## Formalizing land indicators for SDGs: Implementation and evaluation using international standards



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## Introduction

### Understanding the SDGs in the Context of Land Administration





































The United Nations' Sustainable **Development Goals (SDGs)** 

- a set of 17 global objectives
- aimed at promoting social, economic, and environmental well-being by 2030.

### Why Land Administration Matters for Achieving SDGs



































**Enhances Socio-Economic Growth** 

**Supports Sustainable Land Use** 

**Promotes Social Stability** 

### Key Challenges in Monitoring SDGs

Target 1.4: By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance . Indicator 1.4.1: Proportion of population living in households with access to basic services See metadata : 🔼 📸 • Indicator 1.4.2: Proportion of total adult population with secure tenure rights to land, (a) with legally recognized documentation, and (b) who perceive their rights to land as secure, by sex and type of tenure See metadata : 🔼 📸 TARGET TARGET 1-1 TARGET **Indicators EQUAL RIGHTS TO Targets** SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC REDUCE POVERTY BY IMPLEMENT SOCIAL RESOURCES Goals 1.5 TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO END POVERTY GENDER-SENSITIVE POLICY FRAMEWORKS 

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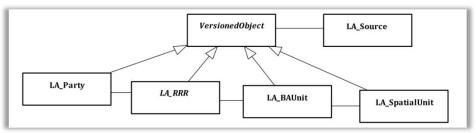
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Text-based Metadata document

Lack of harmonized monitoring tools

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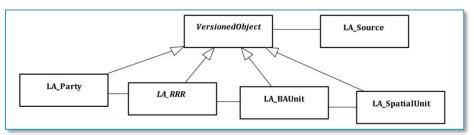
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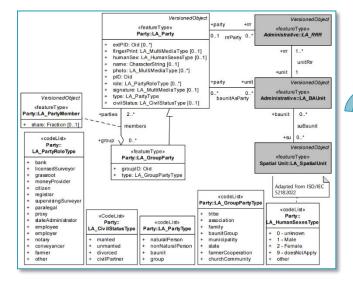
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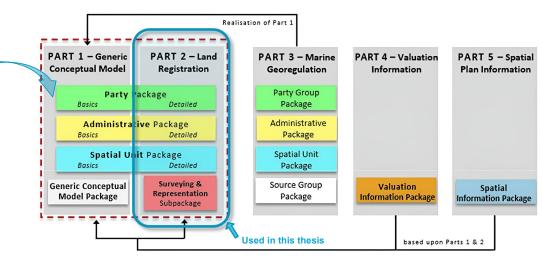


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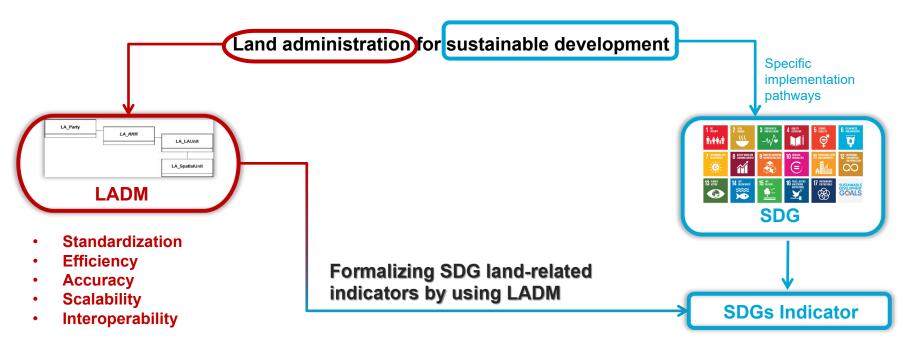
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### Importance of Land Administration for SDGs



- Lack of Data and Inconsistency
- Lack of harmonized monitoring tools
- Text-based Metadata document
  - Disparity Between Global and Local Indicators

### **Research Questions**

## How can the ISO 19152 Land Administration Domain Model (LADM) be implemented to formalize and standardize land-related SDG indicators?

