INTERNATIONAL LAND COALITION IN AFRICA

ILC Africa is a Regional Platform of the International Land Coalition (ILC), a global alliance of civil society and intergovernmental organizations working together to promote secure and equitable access to and control over land for poor women and men. The shared goal of ILC’s over 250 members is to realise land governance for and with people at the country level, responding to the needs and protecting the rights of women, men, and communities with fines on and from the land.

With almost two-thirds of ILC’s total membership, ILC Africa brings together 76 members across 26+ countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, with the shared goal of people-centred land governance.

Most members are grassroots-based, both with an affiliation to larger NGOs, some are stand-alone NGOs, while others are coalitions or networks. They all generally operate within a specific country. In addition to members from the region, there are also international organisations and intergovernmental bodies headquartered or working in Africa.

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The major stakeholders included in CBI 6 are:

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LOCAL PARTNERS

Hosted by ICRISAT, the partners of CBI 6 include: Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et des Producteurs de l’Afrique de l’Ouest, Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR), Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF), Union pour l’Émancipation de la Femme Autochtone (UEFA), Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association (KWCA), Zimbabwe Regional Environment Organization (ZERO), Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA), and Programme inspiré pour le Développement du Peuple Pygmée au Kivu (PDP).

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Built in consultation with members and strategic partners of ILC, LANDex is a global land governance index that measures progress towards people-centred land governance based on common indicators and ILC’s 10 Commitments. ILC Africa members throughout the continent use this monitoring tool to assess the status of land governance on three levels: legal framework, implementation, and impact.

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WHERE DO WE WORK?

Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, DRC, Senegal, Togo, and Zimbabwe.

WHAT ACTIONS DO WE TAKE?

Members of CBI 6 Africa will:

1. Identify drivers of degradation of ecosystems in Sub-Saharan Africa by embracing existing traditional knowledge from local communities and IPs on restoration and conservation practices;
2. Engage with and empower local communities, IPs and other marginalised land users to be the championing voice in the restoration, conservation, and management of ecosystems;
3. Document best practices based on indigenous knowledge and science-based evidence to upscale the restoration and conservation of ecosystems;
4. Identify youth, women, and indigenous groups for programs on locally managed ecosystems and build their capacities to upscale best practices.

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE?

The goal of the initiative is to realise a people-centred approach that recognises and promotes the role of traditional knowledge of communities and indigenous peoples for the restoration, conservation, and sustainable use of resilient ecosystems in Sub-Saharan Africa by building a community of best-practices to influence policies and international frameworks towards a local and sustainable management of ecosystems.

To achieve these four main objectives, ILC Africa has set up national and continental multi-stakeholder platforms that reach beyond the membership. Each of these platforms is hosted by an ILC member and assigned a facilitator in charge of administrative, operational, and public relations roles for the implementation of the platform’s strategy and work plan.