

# THE POWER OF OUR NETWORK

The **250+ MEMBERS** of the International Land Coalition share one goal: bringing about people-centred land governance. This means putting those who live on and from the land at the centre of decision-making. Too often, they are excluded from decisions about their land by those in power.

For women, this is especially true, with research showing that **WOMEN OWN LESS THAN 15% OF THE WORLD'S LAND\*** while **YOUNG WOMEN ARE LESS THAN HALF AS LIKELY AS YOUNG MEN TO OWN LAND** by themselves.\*\*

Working together in **OVER 60 PLATFORMS ACROSS THE GLOBE**, ILC members are joining forces in particular countries and across countries on a particular theme.

One priority area of action is achieving equal land rights for women, representing one of the **10 COMMITMENTS** ILC members have jointly agreed to.

Some of the leading global organisations fighting for equal rights are also members of the Coalition and they provide our network with a wealth of knowledge and experience from which to pull from. Together, Joint advocacy efforts helped to build broad support for the retention of **SDG INDICATOR 5.a.2 ON WOMEN'S EQUAL RIGHTS TO LAND OWNERSHIP**.

From local to global, our members are able to join forces to generate sustainable changes and build genuine and impactful alliances with change makers and actors, to ensure that no woman is left behind.

### ALTERNATIVE REPORTING

ILC encourages and supports members to use international treaties such as the *Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)* and the *Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)* to ensure governments implement their human rights treaty obligations.

Members have mobilised at the national level to report specifically on the status of women's land rights in Ecuador (2019), México (2018), Bangladesh (2016 and 2018), Argentina (2016 and 2018), Guatemala (2017), Colombia (2017), Malawi (2015) and Burundi (2015 and 2016) while members reported on indigenous women's rights in Thailand (2017). This work has already proved influential as Convention Committees have based their recommendations to governments from ILC members' alternative reports.

\* SIGI 2019 Global Report  
\*\* IFAD 2019 Rural Development Report

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# WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS

### STRATEGIC PARTNERS & CORE DONORS



### 164 COUNTRIES

*recognise women's right to own, use and make decisions about land on equal terms with men*

**YET ONLY**

### 52 COUNTRIES

*guarantee these rights both in law and practice\**

### WE JOINTLY COMMIT TO:

*Ensuring gender justice in relation to land, taking all necessary measures to pursue both de jure and de facto equality, enhancing the ability of women to defend their land rights and take equal part in decision-making, and ensuring that control over land and the benefits that are derived thereof are equal between women and men, including the right to inherit and bequeath tenure rights.*

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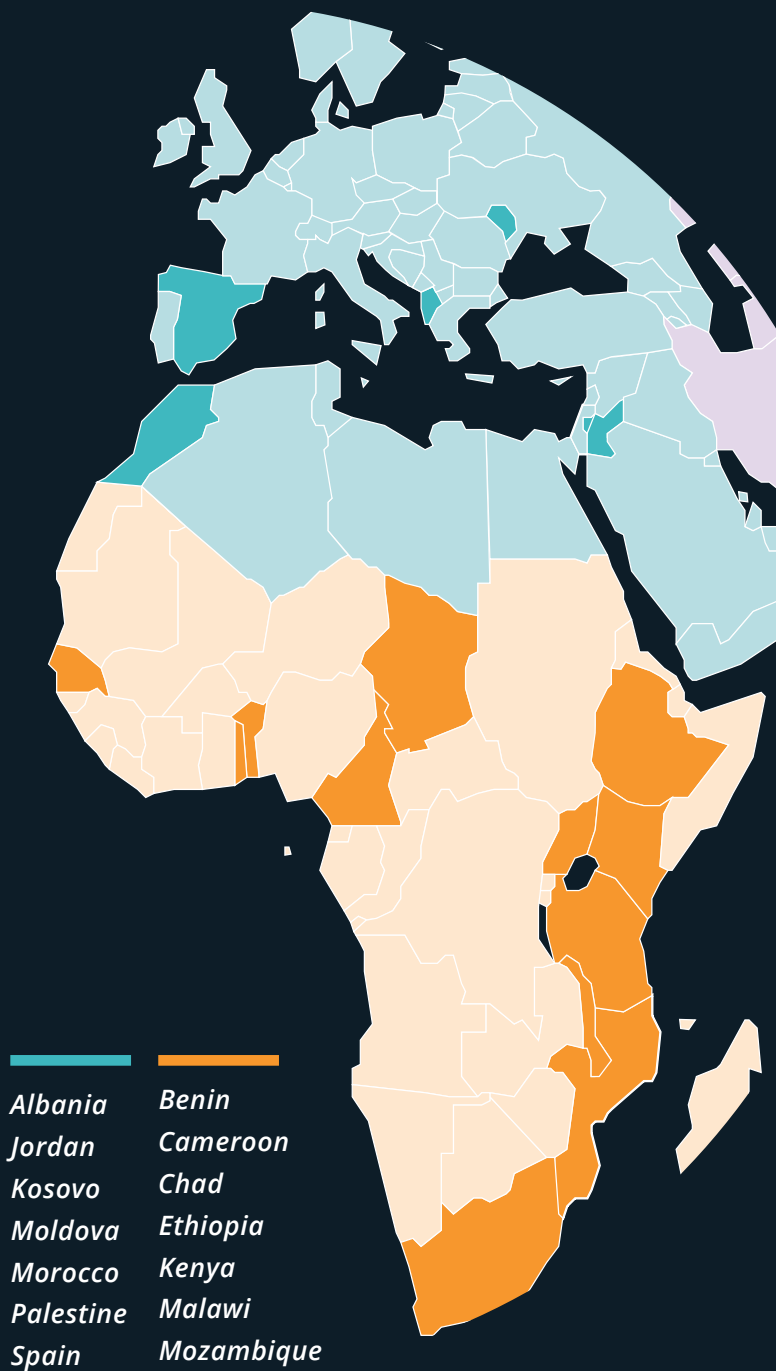
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**EQUAL LAND RIGHTS FOR WOMEN**