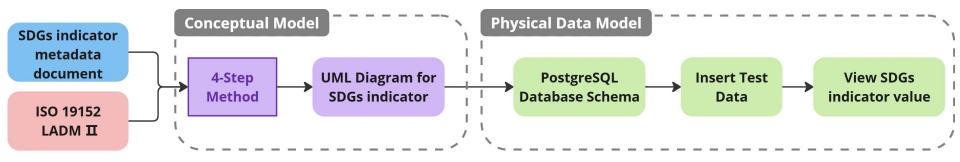
### **Subquestions:**

- 1. How can the **conceptual model** for SDG 1.4.2 be **developed** based on its metadata?
- 2. How can the **conceptual model** for SDG 1.4.2 be effectively **translated** into a physical database implementation?
- 3. What **added value** does this approach bring to the overall monitoring and evaluation of SDG indicators?

## Methodology

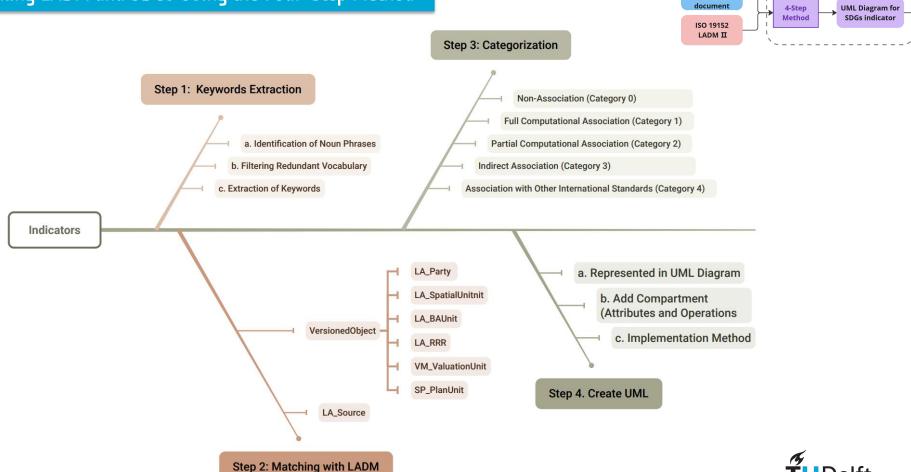
### How to formalize?

### Research Approach Overview



- 1. Linking LADM and SDGs Using the Four-Step Method
- 2. Transition from Conceptual to Physical Model

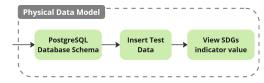
### Linking LADM and SDGs Using the Four-Step Method



Conceptual Model

SDGs indicator metadata

### Transition from Conceptual to Physical Model



### Physical Model Requirements

### Data Consistency

Ensures reliable data during operations (insert, update, delete). Includes constraints and validation to maintain accuracy.

### Standardization

Aligns with ISO 19152 LADM for global compatibility. Uses standardized data types for seamless integration with LADM systems.

### Scalability

Designed for flexible expansion to support new data and future needs. Can handle data growth without major structural changes.

### Operability

Implements abstract concepts from the conceptual model. Supports efficient data storage, retrieval, and computation.



### Transition from Conceptual to Physical Model

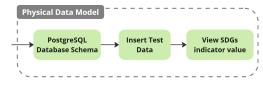
### Model Transformation Strategy

### Class-to-Table Mapping:

Translates LADM classes (e.g., LA Party, LA SpatialUnit) into database tables. Maintains integrity of relationships using foreign key constraints.

### Normalization:

Reduces redundancy and ensures data integrity through database normalization.



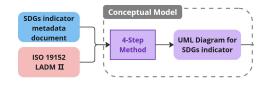
### Attribute-to-Column Mapping:

Maps attributes to database fields with standard data types; custom data types for specialized needs.

### **■** Hierarchical Mapping:

Implements class hierarchies (e.g., versioned objects) using hierarchical table structures.

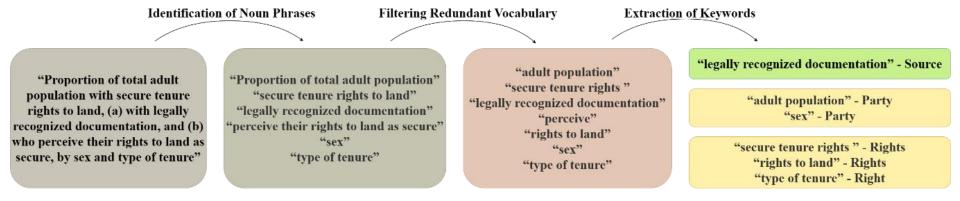


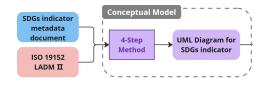


### CASE

the SDG Indicator 1.4.2 "Proportion of total adult population with secure tenure rights to land, (a) with legally recognized documentation, and (b) who perceive their rights to land as secure, by sex and type of tenure"

