

70% of land in emerging economies is unregistered.

Communities worldwide—including Indigenous Peoples (IPs), local communities (LCs), Afro-Descendant Peoples (ADPs), smallholder farmers, pastoralists, and informal settlement dwellers—are fighting to protect their lands from encroachment, land grabs, and resource exploitation.

⌘ CADASTA

Cadasta is a leading global social sector organization dedicated to providing land technology, training, and technical services to communities and governments so that they can affordably and easily document, map, secure, and sustain inclusive land and resource rights at scale for a more sustainable and equitable planet.

Mission: Be the leading provider of technical tools and services to support the documentation of land and resource rights to build stronger, more sustainable communities.

Vision: Build a world where even the most marginalized individuals and communities can benefit from the opportunities afforded by secure land and resource rights.



“It is good technology, it manages to bring good awareness to the people. . . It will allow us to map and manage our wetlands and forests. In three years time, we will be able to assess sites and conditions to determine if there has been regeneration or restoration.”

Tumusiime Rogers
*Environmental Officer,
District of Buliisa, Uganda*

What We Offer:

Working collaboratively with our partners, we co-create solutions tailored to each community's context and unique needs. Cadasta's simple, accessible digital tools and technology help our partners efficiently map, analyze, store, and share critical land and resource rights information.

Our team combines three essential skill sets into one organization: land administration, technology, and community-led development. Combined with our partners' localized knowledge and community trust, this unique blend of expertise and technologies lends itself to achieving land systems change on a global scale. With our partners, Cadasta works to:



Map and Document Land: Cadasta bridges the gap between communities and governments, aligning on-the-ground realities with administrative requirements for titling.



Train Community Partners: We support Indigenous Peoples and local partners through technical training and capacity-building as they work to secure formal titling and improve land governance.



Provide Technologies and Technical Support: Access to cutting-edge GIS technology in low—or no-connectivity environments allows our partners to advance efforts towards secure tenure while monitoring and reporting encroachments and threats to their land.



Enhance Storytelling, Advocacy, and Data Empowerment: Our tools are used to turn data into advocacy, allowing partners to build interactive maps, dashboards, stories, and web templates to monitor land use, share data, and create compelling narratives.

With secure land tenure, communities can uphold sustainable land practices and combat deforestation by defending and safeguarding their lands.

Since our founding in 2015, Cadasta has worked with 109 local partners to document and advance land rights for 7.2 million people on 1 million hectares of land across 50 countries.

Together with our partners, we:

- Support the development of inclusive land tenure rights and systems
- Increase long-term land tenure security
- Contribute to improved climate, economic, and social outcomes
- Reduce land-related conflicts
- Promote a more inclusive, just, sustainable society.

“Cadasta is inclusive, it is disruptive, but it is very agile, it’s putting people first and really helping them start the process and giving them the tools to map and document their rights from the bottom-up...”

Chris Penrose Buckley
*Senior Land Policy Lead, UK Foreign,
Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO)*