TACKLING THE CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY CRISSES BY SECURING LAND RIGHTS
ONE MISSION: TO SAVE OUR PLANET

Too much land is controlled, managed and used by too few in ways which are unsustainable for the vast majority of people and the planet—while false solutions for a greener future are threatening the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities around the world.

The answer lies beneath our feet: how land is governed and managed.

Sustainable and equitable land governance increases the resilience and wellbeing of communities and ecosystems, respecting their rights and elevates their crucial role as protectors of nature.

WE’RE PUSHING FOR

- Secured, conserved, restored hectares of land
- Improved policies and practices on mitigation, adaptation, conservation and restoration
- Stronger accountability mechanisms
- Awareness on land conflicts linked to energy transition and carbon finance
- Visibility and participation of smallholder farmers, pastoralists
- Protection for Land, Indigenous and Environmental Defenders
- Indigenous Peoples, local communities and pastoralists role recognised

OUR MEMBERS REPRESENT OVER 80 MILLION LAND USERS IN 81 COUNTRIES.

SO WHAT ARE WE DOING AT ILC?

ILC navigates the complex linkages between tenure insecurity, unsustainable food systems, shocking inequality and our planetary crises. These are deeply entrenched challenges that, after 25+ years, ILC is well-positioned to address.

Through our programme on People, Climate and Nature, we promote:

PILLAR 1
LAND RIGHTS FOR BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION AND REVERSING LAND DEGRADATION
Critical for community-land based conservation and restoration initiatives, secure land rights are a defense against top-down initiatives that prevent traditional land use practices or lead to evictions.

PILLAR 2
CLIMATE SOLUTIONS THAT RECOGNISE AND RESPECT LAND RIGHTS
Climate solutions must be just and equitable and not undermine the rights of those living off the land. Secure land rights as a basis for carbon and biodiversity markets and in the context of the green energy transition.

PILLAR 3
LAND RIGHTS FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS
Secure land rights of smallholders, family farmers, pastoralists and other mobile communities contribute to reversing land degradation, sustainable land use practices, and food security.

DATA
- LANDex monitors the implementation of Rio conventions
- LandMark maps tenure of Indigenous and community lands
- Alliance for Land, Indigenous and Environmental Defenders (ALLIED)
- LandMatrix helps us understand the scale and impact of large scale land investments, ranging from extractive to carbon finance

IMPACT ON THE GROUND
- ILC Global Land Catalyst Fund for National Land Coalitions

GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ADVOCACY & CAMPAIGNS
- Suport of member engagement in COPs
- Land Rights Now campaign

KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING
- Peer-to-peer learning on just energy transition and nature-based solutions

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- IPCC report on climate change and land, 2020
LET’S JOIN FORCES!

Many funders are on board of the pledge of $1.7 billion USD to secure forest tenure rights for Indigenous Peoples and local communities. This is hugely important, but a drop in the ocean if we are to prevent climate breakdown. We need to protect all critical ecosystems!

STRATEGIC PARTNERS AND CORE DONORS

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LAND RIGHTS
CUT ACROSS THE RIO CONVENTIONS

CLIMATE
UNFCCC
MITIGATION
- to protect against land use changes that critically damage carbon sinks
- for agroecological practices
- as a foundation base on which to engage in climate solutions, ranging carbon markets to other nature based solutions

ADAPTATION
- for community based adaptation
- for sustainable adaptation planning

JUST TRANSITION
- in response to land and mineral rush in the name of green energy transition, especially affecting Indigenous Peoples and pastoralists

BIODIVERSITY
CBD
CONSERVATION
- to prevent conservation initiatives from infringing on the traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples and local communities
- to promote community led conservation

RESTORATION
- to prevent restoration initiatives from infringing on the traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples and local communities
- to promote community led restoration

DESERTEIFICATION
UNCCD
RESTORATION
- to reverse land degradation and support land degradation neutrality

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“INTERNATIONAL LAND COALITION”
SUCCESS STORIES

ECUADOR
MEET MARIA ELENA
Together with the National Land Coalition Ecuador, Maria helped create the Mojanda Conservation and Sustainable Use Area, which will secure water sources for 200,000 people by conserving a fragile peatland ecosystem, one of the most effective carbon sinks, itself threatened by climate change.

“I dare say my generation already has environmental awareness. Mojanda is no longer just a place where we go up to take a photo, but we see conservation as the objective and we need to preserve our ecosystem, not only for us but also for our daughters and sons.”

KYRGYZSTAN
MEET AIGUL
Together with the National Land Coalition Kyrgyzstan, we helped secure 9 million ha of rangelands to give more responsibility to communities to restore their pastureland through rotation and adapt it to climate change.

“If you treat your land as a mother, with respect, then good will come from this land”
https://www.landcoalition.org/en/latest/home-on-the-range/

KENYA & TANZANIA
We worked to secure more than 240,000 hectares of rangelands under ownership and sustainable management of pastoralists in Kenya and Tanzania.
https://shorturl.at/fwPWZ