Ideas to Improve Bangladesh's Land Administration

- End use of agricultural land for non-agricultural purpose.
- Digitize land registration process.
- Provide an accurate estimation of Khas land for distribution to the landless.
- Increase number of judges for dealing with land related litigations.
- Establish a separate court for mitigating land disputes.
- Introduce a "land to men" system imposing a land ownership ceiling.
- Redistribution of land through leasing on usage basis.
- Ensure transparency in land pricing.
- Estimate intensity of land dispute through BBS surveys and census questionnaires.
- Establish digitized, integrated land record collection system.
- Provide real estate registration services through portals, kiosks and mobile services.
- Make Department of Land Records and Surveys (DLRS) the focal point to help the AC (Land) Office, the Settlement Office and Sub-Registrar update their databases - taxes, documentation and statistical information, as well as khatian.
- Develop a comprehensive Land Information System (LIS) as geodetic framework and cadastral system.
- Use of Land information system for recording and maintaining the original volume of land records.
- Start land information work during the 7FYP period [adoption will take time].
- Introduce a national level alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanism for land disputes.
- Solve disputes during land survey and recording with the help of NGO, CSO and local government bodies such as UP representatives.
- Use village courts to settle disputes related to boundary.
- Establish a high-level committee to analyze land related disputes and provide proper recommendations on ADR.
- Complete National Land Zoning by 2015.
- Revision of the national Land Policy providing guiding principles on sectoral and cross-sectoral land use and environmental management.
- Rationalize the existing institutional framework for recording or registration of property rights.
- Ensure efficacy of Land Survey Tribunals established in 2004.
- Streamlining land transaction fees.
- Impose capital gain tax on land transactions [reduce windfall capital gains].
- Prioritize forest land survey by DLRS.
- Tie in land ownership with National ID database.
- Undertake efforts to gradually transform the work culture - from the present manual system to an ICT based management context.
- Set up lower courts in all Upazilas of Bangladesh.

- Ensure no vacancies within Upazila AC Land positions.