

INTERNATIONAL
LAND
COALITION

**WE LIVE ON IT
WE GROW FROM IT
WE DRINK FROM IT
WE BUILD OUR FUTURES UPON IT**

THE CURRENT SITUATION



1 IN 4 ADULTS - 1.1 BILLION PEOPLE (PRINDEX, 2024) - FEAR LOSING THEIR LAND IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS.

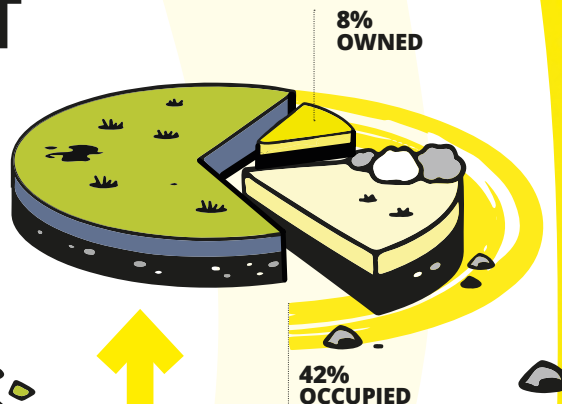
When land is lost, so are livelihoods, cultures, ecosystems - and the returns on global development investments.

ENDING HUNGER AND POVERTY STARTS WITH LAND.

For rural communities, *land is not just an asset - it is dignity, identity, and survival.*

The world's most resilient ecosystems are stewarded by Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendants, pastoralists, fisherfolk, forest-dwellers and small-scale producers - especially women and youth.

THROUGH THEIR KNOWLEDGE, THEY ALREADY HOLD THE SOLUTIONS. WHAT THEY ARE OFTEN MISSING IS POWER, RECOGNITION AND RESOURCES.



WHILE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND OTHER HOLDERS OF CUSTOMARY TENURE OCCUPY 42% OF THE WORLD'S LAND, THEY ONLY HAVE CLEAR OWNERSHIP RIGHTS OVER 8%.

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OUR ROLE

This is where the ILC comes in.

We bring civil society, governments, and global institutions together to secure land rights - where they matter most, and where they are most contested.

- **Centering people's organisations** in decision-making
- **Supporting governments** to design and implement fair land laws
- **Protecting land defenders and making invisible data visible**

We support systemic change rooted in people's power.

**"BEING PART OF THE ILC
IS ABOUT PASTORALIST WOMEN SHAPING
PRIORITIES - NOT AS BENEFICIARIES,
BUT AS LEADERS"**

Naishorwa Masago,
Pastoral Women's Council, Tanzania

PROOF IT WORKS

**OVER THE LAST DECADE (2015-2025),
ILC HELPED TO SECURE:**

50+ MILLION HECTARES

5.5 MILLION PEOPLE'S LAND RIGHTS

177 POLICY AND LEGAL REFORMS

**CHANGE THAT LASTS BECAUSE
IT IS DRIVEN FROM THE GROUND UP.**

LOCALLY-LED, GLOBALLY CONNECTED.

ILC is the largest member-led network advancing land rights to end poverty and protect the planet.

We scale local solutions into national and global change - guided by the women, men and communities who live on and from the land.

We work through 35+ National Land Coalitions to engage governments and tackle a country's most pressing land issues

**OUR 320+ MEMBERS
REPRESENTING 83 MILLION
PEOPLE ACROSS 80+ COUNTRIES**

A MULTIPLIER EFFECT

ILC works alongside long-standing donor partners including:

- *International Fund for Agricultural Development*
- *The European Union*
- *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation*
- *The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)*
- *Ireland*
- *The Ford Foundation*
- *Wellspring Philanthropic Fund*

“SOMETHING THAT I REALLY LIKED ABOUT ILC IS HOW CLOSE IT IS TO THE PROBLEMS THROUGH THE MEMBERSHIP. THAT ILC IS ACCOMPANYING THE MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE AND INTEGRATE GENDER JUSTICE AT THE CORE OF THE ORGANISATION'S PLANS AND COMMITMENTS IS REALLY A CRITICAL MISSION”