# MEMBER-LED PLATFORMS



“Without the support of ILC, the results that have been achieved to date would have been impossible. ILC’s technical assistance through the Africa office has also played a decisive role. With this support we have been able to actually evangelise for the Kilimanjaro Initiative across Central and West Africa.

Vanessa Adoko-Hounzoukin,  
Programme and Communication Assistant at WILDAF-AO

## EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Key focus areas: *women’s empowerment, advocacy*

**18 member organisations**

Building on the success of multi-stakeholder national processes in Albania, Kosovo and Moldova, the platform’s goals are focused on supporting women and organisations to gain legal access to natural resources, access business funding and training, participate in decision-making spaces, all the while raising awareness of women’s issues by working with United Nations and European Union bodies.

With the support of ILC, members in the Europe, Middle East and North Africa region are currently defining a common strategy on a way forward in a region which has diverse land rights challenges.

**NES** *In Albania, the national platform has improved the economic and social empowerment of women by advocating for their increased participation in Forest and Pastures Users Associations (FPUAs).*

## AFRICA

### KILIMANJARO INITIATIVE

Key focus areas:  
*advocacy, campaigning, policy change*

**20 member organisations, focal point: WILDAF**

The Kilimanjaro Initiative was launched in 2012 to draw attention to the precarious nature of women’s land rights in Africa, and to give women across the continent a common platform for their voices to be heard.

In October 2016, around 500 women from 22 African countries participated in the Kilimanjaro Initiative, which culminated in 29 women climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and a Charter of Demands for women’s land rights.

The Africa Union officially endorsed the Initiative’s Charter of Demands. Today, ILC members are working together to ensure its implementation through advocacy and capacity building.

**NES** *In Togo, the national platform trained more than 20 ministerial gender focal points on gender sensitive programming which contributed to 2,175 women gaining access to land, and put a halt to 26 women’s land rights violations.*



## ASIA

### ENSURING GENDER JUSTICE: ENRICHING THE LAND RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Key focus areas:  
*knowledge exchange, capacity building*

**14 member organisations**

This initiative focuses on knowledge exchange, capacity building, and awareness raising, reaching over 500 rural and indigenous women, grassroots activists, and farmers in the region.

By documenting existing knowledge on women’s land rights in the region, ILC members have been able to influence policy change at the national and sub-national levels. Including in Jharkhand, India, where women’s collectives are being allotted the right to forest resources under the Forest Rights Act of India; in Cambodia women have been hired on to Community Forest Patrols; and in Indonesia fee waivers have greatly accelerated applications for Joint Land Ownership by spouses.

**NES** *In Bangladesh, thanks to advocacy efforts, women’s land rights were included in the Seven Fifth Year Plan, the most important macroeconomic document in the country.*

## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

### MUJER RURAL Y DERECHO A LA TIERRA

Key focus areas: *advocacy, women land and environmental defenders, policy dialogue*

**20 member organisations, focal point: CINEP**

Mujer Rural y Derecho a la Tierra fosters brings ILC members together to improve rural women’s access to land and guarantee their participation in decision-making processes.

By fostering solidarity and a comparative approach among members, the platform seeks to ensure that rural women in Latin America are able to exercise their rights over land and territories, are guaranteed protection against dispossession and eviction, as well as against all forms of discrimination and violence.

**NES** *In the municipality of Río Blanco, Guatemala, advocacy efforts to increase the budget for rural women was deemed a success when the Mayor and Councilmen made a commitment to accommodate funding for women purchasing land within the 2018 budget.*

## GLOBAL

### FEMINIST LAND PLATFORM

Key focus areas:  
*gender justice, building feminist leaders, peer-to-peer learning, policy change*

**10 woman leaders/8 countries**  
**focal point: Espaço Feminista**

The Feminist Land Platform is a strategic and inclusive space for feminist organisations and leaders working on women land rights and gender justice. Their purpose is to unite and amplify voices and analysis from women struggles representing diverse constituencies, while building alliances to change and address oppressive practices and social norms for a just and equal society for all.

By joining forces, the Feminist Land Platform is focusing on building a bottom-up agenda on gender justice in women’s land rights for political, economic and legislative changes.

“With ILC we have been able to put on the agenda the problems of rural women in our country, especially the situation of discrimination against indigenous women for decision-making on access and use of land and territory. This work has allowed us to channel other resources to deepen the work with indigenous women.

*ILC Member, 2018 Keystone Survey*

## NES

**NATIONAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES (NES)** are implemented through multi-stakeholder platforms to promote people-centred land governance at national levels. In countries where NES have been formulated, they are creating opportunities for ILC members to engage with governments and other stakeholders on land reforms.

**Multi-stakeholder platforms in 22 countries have indicated securing women’s land rights as a priority** for their national platform, and have had considerable success in their endeavours.