### **Step 1: Keywords Extraction**

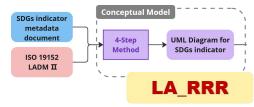




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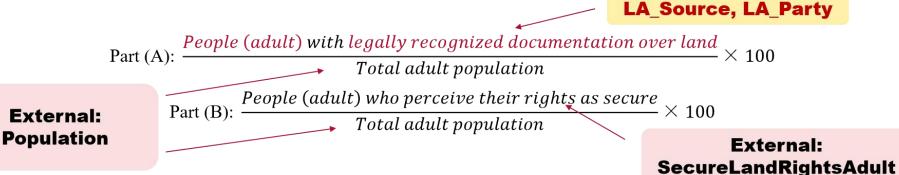


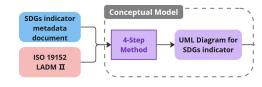
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LA\_Party

**Step 2: Matching with LADM** 





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**Step 3: Classification** 

**External: Population** 

External: SecureLandRightsAdult

LA\_Party

LA\_RRR

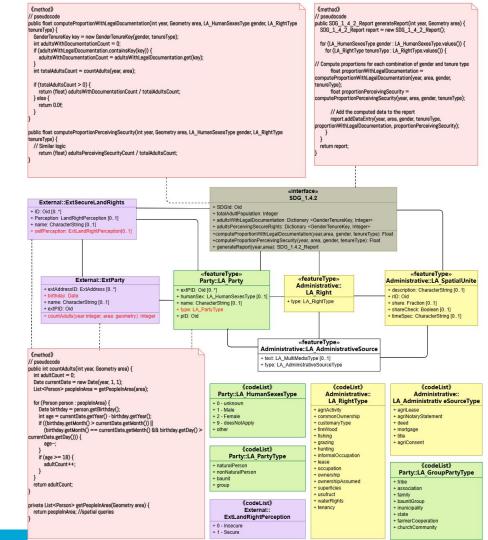
LA\_Source, LA Party  $\rightarrow$ 

Category 2
Partial Computational Association



### **Step 4: Create UML**

<b>Existing LADM Class</b>	Attributes Used in the Case	Notes  Highlighted to facilitate gender-based classification and calculation.		
LA_Party	+gender:LA_HumanSexesType[01]			
LA_Right	LA_RightType	Delineating various land tenure types, echoing the "type of tenure" parameter in the indicator. The specific right types are detailed in the "Code List."		
LA_AdministrativeSource	+type:LA_AdministrativeSourceType	Signifying "Legally recognized documentation." Its code list meticulously enumerates the possible values, such as agriLease, deed, and title.		
LA_BAUnit		While not the focal point, it is outlined to underscore the indicator's emphasis on rights over land.		



# Implementation

### PostgreSQL PostGIS











Enterprise Architect



### **PostgreSQL**

open-source relational database used to store and manage spatial and nonspatial data.

### **PostGIS**

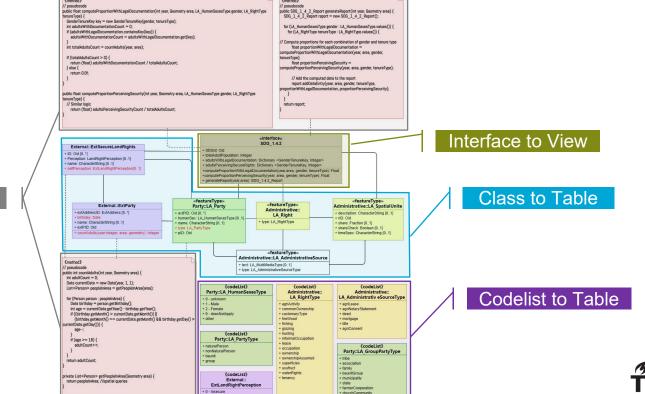
a spatial database extender for PostgreSQL, enabling advanced geographic queries and spatial data processing.

