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ARDHISASA

Have you bought or own a property within Nairobi? If the answer is in the affirmative, it is imperative that you register under ardhisasa so as to deal with your property.

1. What is Ardhisasa?

Ardhisasa is an online platform designed to facilitate engagement between citizens, stakeholders, and interested parties with the land information and processes managed by the Government. Developed collaboratively by the Ministry of Land and Physical Planning (MoLPP), the National Land Commission (NLC), and key government partners, Ardhisasa enables the submission of applications for a range of services provided by the Ministry and the Commission. All applications are processed within the platform, and responses are communicated through it.

2. What are some of the services available under the platform

Currently, the MoLPP has activated, amongst others, the following modules under the platform

- i. Searches of properties within Nairobi (subject to conversion and verification of the subject property)
- ii. Conversion and verification of properties within Nairobi (Check this link for our article on conversion and verification of properties- <https://www.wlp-advocates.com/articles.html>)
- iii. Perfection of securities and creation of encumbrances for properties within Nairobi;
- iv. Processing of allotment letter for properties within Nairobi;
- v. Transfer of properties within Nairobi and the attendant processes;
- vi. Payment of Land Rent over properties;
- vii. Survey and mapping of properties within Nairobi; and
- viii. Ardhi pay for payment of fees for various transactions at the various Lands Registries within Kenya

3. Is there any legal Backing for the Platform

The Land Act, 2012 under section 6 (c) mandates the Cabinet Secretary in Charge of Land to coordinate the management of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure. In light of this section, the CS (Land) embarked on formulating policy guidelines so as to migrate Land Records to an online platform. To this end, the National Land Information Management System (NLIMS), labelled ardhisasa was launched.

4. Who can register under the ardhisasa platform?

- i. Kenyan Citizens
- ii. Kenyan entities registered in Kenya i.e. Companies, Societies et al

iii. Foreigners holding a valid alien ID

5. **Is it important for me to register under the platform**

As indicated above, if you own land within Nairobi, it is of utmost importance for you to register under the platform so as to deal with your property

We at WLP & Co. Advocates remain available for clarification, consultation and guide you on the requisite steps to ensure compliance. Please contact us for a comprehensive guide on registration under the platform and for subsequent services.

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