INTERVIEW OP: Land rights champions on the frontlines of the climate crisis at COP28

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Between Nov 30 and Dec 12, the world will turn its head to COP28, world leaders, NGOs, private companies, and grassroots organisations will discuss solutions to limit global warming, including through the transformation of our food system.

Our food system is broken
Industrial agriculture is responsible for 25 to 30% global emission while the sustainable alternative – using small scale, family farming and pastoralist practices – are statistically proven to increase climate resilience. And while 33% of our global arable land has degraded in large part due to corporate-controlled agriculture, 42% of global land in good ecological condition belong to Indigenous Peoples and local communities, thanks to their climate-friendly land use practices.

The 2.5 billion people who live on and from the land can transform our food systems. But because almost 50% of the world’s rural population lack secure land rights, they are often thwarted from investing in sustainable agricultural practices and technologies that can bolster our resilience against the impacts of the climate crisis. COP28 must both put its trust in farmers, pastoralists, and Indigenous Peoples, and take concrete steps toward securing their land rights.

Interview land rights champions from farmer, pastoralist, and Indigenous Peoples

The International Land Coalition can facilitate conversations with members of our network at COP28. They can speak to their fight for land rights in the context of the climate crisis, describe how they are working towards a sustainable food system transformation, and more.

LAND RIGHTS CHAMPIONS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS:
FARMER - Land Rights Champion
Abbas Melhem | Palestinian Farmers' Union Executive Director | In Dubai from 01.12 - 08.12 | An olive farmer and union organizer, working to defend land rights of Palestinian farmers.

PASTORALIST - Land Rights Champion
Laureen Ongesa | Reconcile | In Dubai from 06.12 - 11.12 | A youth activist from Kenya defending land rights for pastoralist communities implementing sustainable climate solutions.

INDIGENOUS - Land Rights Champion
Chandra Tripura | Hill Resource Center | In Dubai from 28.11 - 10.12 | An indigenous activist from Tripura Indigenous People of Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh, who works defending indigenous land rights and promoting youth-led development.

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