

# **PhD Research Thematic Areas at the Institute of Land Administration of Bahir Dar University**

The following are the research thematic areas of the Institute of Land Administration of Bahir Dar University. An attempt is made to illustrate the kinds of detailed research areas which fall under each thematic area. This however should not be considered as exhaustive one and applicants and researchers may come up with their own specific research topic that fall under one of the broad themes.

## **1. Land administration and Sustainable Development**

- Innovative Institutional setup for land administration systems
- Urban and Rural land Management
- Urbanization and settlements
- Customary land administration
- Land conflict and resolution mechanisms
- Best Practices for good land governance.

## **2. Innovative Land Information Systems**

- Affordable costs for land surveying for formal land management
- Technological advancement for sustainable land administration
- Comparative analysis of cadastral technologies
- Application of GIS for innovative local level land use planning
- Spatial planning for integrated urban rural cadaster

## **3. Land Market and Finance**

- Development of Innovative land taxation and lease systems
- Real property mortgage
- Financing land development : policy and practical options

## **4. Land Acquisition, Valuation and Compensation**

- Expropriation, valuation and compensation
- Large scale land based investment
- Urbanization and land acquisition
- Land valuation for expropriation/taxation

## **5. Land policy and land rights**

- Land and housing policy
- Land rights: women, rural youth, pastoralist, customary right
- Federalism Vs. land administration and resettlement
- Rural land fragmentation and consolidation

## **6. Common Resources and Environmental management**

- Land resources, climate change, food security and livelihoods;
- Water right management
- Communal land management