



**WE'RE IN AN  
EMERGENCY!**

**SECURING LAND RIGHTS  
IS A PATHWAY OUT OF IT**

INTERNATIONAL  
**LAND**  
COALITION



## THE CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY CRISES ARE THE GRAVEST THREATS FACING THE PLANET.

Secure land and territorial rights for the women, men and communities who live on and from the land are critical to addressing them. Right now, too much land is controlled, managed and used by too few in ways which are unsustainable for the vast majority of people, or the planet.

Our network represents this vast majority.

With our members representing over **70 MILLION LAND USERS IN 84 COUNTRIES**, the International Land Coalition is working for the women, youth, family and peasant farmers, indigenous peoples, pastoralists, forest dwellers, hunter-gatherers, fisherfolk, afro-descendants who take care of our planet through community-led actions. Our coalition embraces diversity, but unites under one common goal.

**THIS IS OUR STRENGTH.**

## THE RESEARCH TELLS US...



### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

*Indigenous peoples and local communities steward over 80% of the planet's remaining biodiversity nearly 300 billion metric tonnes of carbon in their trees and soil (RRI).*



### PASTORALISTS

*Drylands, mostly rangelands managed by pastoralists, store one third of the world's carbon and host one third of Earth's biodiversity (IUCN)*



### SMALL-SCALE FARMERS

*Small-scale farmers in developing countries protect soils, ecosystems, and biodiversity, and play an important role in storing carbon (IFAD)*

**“INSECURE LAND TENURE AFFECTS THE ABILITY OF PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES AND ORGANISATIONS TO MAKE CHANGES TO LAND THAT CAN ADVANCE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION”**

*IPCC report on climate change and land, 2020*

## IT'S NOT JUST THE RIGHT THING TO DO. IT'S ALSO GOOD FOR THE PLANET.

Many governments and private funders are already on board, behind the collective pledge of \$1.7 billion USD in support of the advancement of indigenous peoples and local communities' forest tenure rights.

**This is an important step in the right direction, but a mere drop in the ocean if we aim to stay within the target of 1.5 degrees of heating.**

**We need to protect not just forests but all critical ecosystems.**

## SO WHAT ARE WE DOING AT ILC?

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

- We facilitate partnerships with communities that have the knowledge and practices to protect and manage their ecosystems and strengthen resilient food systems
- We support members to lead negotiations to secure their land and territories and to improve national land policies in 30+ countries
- We generate citizen-led data to monitor progress and hold governments accountable
- We amplify our members' voices in international fora and advocacy spaces

Together, these actions lay the ground for truly sustainable development. Over the last three years, ILC has supported indigenous peoples and local communities to **SECURE OVER 40 MILLION HA:**



- **ECUADOR:** we 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.



- **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.



- **KENYA & TANZANIA:** we worked to secure more than 246,773.4 hectares of rangelands under ownership and sustainable management of pastoralists in Kenya and Tanzania.

# THERE'S REASON FOR HOPE, LET'S JOIN FORCES!

Many of the solutions lie right before us, in how land is governed and managed. Sustainable and equitable land governance elevates the resilience and wellbeing of ecosystems and communities, advancing democracy and justice.

## WILL YOU JOIN US?

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