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Abstract: The presentation will discuss land use conflict analysis and methods for their prevention and management in developing countries, on the basis of conflicts created by infrastructural projects. Such conflicts have entailed expropriation of homes, farm businesses and other productive resources in rural settings. We will examine the case of Chotiari water reservoir project in Pakistan, and put stress on project impacts on socio-economic and natural resource values, by highlighting root causes of the conflicts with response to land use decision. We will also pay attention to the network of actors over land use and property right violation, which have created dissimilar power distribution. We will show that conflicts created by the project have resulted from structural factors (unilateral decision, lack of technical and scientific investigation, corruption, international interest, and non-existence of national resettlement policy) and proximate factors (nepotism, ethnic diversity/disarray, and illiteracy). Moreover, forceful displacement of local population has led for multiplication of the confrontations. From these results, we will provide insights and recommendations in terms of land use conflict prevention and management, mainly based on proximity relations analysis.

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