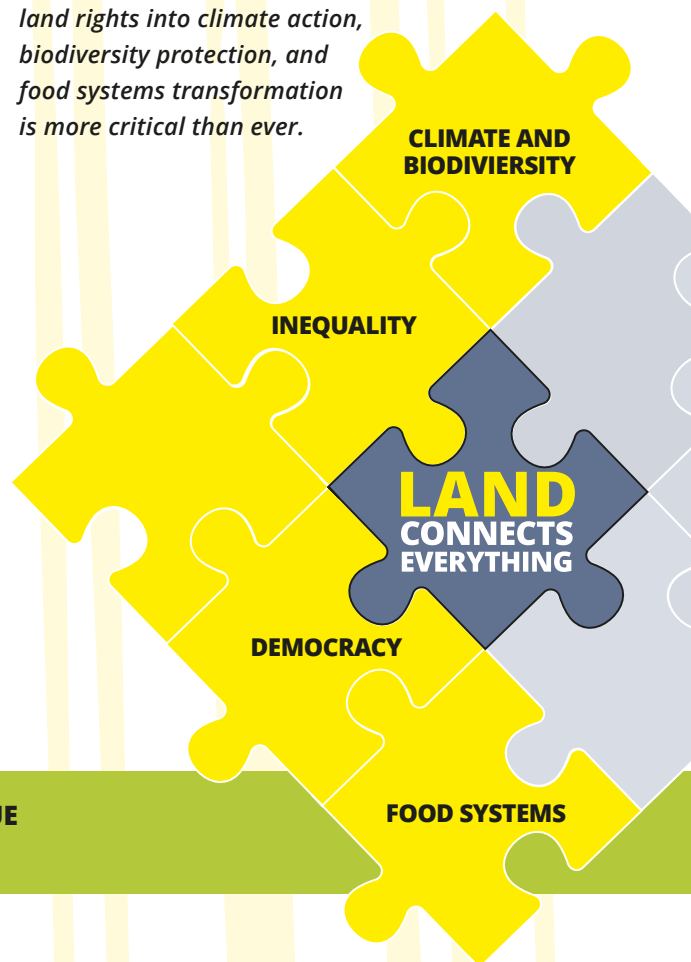
Gaby Oré Aguilar,
Wellspring Philanthropic Fund

**SECURE LAND RIGHTS ARE NOT A SECTORAL ISSUE
- THEY ARE THE KEY TO SYSTEMS CHANGE.**

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Land is at the center of today's greatest challenges.

In a rapidly changing global context, integrating secure land rights into climate action, biodiversity protection, and food systems transformation is more critical than ever.



LAND SUSTAINS LIFE. WHO CONTROLS IT DETERMINES OUR FUTURE.

Whether or not we live from it directly, land is the building block of food security, climate justice, economic stability and prosperity. When land rights are secure:

- Food systems thrive
- Biodiversity is protected
- Investments are more secure
- Inequality decreases
- Conflicts diminish

*Ignoring land rights means
building progress on shaky ground.*

63[%]

**LAND-BASED SECTORS
- AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY,
AND CONSERVATION - DRIVE
ECONOMIES IN LOW-INCOME
COUNTRIES, AND EMPLOY
NEARLY TWO THIRDS OF
THE POPULATION (63%)**



2030 STRATEGY

To confront these challenges, ILC's 2030 strategy focuses on *three essential shifts* - made possible through donor partnerships:

■ **POWER BACK TO THE PEOPLE**

Systems change begins by putting decision-making in the hands of those whose lives depend on the land.

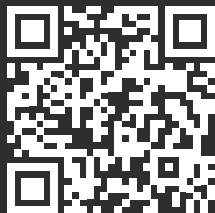
■ **LAND RIGHTS AS A GLOBAL PRIORITY**

Embedded in climate, biodiversity, food and human rights agendas.

■ **PEOPLE'S DATA FOR ACCOUNTABILITY**

Because what isn't measured doesn't get done.

**WHEN LAND RIGHTS ARE SECURE,
PROGRESS IS LONG LASTING -
FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET.**



**JOIN US TO SHIFT POWER
WHERE IT MATTERS MOST!**

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