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 organisations 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 national and regional levels, responding to the needs and protecting the rights of women, men and communities who live on and from the land.

ILC Africa plays a powerful role in this global coalition as it hosts almost two-thirds of ILC’s total membership. Most members are grassroots organisations affiliated to a larger NGO, while others are coalitions or networks. ILC Africa also engages regularly with regional partners that have headquarters in Africa, such as the African Union (AU), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and various United Nations agencies.

WHY LAND RIGHTS?

Secure land rights have the potential to directly shape the quality of life for the millions of people whose livelihoods, nutrition, income and employment depend on land and other natural resources. Beyond that, land rights are a part of culture and identity. This importance is demonstrated in secure land rights for women and men, indigenous peoples, family farmers and pastoralists being key to achieving 13 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including ending hunger and tackling the climate crisis.

In Africa, with its complex and overlapping tenure systems, millions are facing financial instability and declining livelihoods because of insecure land rights. This is especially true in rural areas where approximately 10 percent of land is registered with the remaining 90 percent undocumented and informally administered. Though some African governments have made progress in recent years to establish frameworks and legal instruments to protect people’s land rights, implementation and enforcement often falls short. The disparity between policy and practice leaves individuals and local communities vulnerable to threats such as displacement, eviction, and violence.

Promote secure and equitable access to and control over land for poor women and men

Stakeholders and land actors in an effort to mobilise their capacities and influence land reforms and governance processes.

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GLOBAL LAND GOVERNANCE INDEX

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.
Commitment-Based Initiatives (CBIs) are regional platforms through which ILC Africa members engage with each other to advance change at national and regional level, developing partnerships and common strategies on one of ILC’s 10 Commitments. These initiatives involve members across countries, and complement and link to national platforms. In Africa, members jointly work on the following seven commitments:

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<td>Rangelands Initiative</td>
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<td>Women’s Land Rights</td>
<td>Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa, Togo, Zambia, Zimbabwe</td>
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National Engagement Strategies (NES) are multi-stakeholder processes set in motion by the ILC to promote people-centred land governance in individual countries, by influencing the formulation and implementation of land policies and programmes. NES processes and their platforms are led by national actors, including both ILC and non-ILC members, and have links to regional and global processes of the ILC. NES are active in the following eleven countries:

- Cameroon
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Uganda

To contribute to securing land rights in Africa, our work is structured around the following three pillars:

1. Connect: We mobilise stakeholders and land actors in an effort to connect their capacities and influence land reforms and governance processes.
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3. Influnce: To influence policy makers, practitioners, and regional levels.

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1. Strengthen and develop member organisations’ competencies;
2. Push for pro-people land policies at national, sub-regional, and regional levels;
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4. Showcase the work of members in Africa and the various commitment-based initiatives to policy makers, practitioners, and other associated groups.

To achieve these four main objectives, ILC Africa has set up national and continental multi-stakeholder platform 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.

Illicit traffic and environmental crime, a frontline land defenders organisation, has managed the Land and Environmental Defender’s Fund since December 2019, with a website which enables defenders in emergency situations to reach out and request direct support. The Fund has a rapid response process, utilising a review committee to respond to requests quickly and effectively.

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