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Land Reforms:

Impact of Land Registration on Agricultural Productivity in Kenya

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1. Land registration creates tenure security which increases farmers' uptake of sustainable agricultural productivity (chapters 3 and 4).
2. The use of agronomic models and spatial econometrics techniques is a robust research path in analysing farming systems with unreliable or unavailable crop yield data such as in subsistence farming (chapter 3).
3. Policymakers should understand behavioural factors that influence farmers' decision-making as it is vital for increasing the uptake of sustainable agricultural practices such as tree planting and climate resilience farming (Chapters 2 and 4).
4. Increasing farmers' uptake of sustainable agricultural practices requires tailoring policies at local levels such as incentivizing farmer-led learning models.
5. Optimal land use is key in planning for challenges arising due to urbanisation.
6. Population growth and diminishing land sizes have led to an increase in land values.
7. Owning a house not only fulfils a basic need but also forms the largest share of investment for households given its monetary value and slow depreciating nature (World Bank, 2011).

8. “Only by addressing the root causes of conflict and disputes can we hope to find lasting peace in a just and equitable world” *Mwai Kibaki, Former President of Kenya.*
9. “Empowering farmers is a path to beating poverty and ending inequality in our country.” *William Ruto, President of Kenya.*
10. “Small-scale farmers and rural communities play a critical role in ensuring food security. Unfortunately, multiple shocks are pushing millions into poverty and limiting their ability to produce food. But there is hope. By investing in small-scale farmers today, we can contribute to a better future tomorrow,” *Alvaro Lario, IFAD President.*