

# **Delta State Government of Nigeria Good Cadastre Initiative And Poor Cadastre Infrastructure: A Weak Foundation For Good Governance And Good Citizenship**

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## **SUMMARY**

Delta State of Nigeria is a major oil producing state. The over dependency of Nigeria and her geo-political units of 36 states with one Federal Capital Territory have relegated taxation based Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) in the past simply due to easy and readily accessible free oil revenue.

After the General Election of 2015; the Federal Government and most Component States became insolvent due to world oil prices crisis and vandalism of the oil facilities for political bargains and criminality. The drop in production level and fall of per barrel oil prices jolted all government for the need to shift attention to taxation based governance.

Internally Generated Revenue is a composite taxation system for the government; it is a veritable sources of revenue for governance. Delta State was highly affected with the oil crisis; the government of the state tapped into the CADASTRE INITIATIVE of Certificate of Occupancy Issuance for Landed Properties via taxation through Land Rents, Stamp Duties, Personal Income Tax and Tenement Rates with valuations based on size of land parcels.

On the 31st of March 2016, Delta State Government launched the Cadastre Initiative they named "FASTTRACK 90" with fun fare but with weak cadastre infrastructure. This paper will assess the Cadastre Initiative in terms of political will, available cadastre infrastructure:its weakness and improvement, sustainability, the associated problems and possible solutions.

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