **fraudulent land transactions, boundary disputes, and adverse possession claims in Kenya**.
13. **Develop a holistic, ethically sound, and legally robust strategic approach** to **land management and property rights in the Kenyan context**.

#### Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals seeking advanced skills in Land Law and Property Rights in Kenya:

1. **Real Estate Developers and Investors in Kenya:** Seeking deep legal understanding for land acquisition and project development.
2. **Land Economists and Valuers in Kenya:** Requiring advanced insights into legal aspects affecting land value.
3. **Legal Professionals (Lawyers, Advocates, Paralegals) in Kenya:** Specializing in conveyancing, property law, and land dispute resolution.
4. **Property Managers in Kenya:** Dealing with complex lease agreements and land-related tenant issues.
5. **Surveyors and Physical Planners in Kenya:** Interacting with land registration and planning laws.
6. **Government Officials (Land Registries, Ministry of Lands, County Governments) in Kenya:** Involved in land administration and policy.<sup>1</sup>
7. **Bankers and Finance Professionals in Kenya:** Lending against land as collateral and understanding title security.
8. **Community Land Management Leaders in Kenya:** Responsible for governance of community land.

**Course Duration: 10 Days**

#### Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Constitutional & Foundational Principles of Kenyan Land Law**
  - Overview of **Chapter 5 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010)** on Land and Environment.
  - Understanding the **National Land Policy (2009)** and its objectives.
  - Sources of Kenyan land law: **statutes, customary law, common law, equity**.
  - Key principles: **sustainable utilization, public participation, equitable access**.
  - The **role of land in Kenya's socio-economic development**.
- **Module 2: Land Tenure Systems in Kenya (Advanced)**
  - In-depth analysis of **freehold and leasehold tenure** under the Land Act, 2012.
  - Understanding **Community Land Act, 2016**: registration, governance, and management of communal land.<sup>2</sup>
  - Advanced concepts of **state land, public land, and private land**.
  - Distinguishing between **allodial and derivative titles**.
  - **Case Study:** Analyzing a scenario involving conversion between different tenure systems.
- **Module 3: Land Administration & Registration in Kenya**
  - The **institutional framework** for land administration in Kenya (e.g., National Land Commission, Ministry of Lands).<sup>3</sup>
  - Detailed review of the **Land Registration Act, 2012**: principles of indefeasibility, overriding interests.
  - Understanding **land registries, land records, and the registration process**.
  - The importance of **parcel numbers, Registry Maps, and cadastral surveys**.
  - **Case Study:** Tracing the registration history of a complex land parcel in the land registry.

- **Module 4: Advanced Land Transactions in Kenya**
  - Legal requirements for **valid land transfers (conveyancing)**.
  - Understanding **leases, subleases, and licenses** in property.
  - Creation and enforcement of **charges (mortgages)** and other encumbrances.
  - Analysis of **easements, restrictive covenants, and profits à prendre**.
  - **Case Study:** Drafting a complex charge document for a commercial property loan.
- **Module 5: Due Diligence & Title Verification (Kenyan Context)**
  - Comprehensive **title search procedures** and reading a Certificate of Title/Lease.
  - Identifying **encumbrances, cautions, restrictions, and prohibitions** on title.<sup>4</sup>
  - Conducting **physical site visits and boundary verification**.
  - Legal aspects of **environmental impact assessments (EIAs)** and audits for land.
  - **Case Study:** Performing a simulated legal due diligence on a land parcel prior to purchase.
- **Module 6: Land Use Planning & Environmental Law in Kenya**
  - Understanding the **Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019**: development control, zoning.
  - Compliance with **environmental laws** (e.g., EMCA) for land development.
  - The process of **obtaining development permits and approvals**.
  - Conservation easements and **protected areas** in Kenya.
  - **Case Study:** Reviewing planning documents for a proposed development against local zoning regulations.
- **Module 7: Compulsory Land Acquisition & Compensation**
  - Constitutional provisions and statutory framework for **compulsory acquisition of land in Kenya**.
  - Understanding the **public interest requirement** for acquisition.
  - The process of **valuation for compensation** and factors considered.
  - Challenging compulsory acquisition and **dispute resolution mechanisms**.
  - **Case Study:** Analyzing a hypothetical compulsory acquisition scenario and advising on compensation claims.
- **Module 8: Land Disputes & Resolution Mechanisms in Kenya**
  - Common types of **land disputes in Kenya**: boundary disputes, ownership claims, succession.<sup>5</sup>
  - The role of the **Environment and Land Court (ELC)** and other judicial bodies.
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in land matters: **mediation, arbitration, traditional mechanisms**.
  - Understanding **adverse possession (squatter's rights)** under Kenyan law.
  - **Case Study:** Analyzing a landmark ELC judgment on a complex land dispute.
- **Module 9: Succession & Inheritance in Land**
  - Understanding the **Law of Succession Act (Cap 160)** concerning land.
  - Intestacy vs. testacy in land inheritance.
  - The role of **executors, administrators, and Letters of Administration**.
  - Challenges in **family land disputes** and their resolution.
  - **Case Study:** Advising on the legal process for transferring land to heirs after the owner's death.
- **Module 10: Contemporary Issues in Kenyan Land Law**
  - Addressing **historical land injustices** and the role of the National Land Commission.
  - The impact of **climate change and environmental degradation** on land rights.
  - Land tenure security for **informal settlements** and slum upgrading initiatives.
  - The role of **technology (digitization of land records)** in land management.
  - **Case Study:** Discussing the challenges and progress in digitizing land records in Kenya.
- **Module 11: Real Estate Finance & Securities in Kenya**
  - Legal aspects of **mortgages, charges, and debentures** on land.
  - Understanding **foreclosure processes** and receivership over charged land.

- The role of **collateral management** and perfection of securities.
- Legal considerations for **financing real estate development projects**.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing a default scenario on a charged property and the legal steps involved.
- **Module 12: Emerging Trends & Future of Land Law in Kenya**
  - Impact of **devolution** on land administration and management.
  - The future of **community land rights** and resource sharing.
  - Challenges of **urbanization and land fragmentation**.
  - Prospects of **land value taxation** and other policy reforms.
  - **Case Study:** Debating the potential impact of proposed land policy reforms on the Kenyan real estate market.

### Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
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## Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

| Start Date  | End Date    | Location | Price   |
|-------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| 07 Sep 2026 | 18 Sep 2026 | Physical | \$3,000 |
| 14 Sep 2026 | 25 Sep 2026 | Physical | \$3,000 |
| 21 Sep 2026 | 02 Oct 2026 | Physical | \$3,000 |
| 28 Sep 2026 | 09 Oct 2026 | Physical | \$3,000 |
| 05 Oct 2026 | 16 Oct 2026 | Physical | \$3,000 |
| 12 Oct 2026 | 23 Oct 2026 | Physical | \$3,000 |
| 19 Oct 2026 | 30 Oct 2026 | Physical | \$3,000 |
| 26 Oct 2026 | 06 Nov 2026 | Physical | \$3,000 |

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