### **QGIS**

- Open-source Geographic Information System used for spatial data visualization, analysis, and mapping.
- Can link to PostgreSQL/PostGIS

### **UML** structure

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Method to Function

### **Codelist to Table**

#### Fixed Code List

### 

```
CREATE TABLE LA_HumanSexesType (
    hst_id INTEGER UNIQUE NOT NULL,
    hst_description TEXT NOT NULL UNIQUE
);
INSERT INTO LA_HumanSexesType (hst_id, hst_description ) VALUES
(0, 'unknown'),
(1, 'Male'),
(2, 'Female'),
(9, 'doesNotApply'),
(99, 'other');
```

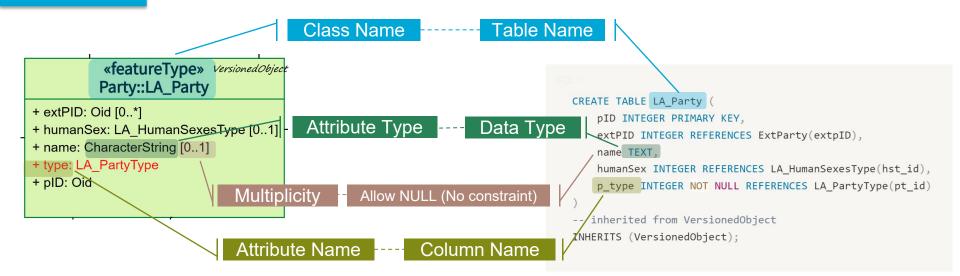
### Flexible Code List

### 《codeList》 Party::LA\_PartyType

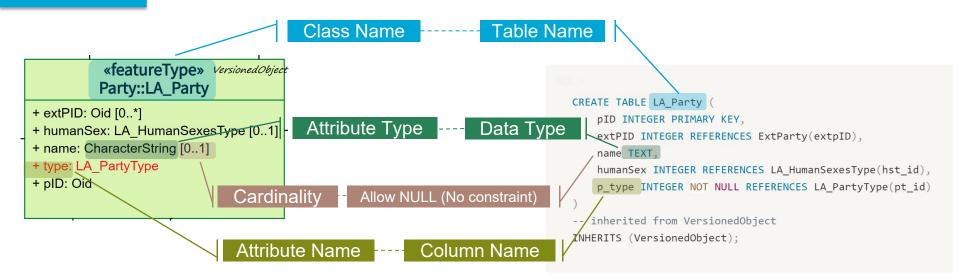
- + naturalPerson
- + nonNaturalPerson
- + baunit
- + group

```
CREATE TABLE LA_PartyType (
    pt_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    pt_description TEXT NOT NULL UNIQUE
);
INSERT INTO LA_PartyType (pt_description ) VALUES
('naturalPerson'),
('nonNaturalPerson'),
('baunit'),
('group');
```

### Class to Table



### Class to Table



UML Component	SQL Representation	Example		
Class Name	Table Name	UML Class: LA_Party → SQL Table: LA_Party		
Attribute Name	Column Name	UML Attribute: name → SQL Column: name		
Attribute Type	Data Type	UML Type: CharacterString $\rightarrow$ SQL Type: TEXT		
Multiplicity: 1	NOT NULL Constraint	UML Multiplicity: 1 → SQL Constraint: name TEXT NOT NULL		
Multiplicity: 01	Allow NULL (No constraint)	UML Multiplicity: $01 \rightarrow SQL$ Column: name TEXT		
Multiplicity: 0*	Many-to-Many Relationship, Association Table	e UML Multiplicity: 0* → Requires a join table		
unique identifier	PRIMARY KEY Constraint	UML Attribute: pID → SQL: pID INTEGER PRIMARY KEY		
Inheritance(usually in italics in the upper right corner)	INHERITS keyword (for PostgreSQL)	UML: LA_Party inherits VersionedObject $\rightarrow$ SQL: INHERITS (VersionedObject)		
Visibility (public/private/protected)	Ignored in SQL, all attributes accessible	N/A		
Initial Value	DEFAULT Clause	UML availabilityStatus: LA AvailabilityStatusType = documentAvailable  → SQL: availabilityStatus INTEGER DEFAULT 1(the id of documentAvailable)		

