

GLF Bogotá Declaration
Equitable Land Rights for Peace
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Preamble

1. We, members of the **International Land Coalition (ILC)** — a global alliance of 323 organisations from 97 countries — gathered in **Bogotá, Colombia** for the **10th Global Land Forum (GLF)**. As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of ILC, we also **celebrate our collective solidarity and concrete achievements** towards people-centred land governance. In the last decade, we are proud to have helped secure the land rights of over 4.7 million women and men, over 45 million hectares, and contributed to 154 policy and legal reforms.

2. We thank the government and people of Colombia for their warm welcome. Colombia's decision to prioritise land reform as a core peacebuilding commitment, in partnership with people's organisations, gives us hope. We commend its strong commitment to redistributive land reform, especially in today's fragmented and uncertain global context. We celebrate the support received by ministers from Latin America and the Caribbean present during the Forum.

3. **The people who live on and from the land – women, youth, smallholder and family farmers, peasants, fisherfolk, forest-dwellers, pastoralists, Afro-descendants and Indigenous Peoples** – are at the forefront of defending land, feeding communities, and stewarding nature — yet they face discrimination, land grabbing, dispossession, violence, criminalization, and pressure from governments and the private sector. We commit to protecting land and environmental defenders, placing peoples' leadership at the centre of our work and ensuring equal land rights, especially those of women and girls, and access to resources and participation. We endorse the Indigenous Peoples, Youth, and Afro-descendant Peoples Declarations of this Forum.

4. We face a world shaped by interlinked crises: **inequality, land concentration, biodiversity loss, climate change, land degradation, conflict, polarisation, food insecurity, lack of food sovereignty, and threats to human rights and democracy**. These are driven by systems that prioritise profit and power over people and planet — harming those who live on and from the land, more than 100 million of whom are represented by our members.

5. In response, we reaffirm the transformative power of our diverse Coalition. Together, our voices bring change. Our experience shows that equitable land distribution, agrarian reform, and secure tenure are essential to just and sustainable transitions. We stand in solidarity to advance people-centred land governance as a solution to the challenges we — and future generations — collectively share.

We call attention to four areas for urgent action:

Land Rights for Biodiversity and Climate Justice

6. We appreciate the progress made within the **Rio Conventions** in **recognising secure land tenure and embracing community-based data** as essential to achieving global goals on land degradation neutrality, biodiversity protection, and climate action.

7. We welcome this momentum and urge stronger, coordinated action at the **UNFCCC COP 30** to advance people-centred land governance as a foundation of environmental justice. We call on **governments and intergovernmental organisations** to prioritise land tenure, particularly for those who live on and from the land, as a core strategy for fulfilling climate and biodiversity commitments. Responsible and people-centred **land governance** must be recognised as a core aspect of **climate action**.

Transforming Systems, Upholding Rights: Food, Energy, and Land Justice

8. The urgent transitions in both **energy** and **food systems** must respect and strengthen **human rights**, land tenure, sustainable farming practices, such as agroecology, food sovereignty, food security and nutrition, recognizing the role of peasants, smallholder and family farmers as food producers. We are deeply concerned by land grabs and violations affecting those living on and from the land, often driven by poorly governed energy, mining and agricultural investments. **These transitions must be just, equitable, and people-centred — grounded in their leadership, consent, and participation.**

9. **Communities must have the power and autonomy to decide** if, and under what terms, energy and agriculture projects take place on their lands and territories. We call on **governments, investors, and companies** to respect self-determination, where applicable, uphold **Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)** and the **customary rights of Indigenous Peoples, ensuring respect for international and national commitments and laws**, transparency, environmental protection, benefit-sharing and the full participation of affected communities in all phases.

Shifting Power: Redirecting Aid toward Locally Led Development

10. Globally, investments in democracy and human rights, peacebuilding, and sustainable development are shrinking. This decline deepens inequality, poverty, hunger, fuels conflict, and undermines the foundations of long-term peace.

11. We call on **donors, international financial institutions, and governments** to rebalance priorities — directing resources toward women, youth, and **community-led, rights-based, just and equitable development efforts**, including towards more people-centred governance, and in particular to agrarian reform, climate action, and the transformation of our food systems, especially through agroecology.

12. We call on governments to renew the 2021 Forest Tenure Pledge at COP 30 with stronger financial, political and territorial commitments, through direct financing, to recognise and secure the tenure of those who live on and from the land across all ecosystems, including rangelands.

Peacebuilding

13. The concentration of land and economic wealth lies at the heart of deep-rooted structural injustice and conflict, driving inequalities and ecological damage. **Redistributive land reform** is not only a tool for economic equity, but a fundamental requirement for reconciliation and peace, particularly in post-conflict societies.

14. We call upon governments to adopt and implement peace accords, treaties, agreements, court rulings, and other constructive arrangements to be signed with Indigenous Peoples, and other communities for resolving land problems to establish lasting peace.

15. We call on **governments and intergovernmental organisations** to support inclusive and just agrarian reform processes, recognising land as both a human right and a collective good. **There can be no sustainable peace or collective flourishing without secure land and social and environmental justice. This includes action for gender justice, tackling discrimination and violence wherever it occurs.**

16. We express our **solidarity with members of ILC and communities facing occupation, displacement, and land-related violence across the globe**, especially in **Palestine**, where land and life are under siege. We stand against the expropriation of land and reaffirm our commitment to peace built on justice, dignity, and human rights.

17. We stand with all people on the move — internally displaced persons, refugees, and returnees — uprooted by conflict and denied of their land rights. We highlight ongoing crises in the **Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, Sudan, the Philippines**, and beyond, where land rights violations are both a cause and consequence of violence. **Justice, recognition, and rights restoration must be central to lasting solutions.**

Conclusion

18. We express our deep gratitude to the people and government of **Colombia**. Colombia stands as a powerful example of how the struggle for land is inseparable from the struggle for peace. We, the members of the International Land Coalition, will work closely in support of people-centred outcomes of the International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development +20, to be hosted by Colombia in February, 2026.

19. Together, we leave Bogotá inspired, united, and ready to act. We call on governments, civil society, social movements, donors and all partners to build joint agendas and commitments, advancing a future where **land rights and agrarian reform are seen as cornerstones of peace, climate justice, sustainability and human dignity**. We must ensure that **food systems, conservation, the energy transition, and climate action** do not come at the expense of communities, ecosystems, or **human rights**. Together, we will continue to meaningfully collaborate from the ground up to build just, sustainable, and flourishing worlds.

The International Land Coalition (ILC) is the largest and most diverse coalition working for land rights in the world. Together, we work for systems change in land governance. Our 323 member organisations are based in 97 countries. The 10th ILC Global Land Forum was hosted by CINEP, the National Organizing Committee, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the European Union in Colombia. This Declaration was adopted by the ILC Assembly of Members on 20 June 2025.