THE POWER OF PEOPLE-CENTRED DATA

The 250+ members of the International Land Coalition (ILC) share one goal: bringing about people-centred land governance. This means putting those who live on and from the land at the centre of decision-making. Too often, they are excluded from decisions about their land by those in power.

Put in the hands of land-users and citizens, data can be a powerful tool that has the potential of shifting those power imbalances.

Across the globe, ILC members are collecting and managing ‘people-centred’ data, according to their own priorities. By doing so, they are able to show the complex realities of land governance on the ground, provide information they need to advocate for their rights, while holding governments accountable to the promises they make.

With over 820 organisations coming together in over 80 national and thematic platforms, ILC supports these initiatives by providing tools and trainings to generate and use people-centred data.

These initiatives are PARTICIPATORY, CONSULTATIVE and RESPOND TO THE DATA DEMANDS OF MEMBERS.

ILC STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:
MOBILISE

ILC MOBILISES MEMBERS BY FACILITATING INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE ACTION, THROUGH ACCESSIBLE AND USABLE KNOWLEDGE AND TOOLS, AND BY CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATION, PILOTING, AND SCALING UP.

AT SOME POINT THE GOVERNMENT COULD NO LONGER DENY THE DATA WE COLLECT ON THE GROUND BECAUSE IT WAS DONE IN A PARTICIPATORY WAY.

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DEMOCRATISING LAND DATA

Filling the data gap by giving POWER BACK TO THE PEOPLE

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ILC’S COMMITMENT 8:
TRANSPARENT AND ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION

Ensure transparency and accountability, through unhindered and timely public access to all information that may contribute to informed public debate and decision-making on land issues at all stages, and through decentralisation to the lowest effective level to facilitate participation, accountability, and the identification of locally appropriate solutions.
LANDex is a global land governance index that puts people at the centre of land data, democratizing land monitoring and building a data ecosystem where all voices can be heard. Built in consultation with members and strategic partners of ILC, LANDex is based on common indicators and methodologies, giving a platform to the voices of the individuals and communities often absent in official numbers.

Organised around ILC’s 10 Commitments, LANDex is a tool that puts people at the centre of land governance on three levels: legal framework, governance and implementation. Standardised LANDex indicators allow comparisons across countries.

Early uptake and successes have been seen in official numbers. Built in consultation with members and strategic partners, LANDex is co-coordinated by a broad coalition, including ILC members CDE, Fundapaz, AFA and CIARD.

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Indigenous Peoples and local communities protect more than 50% of the world’s land surface, but have formally recognised ownership to just over 10%.

Did you know?
160 land and environmental defenders were killed in 2018. Yet, in 80 percent of cases where data was available, killings were preceded by an attack or a threat on the affiliated group or community. Today, there is a systematic lack of regular, accessible and disaggregated data documenting the threats and attacks perpetrated against these defenders. Collecting data beyond killings is important in order to analyze patterns of violence, identify at-risk areas and provide support to targeted individuals, groups and organizations.

The LAND Matrix is the first of its kind and remains the primary global reference point for data, information, and knowledge on large-scale land acquisitions. It initiates agriculture, biofuels, production, timber extraction, carbon trading, renewable energy production and conservation.

It’s doing so by capturing and sharing data about these deals and its online open access platform. It is a trusted source of information for researchers, journalists and civil society and has been used for influencing development, governments, and donor agencies.

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