

EMENA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduction

Amira (ILC) and Khalid (Council rep): welcome everyone and welcome to new members. It's a pleasure to have you all here and get to know the new members of the EMENA platform. Let's take a few minutes to do a round of introduction of old and new members. Who is everyone and what organization do you represent?

Khalid Khawaldeh & Lorraine Walker – DQLCC, Jordan

Rexhep Ndreu – NFCFPA, Albania

Said Fagouri & Eatemad Rafalla– Past-Arabic, Jordan

Lindsay Chalmers – CLS, Scotland

Ranad Shqeirat & Amal Adeeb – Sharaka, Palestine

Thaer Fakhoury – ACAD, Palestine

Saida Drissi & Khadija Ouled Ammou – ADFM, Morocco

Blanca Casares – ASFOSO

Iker Manterola – IComunales

Raed Gharib – Seeds

Amina Amharech – Azul

Membership Expansion

Amira: EMENA started out with members from the ILC Global caucus who decided to separate as they had a national focus in their work. In 2016 these members became the ILC Europe and Middle East region, and in 2017 had their first regional assembly in Dana, Jordan. Since 2017's call for membership expansion, 10 new members joined the EME platform (from many applications), making it ILC's fastest growing region. The 10 new organisations brought to the EME map several

new countries: Italy, Spain and Morocco. This made the name change from 'Europe and Middle East' to 'Europe, Middle East and North Africa' region – EMENA.

We are proud of the diversity within the EMENA platform and look forward to consolidating this region, moving forward and building a common vision.

Voting New Council Members

Khalid: I will speak about the experience of being a council member, as Albora is not here. Being a Council member involves a number of responsibilities. The ILC Council meets twice a year – once virtually, over slack, and once in person face to face. We as Council members, our job is to represent the EMENA region at the ILC Council, among all the other regions and the Secretariat. So whatever issues or questions the region has and would like to bring forth to the Council, it is the job of the council members to represent them.

Amira: All information about Council representatives and their roles and duties is in the ILC Charter that was sent to you and that is also available on the ILC website. Let's look together at the area specifically covering this: article 20-34 in Charter
http://www.landcoalition.org/sites/default/files/documents/resources/2017_ilc_charter_web.pdf

So based on this, now that we need to elect new council members to represent EMENA, who would like to put themselves fwd? Some of you have already put your candidacy fwd over email, but now that we are all here together if there are any new people who would like to nominate themselves for EMENA council members, we can open the floor for you to speak.

Candidates for council membership:

Said
Blanca
Amina
Raed
Khalid

Voting

Final round of voting resulted in Amina and Raed with the majority of votes. Amina and Raed elected as new council representatives for EMENA.

Lunch

Accountability and Reporting

Floor opened to members to share on progress of their initiatives:

Rexhep shared progress of NES Albania
Khalid shared on progress of NES Jordan
Valentin shared on progress of NES Moldova
Amira updated on initial steps of NES Kosovo on behalf of NAPFO
Thaer shared progress on upcoming Youth and Land CBI workshop
Amira updated on Women's land rights CBI workshop on behalf of Albora

Amira updated briefly on Dubai Arab Land Conference and Ombretta Tempra from GLTN spoke to the group in more detail about the conference, its outcome and what is being planned in its aftermath

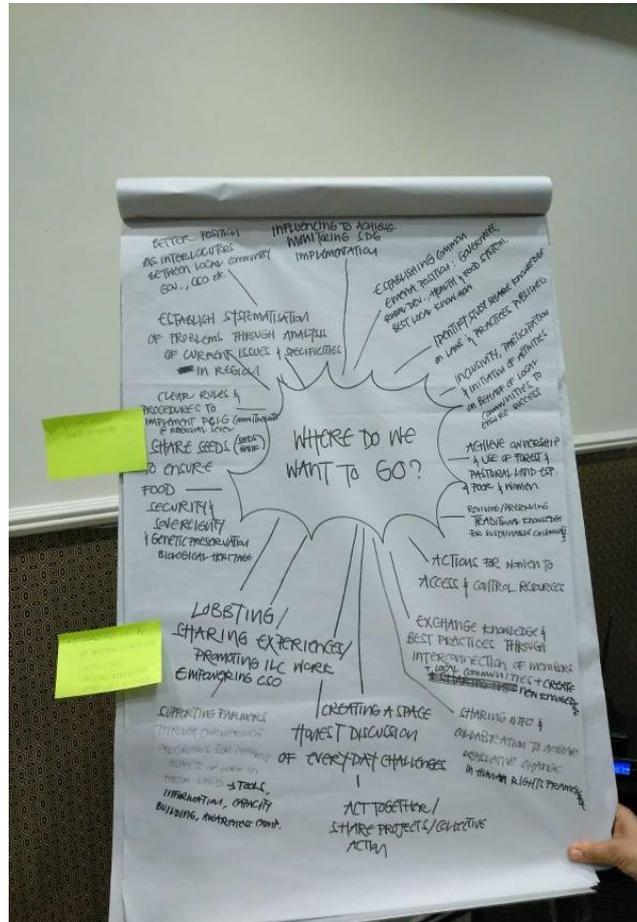
EMENA Common Vision and Strategy

Amira: The EMENA platform is a new regional platform with many different issues with respect to land governance, agrarian reform, mitigation to environmental degradation, civil society engagement, conservation etc. This is the only ILC region spread over 3 continents (!) therefore the vastness in diversity is remarkable. This is also ILC’s newest region, so we don’t have the same years of having worked together, that allow us to have had the time to understand what our regional priorities are, and build a common strategy together. So we would like to begin to do that now. In part, it is already happening through the development of our shared activities, like the Youth CBI and WLR CBI which are now in development.

