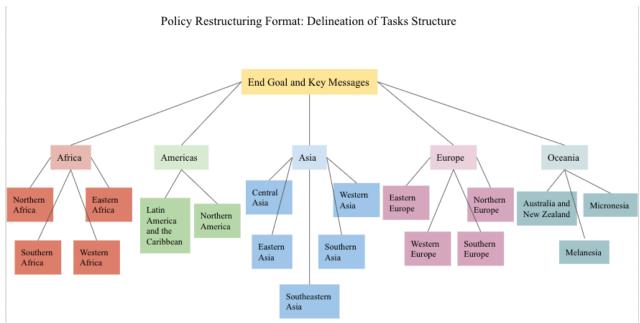
An Analysis of Coordinating and Implementing United Nations' Policy on Land Degradation and Tenure

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This thesis provides an in-depth analysis of international policy and the coordination and implementation processes involved. The research was a two-pronged approach, the first being a literature review on the previous integration of the land degradation neutrality (LDN) and the voluntary guidelines on tenure (VGGT). The second prong was an observational study of internal United Nations policy creation actions from the perspective of a United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Intern. The literature review yielded interesting critiques on previous policies and the complexity of integration and recognition of existing infrastructures. The observational study found that bureaucracy and generalized solutions continue to hinder effective international policy. From these findings, this thesis proposes a new structure for the United Nations to create more individualized and effective policies which are targeted toward sub-regions and not one large encompassing solution. This proposed idea can allow for successful long-term implementation and benefits.



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