### Class to Table: special Data Type

### Fraction

```
CREATE TYPE Fraction AS (
    numerator INTEGER,
    denominator INTEGER
);
```

### VersionedObject

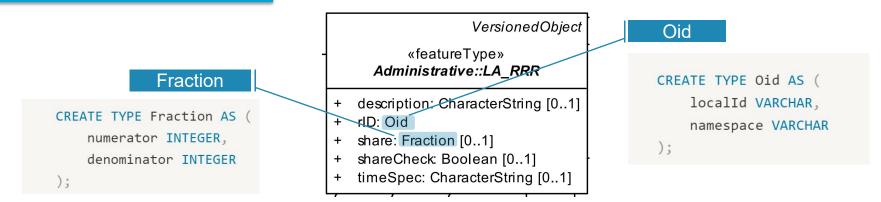
«featureType»
Administrative::LA\_RRR

- + description: CharacterString [0..1]
- + rlD: Oid
- + share: Fraction [0..1]
- + shareCheck: Boolean [0..1]
- + timeSpec: CharacterString [0..1]

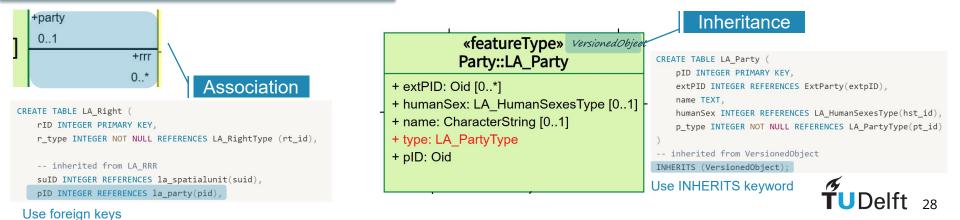
### Oid

```
CREATE TYPE Oid AS (
localId VARCHAR,
namespace VARCHAR
);
```

### Class to Table: special Data Type



### Class to Table: Relationships Between Tables



- Primary Key: id
- Foreign Key: relationship between tables(Class to Class/ codelist to Class)

• NOT NULL/ UNIQUE/CHECK: simple logic

CREATE TABLE LA\_Right (
 rID INTEGER PRIMARY KEY),
 r\_type INTEGER NOT NULL REFERENCES LA\_RightType (rt\_id),

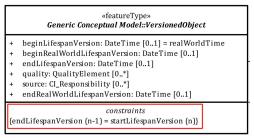
NOT NULL

-- inherited from LA\_RRR

suID INTEGER REFERENCES la\_spatialunit(suid),
 pID INTEGER REFERENCES la party(pid),

### **Functions and Triggers for Complex Constraints**

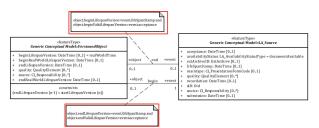
check version lifespan continuity



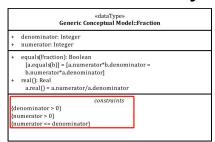
check share sum



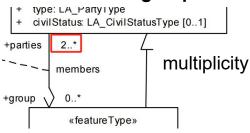
### check source constraints



check fraction validity



check minimum group members





### Example: check version lifespan continuity

- For each version of a record, the end time of the previous version must match the start time of the next.
- Prevents gaps in historical data, preserving data integrity and consistency.



### Class to Table: Constraints

### Example: check version lifespan continuity

If no previous record exists for suid, skips the continuity check since it's the first entry for this suid.



### Example: check version lifespan continuity

```
IF NEW endLifespanVersion IS NULL THEN
   query := format(
        'SELECT EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM %I WHERE suid = $1)',
       TG_TABLE_NAME
   EXECUTE query INTO suid exists USING NEW.suid;
   IF suid_exists = FALSE THEN
        RETURN NEW:
    END IF;
```

If no previous record exists for suid, skips the continuity check since it's the first entry for this suid.

```
query := format(
            'SELECT endLifespanVersion FROM %I WHERE suid = $1 AND endLifespanVersion IS
NOT NULL ORDER BY endLifespanVersion DESC LIMIT 1',
            TG_TABLE_NAME
       );
       EXECUTE query INTO prev_endLifespanVersion USING NEW.suid;
                                                                               suid if it exists.
```

