

# Access to land issues for sustainable development

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# Access to land and secure tenure

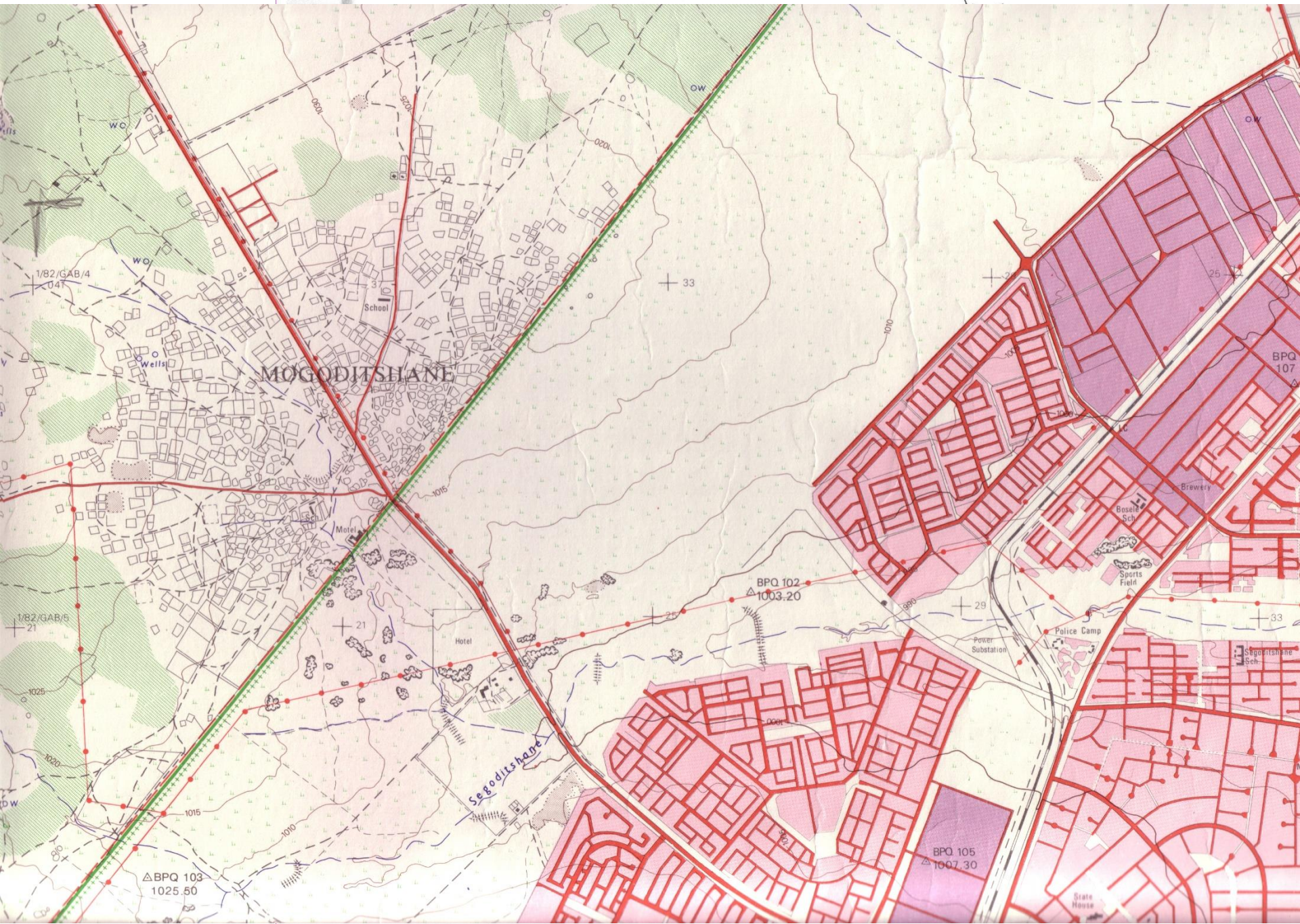
- Global growth of population and urbanization
- Importance of land
  - SDG 11 (sustainable cities)
  - SDG 13 (climate change)
- Hernando de Soto and *The mystery of capital* (2000)
  - ‘give people a land title and the world is their oyster’

# Urban issues

- World Cities Day 31 October 2022 (host Shanghai)
  - International cooperation on global urbanisation
  - General theme “Better City, Better Life”
  - Sub-theme “Act Local to Go Global.”
- World Town Planning Day 10 November 2022
  - Urban Law Day 31 October 2022
    - Launch UN-Habitat/UEP Law & Climate Change Toolkit
- COP 27 Egypt 7-18 November 2022
  - Urban ministers round-table

# Peri-urban areas

- Intermediate between urban and rural
- Institutional fragmentation
- Mixed land uses
- Opportunities for multiple livelihoods
- Fragmented land holdings
- Fragmented social structure
- Rapid change
- Place of risk and of opportunity



