

REVISITING IMPEDIMENTS TO WOMEN'S LAND DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES IN UGANDA

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ABSTRACT

Decision-making for women is a necessary condition for them to participate in various aspects of their social lives as individuals. Demand for women to participate in land decision-making processes is justifiable considering that for a long time, they have been denied that human right by the social forces which permeate their daily lives. The international human rights legal regime recognizes decision-making for women as a cornerstone for all the developmental aspects of humanity. This article identifies and revisits the main impediments to women's land decision-making processes in Uganda with a view to creating awareness about their evils in respect to the denial of women's rights. The impediments identified and discussed include custom, colonial rule, colonial education and religion all of which are informed by the ideology of patriarchy. The ideology of patriarchy, whether embedded in African custom or western social fabric and legal systems has a negative impact on women's right to decision-making.