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Land Tenure and Policy Reform Research Project

**International Conference
27-28 September 2007
La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Accra**

The Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) is a semi-autonomous research institution within the Faculty of Social Studies at the University of Ghana. ISSER is committed to its mandate of carrying out research and training that is directed at promoting the socio-economic development of Africa.

In line with the approach of ensuring that its research has immediate bearing on the development problems and needs of Ghana and the rest of Africa, ISSER has, over the last three years, undertaken a multi-disciplinary nationwide research and advocacy project into Ghana's land tenure and administration systems. This is a USAID sponsored research project which sought to provide greater clarity and fill gaps in the knowledge about the nature and problems of land tenure and administration in Ghana. The research was timed to produce resources for deliberations about the directions, processes, components and likely impacts of reforms under the Land Administration Project (LAP) as well as contribute to discussions about the place of land tenure in poverty reduction through the Ghana Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRS).

The three year research was conducted under six thematic areas, namely,

- a) **Customary and Statutory Land Tenure and Land Policy in Ghana**
- b) **Institutional and Legal Issues**
- c) **The Organisation of Land Markets and Production: Situation, Prospects, Problems and Solutions**
- d) **The Politics of Land Tenure Reforms**
- e) **The Environment-Land Tenure Nexus**
- f) **Towards Efficient and Equitable Land Tenure Reforms**

ISSER, with support from USAID is organizing an international conference to discuss project research findings and how these may be used for policy and institutional reform purposes. Twenty papers have been written under the above themes.

The international conference is scheduled for 27-28 September, 2007 at La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Accra,

ISSER is inviting African and other scholars who have recently worked on Land Tenure Reforms in African countries to be part of this international conference in order to share their experiences and findings with Ghanaian researchers. Send enquiries to isser@ug.edu.gh