The questions we have to answer are:

- Where do we want to go? (What are our priorities?)
- How do we want to get there?

Exercise was done using post-its. However, we ran out of time to complete it – so we are following up over email.



ILC EMENA STRATEGY TABLE

Including contributions from Renad (Sharaka), Issa (ACAD), Amina (Azul), Blanca (TyN)

ILC Commitments	EMENA objectives (*)	Solution (**)	Comments (***)
1. SECURE TENURE RIGHTS	Train and inform	Promoting the principles of rights and defense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications • Web sites • Meeting • Workshops, round tables and conferences
2. STRONG SMALL-SCALE FARMING SYSTEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stimulate Demand for small scale agriculture • Identify problems and provide solutions while varying the models as needed (by region and population) 	<p>Workshops and learning programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of potential beneficiaries in each area • Different ways to marketing produce (workshop) • Regional network of similar practices where they can collaborate in different projects <p>Family farming is in real danger because its products are in competition in local and international markets. That's why we need to strengthen this type of agriculture consolidate the existing (resilience) of farm families - two activities to develop with them:</p> <p>1- Ecological agriculture: to give a reference to their products in the markets with an AOC label. Like that, consumers know where the products come from which are the producers and their problems in general and especially access to land. It is a way to promote family farming and can mobilize more of the world around it!</p> <p>2- Agro-tourism: this is also a way to promote the farmer by physical contact with them, make the others the know and develop a world of sympathy around them. And</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate, fund and implement pilot projects with a limited population • Implement, support to ensure the realization of projects in the field • Extend the project once it is completed

		<p>that can to be local and international.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of listening (questionnaires) to the populations • Determination of specific needs • Respect for biodiversity • Taking into account climatic changes • Involvement of local elected representatives (facilitator element) • Partnerships with universities and researchers 	
3. DIVERSE TENURE SYSTEMS			
4. EQUAL LAND RIGHTS FOR WOMEN	Achieve ownership and use of forest and pastoral land especially for women	<p>CBI Gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 1: Workshop in Albania • Output (=product): Factsheets with leadership cases • Outcome: increased visibility of good management cases ownership and use of forest and pastoral land especially for women <p>Learning programmes Leadership programmes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform women about their rights • Get them to mobilize • Seek support from international organizations for the defense of women's rights • Denounce discrimination • Create local, regional and international networks
5. SECURE TERRITORIAL RIGHTS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES	<p>Empower local communities</p> <p>Promote the rights of Indigenous Peoples</p>	<p>Visibility and pressure governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Campaign • Collective visits • meetings with Leaders • Leadership Programs • Share Experiences and spread common cases • Create a regional and world network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate in international fora • Use of UN mechanisms and other organs to promote rights to land, resources and territories based on precedents (recognition, judgments ...) • Training and Disclosure of the Declaration on the Rights of IPs and the ILO Convention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make communications to special rapporteurs and human rights organizations for the UPR • Request MEDPA mediation to get states to accept dialogue with IPs and initiate land law reforms and abolish colonial and post-colonialist laws

6. LOCALLY MANAGED ECOSYSTEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empower and sustain movements that call for protection of their endangered habitats • Ensuring resource sustainability and land protection 	Visibility, workshops and network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media campaigns • Create and strengthen a lobby group of activists • Get to know similar practices and cases in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make use of ancestral know-how • Assert the aboriginal right • Inform about the dangers • Involve the elected and the experts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings, workshops, trainings, conferences, partnerships, studies
7. INCLUSIVE DECISION-MAKING	Assure the right of decision of rights holders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of land rights and positive community rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminars, studies and publications
8. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE INFORMATION			
9. EFFECTIVE ACTIONS AGAINST LAND GRABBING	List, remedy and stop the expropriation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security, prevention and mobilization and protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create spoliations alerts via a "#" • Set up a portal to identify and record cases of splicing
10. PROTECTED LAND RIGHTS DEFENDERS	Secure, index and report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing and protecting rights defenders • Denunciation of the attacks against them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create alerts via a "# defend defenders" • Set up a portal to identify and record cases of endangering rights defenders

(*) Can be consider our desired impacts. From the formulation of objectives to impacts it is needed a rephrase.

(**) The solution can be provided by individual actions of the members of EMENA, join actions, NES, CBI... The solution (how to achieve the objective) needs to be developed at different levels (outcomes, outputs, activities). The best is to divide the Solution column into a few columns.

(***) Use for any comment, indicate the responsible to fill the solution