

# ILC Newsletter – Advancing Together

**June 2008**

- **Editorial: by Bruce Moore, Director of the ILC**

On June 7, 2008 I experienced first hand the plight of 300 families in San Jose Mocca , Guatemala forcibly evicted from the farm they have worked for generations. Both their land and their labour rights have been denied. Instead of the productive land promised, the landowner offered an unproductive hillside. When they organised to claim their rights as farm workers, they were removed. As I was leaving, an elderly women asked: "Do rich people have more human rights than poor people?". We all have a responsibility to confront this question....

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- **Welcome to new members**

*The Council, in its meeting in April 2008, confirmed the following new members:*

- Comité de Desarrollo Campesino (CODECA), Guatemala
- Society for Développement of Drought Prone Area (SDPPA), India
- Centre de Cooperation Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD), France
- Mau Community Foresrty Association (MACOFA), Kenya
- Aide et Action pour la Paix (AAP), Democratic Republic of Congo
- Coalition Paysanne de Madagascar (CPM), Madagascar
- Global Land Tools Network (GLTN), Kenya
- Union of Campesino Organizations of the Verapaces (UVOC), Guatemala

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- **The ILC has a new Membership Strategy**  
approved by the ILC Council in April 2008

[Membership Strategy](#)

[Estrategia de Membresía](#)

[Stratégie d'Adhésion](#)

- **Next General Assembly of the International Land Coalition** to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, 21-22 April 2009

[link to full strategy on members'page](#)

- **Global issues:**

*Access to land:* a proxy to address poverty and hunger.

[Reflections from CSD-16](#)

*La Coalición en la XVI sesión del CSD* - perspectiva de America Latina

[link](#)

*World leaders meet in Rome* to discuss Food Security, but what about security of access to Land

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**WISP** to present findings of knowledge management project of pastoralist's organization to defend their land rights

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Introducing **Bioenergy Wiki**, an open forum on land use and bioenergy

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- **Africa:**

**Nouvelle publication de capitalisation du projet** « L' implication des communautés locales dans la production du droit et la résolution des conflits foncier en milieu rural: cas des territoires de Masisi et Rutshuru en RDC »

Par l' organisation membre de l' ILC Aide et Action pour la Paix, Rd Congo

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From 3 - 5 June 2008, 5.159 representatives of 181 countries, including 42 heads of state, met in Rome at the **High Level Conference on World Food security: the Challenges of Climate change and Bioenergy**. ILC members participating included FAO (the host), IFAD, World Food Programme, the World Bank and IFAP

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**"Securing Women's Access to Land - Linking Research and Action"**: Inception workshop held by MISR and PLAAS for small grants programme in Eastern and Southern Africa

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- **Asia:**

**Agrarian Reform Summit**, Manila, with full text of manifesto calling for the extension of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program

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**Land is Life: Land is Livelihood**

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**Transformative Land Reform for Economic Revolution**

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- **Latin America**

**Nueva fuerza de la Coalición**

Una delegación latinoamericana de miembros de la Coalición discutió en Washington sobre los espacios y aportes específicos de la Coalición a la investigación regional e identificó 5 temas prioritarios a investigar para acumular evidencias y formular repuestas políticas y técnicas a estos desafíos.

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**Reunión de trabajo en Managua**, Nicaragua (15-16 julio) para profundizar el entendimiento de la problemática del acceso de la mujer a la tierra y para proponer una agenda regional que responda a este desafío.

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[Documento de discusión](#)

**Comunidades campesinas y nativas de Perú**: 20 años después

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***Food security and rural development a priority for the Guatemalan Governement***

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***Launch of independent study on agrarian reform, "Reforma Agraria, Agricultura y Medio Rural en Honduras"***

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- **New ILC Publications**

The IIC has recently published the following studies and reports:

***Participatory Mapping as a tool for empowerment***

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***Securing Common Property Regimes*** - now aviable online in English, French and Spanish

[Link](#)