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### **Customary Land Registration**







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### Purpose:

The empowerment of customary land owners and the effective and efficient administration of state acquisition and customary land leases in facilitating of national impact projects.

#### **Core functions:**

- Customary land leases
- Lease lease back/Special Agriculture and Business lease
- Voluntary Customary land registration

#### **Customary Land Leases:**

This mode is where state leases customary land for a period of time and State Owned Enterprises (SOE's) establishes infrastructure that provide services to the general population.

Through this process the State owned enterprise will pay annual rental to the land owners through the department of lands and physical planning based on an valuation assessment certified by the Valuer Generals office.

More information can be obtained from the Customary Land Registration division, Department of Lands & Physical Planning, Ground Floor, Eda Tano Haus.

## Lease Lease Back/Special Agriculture and Business Lease.

This is another mode of accessing traditional land, whereby, land owners lease their traditional land to the state (Department of Lands & Physical Planning) and the state leases it back to company, individual etc for a period ranging from 20 years to 99 years. However, due to the commission of Inquiry into special Agriculture and Business Lease (SABL) and the National Executive Council's decision, application in relation to this mode of application was suspended.

More information can be obtained from the Customary Land Registration division, Department of Lands & Physical Planning, ground Floor, Eda Tano Haus.

# **Voluntary Customary Land Registration.**

This is another mode of accessing customary land and the prerequisite to this process is the incorporation of Land groups with the Registrar of Incorporated Land groups. This legal frame work was designed to mobilize Land owners to properly register their membership into their Clan and proceed to register their land and hold title to their land under their Incorporated Land Group (ILG) in perpetuity. Leases (Titles) created from the certificate of title will be leased to individuals, business houses, etc and the lessee will have the equal right to the lease and is tradable just like the lessee to a state lease.

Process to this mode of accessing customary land is available at the Customary Land Registration Division, Department of Lands & Physical Planning, Ground Floor, Eda Tano Haus.