Retrieves the endLifespanVersion of the most recent record for the same



### Example: check version lifespan continuity

If no previous record exists for suid, skips the continuity check since it's the first entry for this suid.

```
IF prev_endLifespanVersion IS NOT NULL AND prev_endLifespanVersion <> NEW.beginL ifespanVersion THEN

RAISE EXCEPTION 'Lifespan continuity error in table % for suid %: previous e ndLifespanVersion % does not match new beginLifespanVersion %',

TG_TABLE_NAME, NEW.suid, prev_endLifespanVersion, NEW.beginL ifespanVersion;

END IF;

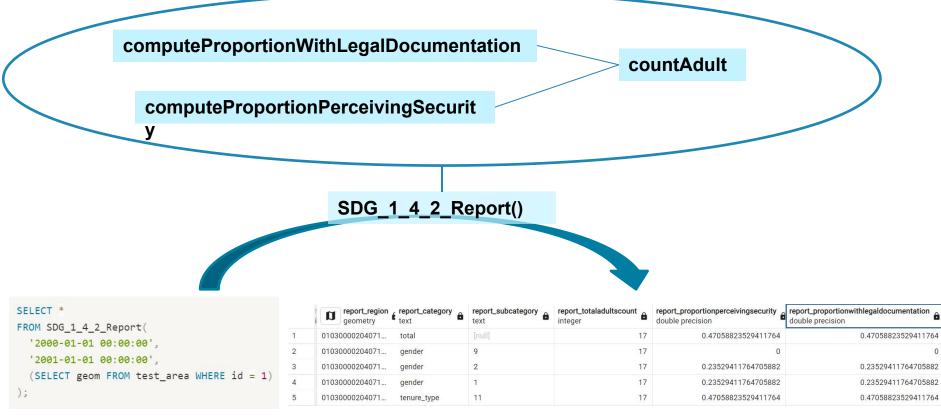
Raises an match, previous e ndLifespanVersion %',

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```

Raises an exception if they don't match, preventing data inconsistency.



### Method to Functions



Input: time period and area

Output: proportion by category

### Interface to View

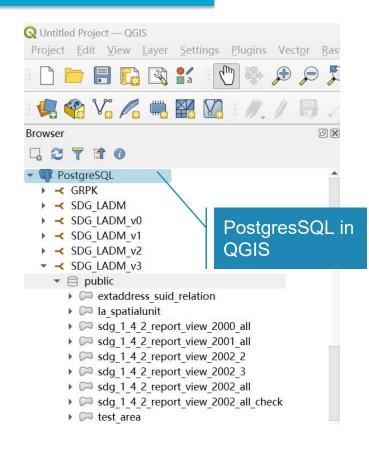
### SDG\_1\_4\_2\_Report()

	report_region freport_categor geometry	report_subcategory text	report_totaladultscount integer	report_proportionperceivingsecurity double precision	report_proportionwithlegaldocumentation double precision
1	01030000204071 total	[null]	17	0.47058823529411764	0.47058823529411764
2	01030000204071 gender	9	17	0	0
3	01030000204071 gender	2	17	0.23529411764705882	0.23529411764705882
4	01030000204071 gender	1	17	0.23529411764705882	0.23529411764705882
5	01030000204071 tenure_type	11	17	0.47058823529411764	0.47058823529411764

