Securing Women’s Land Rights in the Beijing plus 25 and Generation Equality Process

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. Background of Generation Equality

2. What Has Women Land Rights Actors Got to do with Generation Equality Process?
   • 1995 Beijing UN Women Conference And Women Land Rights
   • Women’s Land Rights And The Sustainable Development Goals
   • Unfinished Business


4. Suggested Actions To Keep Land Rights In The Development Agenda 2021-2025
WHAT HAS WOMEN LAND RIGHTS GOT TO DO WITH GENERATION EQUALITY PROCESS

- A global multigenerational campaign to accelerate the advancement of women rights and gender equality.

- Highly hinged on
  - 25 years Commemoration, reflection and fast tracking of 4th UN Women Conference Plans and Commitments
  - Tackle unfinished business
  - Accelerating the realization of gender equality aspiration of the 2030 Agenda
The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action touted as a progressive blueprint for advancing women's rights. “Intensify efforts and actions to achieve the goals of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women by the end of this century.

References related to women's land rights: para 35, 51, 55, 58 (m) and (n), 60 (f), 61 (b), 165 (e), 166 (c), 256 (a) and (f)

‘undertake legislative and administrative reforms to give women full and equal access to economic resources, including the right to inheritance and to ownership of land and other property (Par 61b).

Social norms are integrated throughout the 12 critical areas, with targets specifically addressing discriminatory institutions such as unequal inheritance and land rights
WOMEN’S LAND RIGHTS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Women movement including land rights advocates contributed immensely to the 2030 agenda

5 out of the 17 Goals make clear references to Women’s Land Rights

9 out of the 169 targets are on land

12 Out of 240 indicators have direct relevance to gender equality in security of land tenure
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Securing Women/girls land rights could perhaps resolve over 50% of unequal gender power relations, economic injustice, gender based violence e.t.c among rural, urban and indigenous communities living in poverty.
KEEPPING LAND RIGHTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA 2020-2025

ILC Contribution to the process

- Created awareness on the Beijing plus 25 and Generation Equality Processes among ILC members
- Facilitated directed participation of ILC members in important related spaces
- Women Land Right Regional (CBI4) Strategies aligned to ongoing actions
- Together with OXFAM International and other allies fronted a coalition on Women’s Land Rights but were unsuccessful
- ILC officially submitted interest to lead one of the Generation Equality Action Coalitions
- Advocacy messages developed and continue to be shared to create awareness on importance of women’s land rights
- Invest in the strengthening of ILC members involvement in the process especially grassroots and indigenous women including use of technology and online platforms
- Build more alliances with other Women rights organizations and development agencies in the process
- Focus on mainstreaming Women’s land rights in the agreed Actions Coalitions plans and commitments

Where is the Process Now?

- The Generation Equality Forum earlier scheduled for July 2020 has been postponed to 2021 due to COVID19
- Leaders of Action Coalitions Not yet announced
- Mobilization of governments and CSOs to sign into Action Coalitions is ongoing
- Shift of attention to COVID19 responses and its gender dimension
- Increased use of online platforms
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<td><strong>Gender-Based Violence</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Economic justice and rights</strong></td>
<td>Implications of land and land based resources comodification on women land right; Land as a key asset base; source of production and heritage; access to credit pegged on land as collateral; large land based investments Vs control of women land rights; targeted resourcing;</td>
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<td><strong>Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)</strong></td>
<td>Landless, squatters, indigenous women, rural women and girls are in hard to reach communities are amongst with low SRHR; intensify SRHR education to Women/girls land right victims and Land right defenders</td>
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<td><strong>Feminist action for climate justice</strong></td>
<td>Small farm land holders (women) and climate change effects, voice and agency, escalating land based interest to propagate large scale climate smart responses</td>
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<td><strong>Technology and innovation for Gender Equality</strong></td>
<td>Use of technology for women to secure their own related land data, Authentic and disaggregation of land data, secrecy of land data, documentation of related innovations</td>
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WOMEN LAND RIGHTS COUNT?

- Is securing women/girls land rights a threat to patriarchy and large land based interests?
- Insecurity of women’s land tenure is a concern dominant with rural, urban informal settlements and indigenous people in underprivileged communities. What will it take to make it a sustained global women’s movement concerned?
- How can we ensure that the Action Plans and Commitments coming out of the Generation Equality Forum takes into account security of Women’s Land Tenure?