# Evictions

## Nigeria



## Kenya



# Causes of eviction

- Natural disasters
  - Earthquake, tsunami
  - Famine
- Political reasons
  - Civil unrest, war
  - Enemy occupation
  - Partition and population exchange
- Government expropriation
  - Development/renewal projects
  - Environmental protection
  - Land to foreign investors
  - Slum clearance

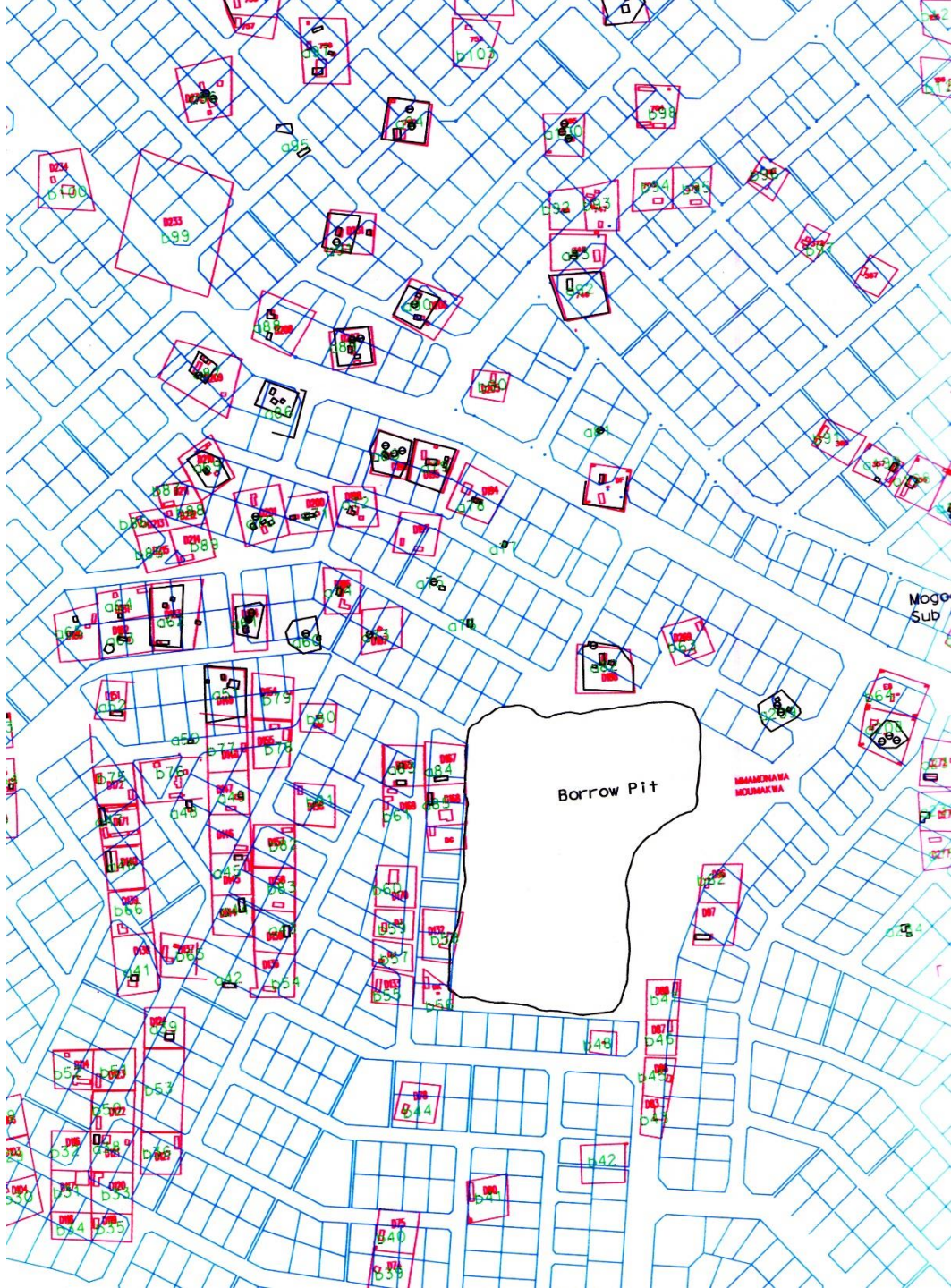
# Pakistan land grant (Kashmir earthquake 2005)





# Proposed for demolition (Botswana)





# Self-build landlord



# UN-Habitat initiatives

Global Land Tools Network  
(2006)



New Urban Agenda (2016)



# PiLAR

- **Geospatial technology and participatory methods for securing tenure rights (GeoTech4Tenure)**



# Local governance: 'Think global, act local'

- World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities (1996)
  - Increase the role and influence of local government,
  - Reform powers and functions
- Competing needs but limited capacities and resources
  - Limited awareness of SDGs
- Toward democratic governance
  - Participation and accountability
  - Institutions, and processes
  - Communication channels
- Funding
  - Local revenues from land-based finance
  - Financing large scale infrastructure from donors and investors