### VIEW SDG\_1\_4\_2\_Report\_View\_2000\_all

	report_begindate timestamp with time zone €	report_enddate timestamp with time zone	report_ geome		report_subcategory text	report_totaladultscount integer	report_proportionperceivingsecurity double precision	report_proportionwithlegaldocumentation double precision
1	2000-01-01 00:00:00+01	2001-01-01 00:00:00+01	01030000	gender	Male	17	0.23529411764705882	0.23529411764705882
2	2000-01-01 00:00:00+01	2001-01-01 00:00:00+01	01030000	tenure_type	ownership	17	0.47058823529411764	0.47058823529411764
3	2000-01-01 00:00:00+01	2001-01-01 00:00:00+01	01030000	gender	Female	17	0.23529411764705882	0.23529411764705882
4	2000-01-01 00:00:00+01	2001-01-01 00:00:00+01	01030000	gender	doesNotApply	17	0	0
5	2000-01-01 00:00:00+01	2001-01-01 00:00:00+01	01030000	total	[null]	17	0.47058823529411764	0.47058823529411764

## **QGIS** visualization



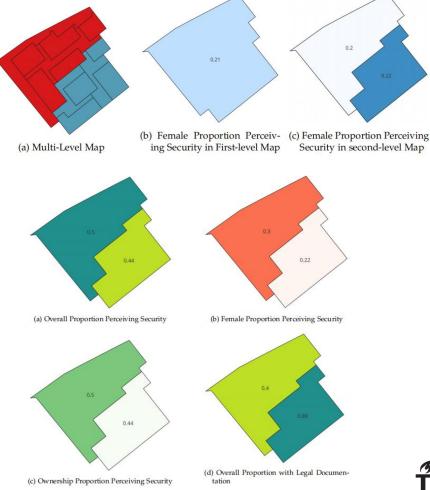
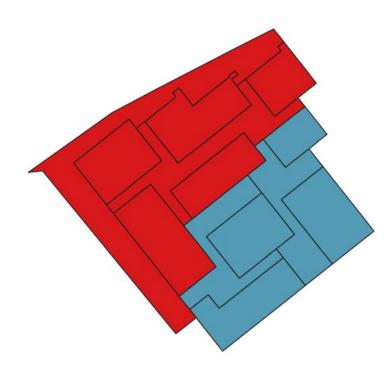


Figure 5.7.: Key SDG Report Maps for Regions 50001 and 50002

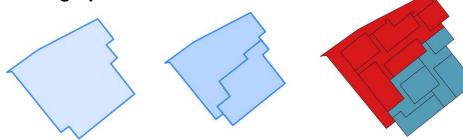
# Testing

## Test data set design



Test area(LA\_SpatialUnit)

## **Geographic Dimension**



#### **Temporal Dimension**

#### **Year 1: System Initialization**

used as the baseline dataset

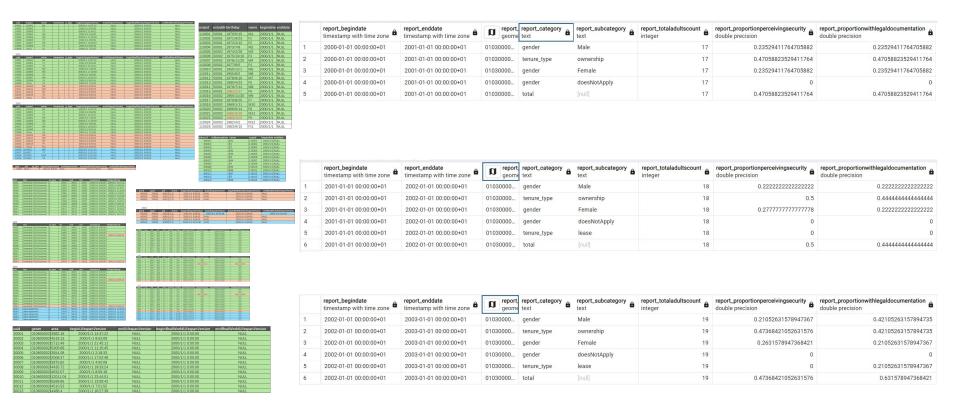
#### Year 2:

- Land Rights Transfer
- Formation of a Cooperative
- Some people become adults

#### Year 3:

- Lease and ownership exist together
- Party have RRR on parcel as a group
- External dataset update

## Test data set design



manual calculation

automated calculation

## Validation of constraints

Use of invalid data to test whether the system can accurately recognise and report errors

## **Example: check\_version\_lifespan\_continuity**

