

## PEOPLE CENTRED LAND GOVERNANCE

# ILC ACTIONS TO APPLY THE VGGTs\*

The International Land Coalition (ILC) recognises the significance of the VGGTs as a global framework for setting norms and benchmarks. The Coalition and its 200+ members of civil society and intergovernmental organisations are committed to extend the VGGTs into practice and policy in a way that **PUTS PEOPLE AT THE CENTRE OF LAND GOVERNANCE**, responding to the needs and protecting the rights of women, men and communities who live on and from the land.

ILC is an action-oriented network that brings together civil society, non-governmental and inter-governmental organisations to challenge one another, learn from each other and work together with reference to the VGGTs.

\* Voluntary Guidelines for the Responsible Governance of Tenure

## ACHIEVING TRANSFORMATION THROUGH CONNECTING, MOBILIZING AND INFLUENCING

In 2013, the VGGTs inspired ILC members to make **10 COMMITMENTS TO ACTION** to guide their collective efforts to achieve land governance for and with people. Each of the commitments correspond to principles and clauses of the VGGTs and provides a common framework for working together to bring about transformation in land governance



### 1 SECURE TENURE RIGHTS



### 2 STRONG SMALL-SCALE FARMING SYSTEMS



### 3 DIVERSE TENURE SYSTEMS



### 4 EQUAL LAND RIGHTS FOR WOMEN



### 5 SECURE TERRITORIAL RIGHTS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



### 6 LOCALLY MANAGED ECOSYSTEMS



### 7 INCLUSIVE DECISION-MAKING



### 8 TRANSPARENT AND ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION



### 9 EFFECTIVE ACTIONS AGAINST LAND GRABBING



### 10 PROTECTION FOR LAND RIGHTS DEFENDERS

These commitments are used as a compass for promoting and implementing the VGGTs, as well as monitoring and evaluating the changes taking place.

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## COORDINATED ACTION IN-COUNTRY AND AROUND SPECIFIC LAND GOVERNANCE NEEDS

# ILC'S NATIONAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND COMMITMENT BASED INITIATIVES

ILC members come together with other actors at national level to develop and then implement National Engagement Strategies which define the critical policies, practices and agendas on land that they seek to change. Nationally, regionally and globally, ILC members use the ILC's 10 commitments to people-centred land governance as their compass, and the Voluntary Guidelines for Land Tenure (VGGTs) as the key benchmark.

They also refer to related international benchmarks, such as the Africa land Policy Framework and Guidelines, and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and now the Sustainable Development Goals.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IN PRACTICAL TERMS?

# CREATING CHANGE THROUGH CONNECTING, MOBILISING AND INFLUENCING

## CONNECTING

MEMBERS TO CREATE  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE,  
MUTUAL LEARNING, AND JOINT  
ACTION AT GLOBAL, REGIONAL  
AND NATIONAL LEVELS.

- » The VGGTs constitute the basis for people centred land governance that brings together ILC members under 10 shared commitments.
- » National Engagement Strategies are established in over 20 countries in line with the spirit of the VGGTs. The objective is to create coordinated action at the country level towards people centred land governance.
- » Members use the VGGTs as a means to establish common activities and raise awareness on people centred land governance in various countries and at various levels of action.

## MOBILISING

MEMBERS TO CREATE  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
INNOVATION, PILOTING  
AND SCALING-UP  
OF ACTIVITIES.

- » The VGGTs are being used by members as a training tool and as a framework for assessing policy proposals, draft bills and land governance activities. This has recently been undertaken in collaboration with FAO and others in countries such as Malawi, Peru, Colombia, Nepal, Togo, Cambodia and the Philippines.
- » Members come together at regional and global levels to work towards specific commitments, such as women's land rights and gender justice, territorial rights of indigenous peoples, commons, and transparency and monitoring. Members advocate together and build capacity where it is needed, sharing good practices, experience and data. In this work, members also refer to binding international instruments such as the CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) and UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples), with which the VGGTs are consistent.

## INFLUENCING

DECISION MAKERS TO ENGAGE  
WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN LAND  
GOVERNANCE PROCESSES.

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