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# Ghana Missing from international property rights index report

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**GHANA NEEDS** a potent property rights law to enable its citizens

earn respect for their rights from property.

The international property rights index 2008 released, did not include Ghana, according to Franklin Cudjoe, Executive Director of Imani center for policy education who released the result in Ghana.

Mr. Cudjoe indicated that the property rights alliance depended on data from the world Bank to compile the index.

He explained that the absence of Ghana on the international index, was due to the unavailability of credible data

on property ownership in Ghana.

Quoting the Nobel Prize nominated Peruvian Economist, Hernando De Soto, Mr. Cudjoe said "Many academics have long established a strong correlation between a country's economic growth and the protection of its citizens' lives and property".

Mr. Cudjoe noted that protected and enforced property rights have benefited Western countries and has been of a pale shadow in poor countries.

He said the protection of physical property rights continues to be a challenge in Ghana, as evidenced by the

thousands of decade long disputed land cases pending in the nation's slow paced courts.

He said intellectual property rights are hardly respected as evidenced by the extent of pirated works of art, from music videos to ordinary cassettes.



Franklin Cudjoe, Executive Director of Imani Center for Policy Education