```
UPDATE LA_Right
SET
    endLifespanVersion = '2001-01-01 08:35:03',
    endRealWorldLifespanVersion = '2001-01-01 00:00:00'
WHERE
    rID = 20004;

INSERT INTO LA_Right (rID, r_type, suID, pID, share, shareCheck, timeSpec, beginLifespan Version, endLifespanVersion, beginRealWorldLifespanVersion, endRealWorldLifespanVersion)
VALUES
(20014, 11, 30004, 10013, '(1,1)', TRUE, NULL, '2001-01-02 08:35:03', NULL, '2001-01-01 00:00:00', NULL);
```

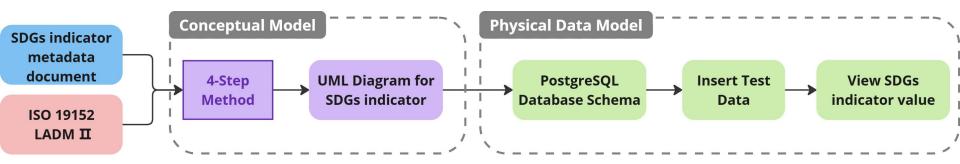
Data Output Messages Notifications

ERROR: Error occurred in check\_version\_lifespan\_continuity: Lifespan continuity error in table la\_right for suid 30004: previous endLifespanVersion 2001-01-01 08:35:03+01 does not match new beginLifespanVersion 2001-01-02 08:35:03+01 CONTEXT: 在RAISE的第45行的PL/pgSQL函数check\_version\_lifespan\_continuity()



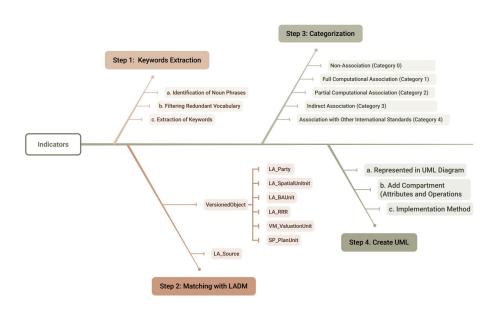
# Conclusion

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## How can the conceptual model for SDG 1.4.2 be developed based on its metadata?



- adding necessary attributes
- supporting SDG 1.4.2 indicator calculations
- reducing the reliance on manual data collection
- ensuring consistency

# How can the conceptual model for SDG 1.4.2 be effectively translated into a physical database implementation?

## Physical Model Requirements

- Data Consistency
- Standardization
- Scalability
- Operability

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## What added value does this approach bring to the overall monitoring and evaluation of SDG indicators?

#### ■ Reduces Manual Work:

Minimizes reliance on manual data collection and calculations by integrating cadastral systems.

## **■** Enhances Accuracy:

Formalizes and automates calculations, reducing errors associated with manual methods.

## **■** Consistent Reporting:

Supports standardized reporting across time periods, regions, and governance levels.

## **■ Timely Data for Policymakers:**

Provides reliable data for assessing trends and evaluating policy impacts.

## Scalable & Adaptable:

Applicable across diverse legal frameworks, supporting SDG monitoring in various land administration contexts.

## **Contributions**

- Standardized Solution for SDG Calculation:
  - Utilizes ISO 19152 LADM for systematic, standardized calculation of SDG indicators in land administration.
  - Promotes global standardization and consistency.

- Automated System for Dynamic Data Processing:
  - Efficiently processes land rights changes, population dynamics, and administrative updates.
  - Enhances accuracy and efficiency in monitoring SDG 1.4.2.

- Foundation for Future Research and Applications:
  - Validates feasibility with simulated data, setting groundwork for real-world applications.
  - Provides a reference for expanding to other SDG indicators and for policy development.



## Limitations

#### Use of Synthetic Data:

Testing relied on simulated data, which may not capture the full complexity of real-world land administration. Performance may vary in practical applications.

## ■ Focus on a Single SDG Indicator (SDG 1.4.2):

The study focused solely on tenure security; other SDG indicators were not explored, limiting the assessment of the LADM framework's broader applicability.

## Limited Regional and Legal Context Analysis:

The system's adaptability across diverse legal and regional land administration frameworks was not evaluated, affecting generalizability.

## ■ Concurrency and Multi-User Access:

The study did not address multi-user access, meaning data consistency and integrity issues could arise in real-world, concurrent-use environments.



## **Future work**

## Application to Other SDG Indicators:

Extend the system to support additional land-related SDGs, such as:

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 15: Life on Land

Adapt the current model for a more comprehensive sustainable land management solution.

## ■ Integration of Real-World Data:

Validate the system with real-world land administration data from various regions.

Collaborate with governments and organizations to test in diverse legal and administrative contexts.

## **■** Enhancement of User Interface and Reporting:

Develop a more user-friendly interface for non-technical users.

Expand reporting capabilities to support diverse formats and tailored data visualizations.

## **■** Further Performance Optimization:

Continue optimizing for larger datasets and complex queries.

Assess system performance in high-concurrency, multi-user environments to ensure stability.



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