WHAT IS A NATIONAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY?

National Engagement Strategies (NES) are multi-stakeholder processes set in motion by the International Land Coalition (ILC) to promote and use national land governance by influencing the formulation and implementation of policies, and engaging NGOs and other stakeholders—led by national actors, including non-ILC members—and are linked to regional and global processes of the ILC.

WHY IS IT WORKING?

• Provides a space to develop a common strategy and vision for land governance, with the support of a neutral facilitator;
• Builds links and trust between civil society and government for political engagement;
• Increases political legitimacy of civil society vis-à-vis governments, and promotes open dialogue;
• Gives leading organizations visibility, credibility and partnership opportunities; and
• Combines different strategies for change: policy dialogue, sharing of solution-oriented knowledge and monitoring tools, and capacity building.

INTERNATIONAL LAND COALITION

ILC is a global alliance of civil society and intergovernmental organizations working together to put women, men and communities at the centre of land governance. Its 255 members in 77 countries include NGOs, research institutes, indigenous and producers’ organizations and United Nations agencies.

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National Engagement Strategies in LAC for People-Centered Land Governance
2 - COLOMBIA NES
Collaborative Strategy for Guaranteeing Rights to Land and Territory

It has supported the implementation of the Peace Agreements regarding territorial management, promoting effective collective land title and community organizations in the context of transitional justice, and the Territorial Renewal Agency. It has allowed the inclusion of the demands of local organizations and communities in national and local governance spaces. It has promoted a Territorial Strategic Plan (PST) that defines the rights of land and territory have been supported since 2012.

Areas of work:
- Rights to land and water for peasant population and indigenous peoples
- Participation of the communities in national and local decision-making processes
- Indigenous communities as the most affected and those who demand change
- Production and aggregation of solid data on land and territory
- Joint work with national authorities and local organizations
- Joint work with communities and the public administration

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3 - NICARAGUA NES
International Platform for Responsible Land Governance

Its main lines of work are access to land and legal security, territorial management, and the right to natural resources. It works with NGOs and civil society organizations to promote a sustainable and participatory model of governance that respects the rights of urban and indigenous populations. It promotes the monitoring of land transactions carried out in five territories in favor of rural people living in poverty.

Areas of work:
- Rights to land and water for peasant population and indigenous peoples
- Forest women and men’s rights
- Indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples
- Production and aggregation of solid data on land and territory
- Joint work with national authorities and local organizations

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5 - GUATEMALA NES
Platform for Responsible Land Governance

It has a strong institutional advocacy presence, helping to stop Law 1333 that aimed to privatize 136% of the country’s agrarian and territorial space, which would affect the rights of peasant and indigenous populations. It has also managed to modify the statutes of 30 communities so that 900 women could be considered qualified community members, and it promotes changes in national regulations through the draft law number 2148/2017-CR, currently under discussion.

Areas of work:
- Rights to land for women and men
- Rights to land and peaceful coexistence for rural women and men
- Indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples
- Rights to land and water for rural women and men
- Production and aggregation of solid data on land and territory

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6 - NICARAGUA NES
Collaborative Strategy for Guaranteeing Rights to Land and Territory

It has implemented an important advocacy process, helping to stop Law 1333 that aimed to privatize 136% of the country’s agrarian and territorial space, which would affect the rights of peasant and indigenous populations. It works with national authorities and local organizations to promote a sustainable and participatory model of governance that respects the rights of urban and indigenous populations. It promotes the monitoring of land transactions carried out in five territories in favor of rural people living in poverty.

Areas of work:
- Rights to land and water for peasant population and indigenous peoples
- Forest women and men’s rights
- Indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples
- Production and aggregation of solid data on land and territory
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7 - ARGENTINA NES
Americas and Caribbean Network for the Promotion of Family Farming

It has important strategic advocacy processes, helping to stop Law 1333 that aimed to privatize 136% of the country’s agrarian and territorial space, which would affect the rights of peasant and indigenous populations. It promotes the monitoring of land transactions carried out in five territories in favor of rural people living in poverty.

Areas of work:
- Rights to land and water for peasant population and indigenous peoples
- Forest women and men’s rights
- Indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples
- Rights to land and water for rural women and men
- Production and aggregation of solid data on land and territory
- Joint work with national authorities and local organizations

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