# CHALLENGES TO THE REALIZATION OF LAND RIGHTS IN AFRICA: A CASE OF UGANDA

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## **UGANDA'S CONTEXT**

- Complex Land Tenure System:
  - Four tenure systems
  - Conflicting claims over land
- Land policy and land laws that bear inconsistencies and contradictions
  - Land act; Succession Act; resettlement action plans; urban policy
  - Lack of clear procedure on evictions and resettlement
- Limited documentation of land in the state registry
  - Ministry Zonal Offices non computerized
  - Customary land and Mailo land not documented

 Combined context: Disaster (flooding) and Military operations in Makusa and Kigungu

 Customary practices in Northern Uganda: Amuru district

 Development-induced displacement in Kasoli Uganda







## MAKUSA & LWAMUNYU FISHING COMMUNITIES

The case of a fishing community that was displaced from islands to the main land for to security reasons and disaster

#### **ISSUES:**

- Property rights
- State recognition
- Social inclusion
- Economic status
- **REDRESS:**
- Charity assistance & relief
- Administrative action





## CUSTOMARY PRACTICES: AMURU DISTRICT

Cases of women dispossessed from land and home due to customary practices

**ISSUES:** 

- Lost/ unequal inheritance
- Violent evictions
- Gender-based violence
- Livelihood loss
- Family/ Community fights

**REDRESS:** 

- Customary / traditional systems
- Judicial interventions
- Alternative Justice Systems







### DEVELOPMENT-INDUCED DISPLACEMENT IN KASOLI UGANDA



The case of displacement of a slum redevelopment community in favor of infrastructure development of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Project.

- Conflict between state agencies
- Uncertainty of communities especially women
- Legal framework on eviction processes