

TOPIC 3: How can the legal security offered by property rights be measured? The sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

Indicator 1.4.2 within the framework of the sustainable development goals involves recognizing the importance of legal security in the fight against poverty that is defined as the first objective.

The measurement of legal security is very useful to know the progress made in this area, have a clear vision of reality on the ground, and can be used by public authorities to design policies which benefit of citizens.

However, the measurement of legal security is difficult due to the existence of different national legal systems and the existence also within the same jurisdiction of different legal regimes.

Property registers are an essential instrument to measure legal security. However, not all registries produce the same effect and their declarations do not have the same value.

It is advisable for registries to have gender disaggregated data in order to have knowledge on equity in access to property rights.

It is advisable that registration institutions have statistical tools for the use of the public sector, as well as private citizens, in order to allow access to knowledge on the reality of the country.

Registries entail a greater degree of certainty than the legally recognized documentation requested in indicator of 1.4.2. Registry entries have a greater value than a document and also have the guarantee of the State.