



ILC LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Securing land rights
for a more just, equitable
and sustainable world



INTERNATIONAL
LAND
COALITION

AMÉRICA
LATINA Y
EL CARIBE

The largest network focused on land

The International Land Coalition (ILC) is a global alliance of civil society and intergovernmental organizations working together to achieve people-centered land governance (PCLG). ILC is composed of more than 300 members from a variety of backgrounds, and in Latin America and the Caribbean is made up of 61 member organisations from more than 20 countries.

Land rights: A key to progress and tackling current global crises

Securing land rights of people living on and from the land is key to the advancement of human rights, the transition to more egalitarian and democratic societies, the achievement of sustainable food systems and, more so than ever, to addressing the current climate crisis. It is also central to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially as accomplishing them has become more challenging due to the pandemic.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, land is of vital importance: family farming is the main source of agricultural and rural employment, while indigenous populations depend on the land and the territories they inhabit to survive. Land is also at the centre of several conflicts in the region, where the greatest number of attacks on those who defend it have been registered, largely linked to extractive industries.



“Ensuring that **women, men and communities** living on and from the land are empowered to **make decisions** about their **lands and territories** is one of the main commitments contributing to the achievement of the PCLG.”

How we accomplish it?:

Partnerships for advocacy and change

NATIONAL LAND COALITIONS (NLC)

Broad alliances with diverse actors involved in land issues that seek solutions to defend and secure the land rights of people who live off the land: women and youth, peasant farmers, indigenous peoples, local communities, afro descendants, among others. These alliances drive changes at the national level by improving policies and practices to effectively contribute to people-centered land governance. Of the 30 NLCs being promoted, 8 are in LAC:

**Ecuador • Peru • Bolivia • Argentina
Colombia • Guatemala • Nicaragua •
Caribbean**

REGIONAL PLATFORMS

Collective multi-country strategies driven by ILC members and partners that promote change around issues or processes critical to achieve PCLG. They create an enabling environment for the work of ILC members and NLCs across several countries to contribute to the 10 ILC commitments. In Latin America and the Caribbean, 6 platforms of this kind are being promoted:

- **Rural Women and Land Right**
- **Family Farming**
- **SDGs and Land Rights**
- **Semi-Arid Latin America**
- **Protection of Land and Territory Defenders**
- **Land Matrix – Latin America Focal Point**

KEYS TO SUCCESS NLCs AND PLATFORMS

- Long-term partnerships that foster collective action and advocacy for sustainable change towards PCLG.
- They enable inclusive decision making by fostering grassroots leadership to define priorities.
- The NLCs work to leverage their impact with regional and global platforms, and peer-to-peer learning is also encouraged.
- They are equipped to collect and use data, enabling accountability and advocacy with decision-makers.

Our platforms:

- 14** National or regional platforms led by ILC LAC members
 - 177** Platform-driven organisations (53 ILC LAC members and 124 allies)
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Some of our achievements and contributions (2019-21):

- 26** Public policy changes (approved or modified)
 - 43** Changes in government practices
 - 245** Joint advocacy actions
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WORKING GROUPS (WG)

Groups focused on topics of great relevance to the region and in which ILC member organisations and partners who have experience or interest in the topic participate. They are the result of extensive dialogue processes between different actors for the design and promotion of joint actions in the region.

WG Rural Youth, Land and Territory:

promotes a regional agenda led by young people and in association with committed organisations. One of the main commitments is the articulation and strengthening of young people's capacities for the transformation of their territories.

WG Indigenous Peoples and Territorial Rights:

promotes a strategy of collective action in the region under the leadership of indigenous organizations (ILC members and partners) around 4 axes: legal security, participation, protection of their territories and climate change. The visibility of their rights and the generation of alliances are the some of the main commitments of the group.

There is also a **Climate Change Reference Group**, where NLCs, platforms and members are articulated to promote exchange of ideas, advocacy and participation of ILC LAC in key spaces (COP CC, among others), articulating efforts at global and regional level.

COMMITTED TO:

GENDER JUSTICE

This is central to achieving PCLG and is a core value of ILC, which is why we seek to combat practices that marginalize any group, particularly women. An Action Plan is being promoted to foster learning and them leadership of women within and outside of the network, to ensure safe spaces for all.

DEFENSE OF LAND DEFENDERS

Taking into account the critical situation of land and environmental defenders, support is given to ILC members defending the rights of their communities to confront their criminalisation, marginalization and the multiple attacks they face.



DATA FOCUSED ON PEOPLE

Through LANDex, progress towards achieving PCLG and land-related SDGs is monitored by way of common indicators – considering legal frameworks, their implementation and impact– that are being used across 10 countries in LAC (and a total of 30 worldwide).

The data collected –mainly via the NLCs– complements data from official sources, putting people at the center of land monitoring, allowing all voices to be heard in order to influence and hold governments accountable.

“We facilitate peer-to-peer learning and leadership development – especially for **women and grassroots organizations.**”

Membership continues to grow and is diversifying:

- 61** Member organisations in more than 20 countries*.
- 9** Regional/sub-regional organisations
- 19** Grassroots organisations (peasant, indigenous, family farming)
- 11** Women's organisations or organisations focused on this sector
- 1** Youth organisation (regional)
- 30** NGOs

* These categories are not mutually exclusive.

ILC LAC IS:

Argentina: FAA, Fundapaz, Fundación Plurales

Bolivia: Fundación Tierra, IPDRS, CERDET

Brazil: Espaço Feminista, SABIÁ, CETRA

Caribbean: CNULM

Colombia: CINEP/PPP, RENA, CDS, OTEC – PUJ , OPDS Montes de María, Red MRNB

Chile: Observatorio Ciudadano

Costa Rica: CMA

Ecuador: SIPAE, ECOLEX, FEPP, IEE, Luna Creciente

El Salvador: FUNDE, CONFRAS

Guatemala: CONGCOOP, CODECA, UVOC, CCDA, Nuevo Día

Honduras: COCOCH, UMCAH, UTC, OUOT, Red MT HOSAGUA

Mexico: ECOMUNNIS, CIARENA, Red OJA

Nicaragua: Nitlapan, CADPI, Unión Cooperativa Las Brumas

Paraguay: Tierra Viva

Peru: CEPES, SER, IBC, ONAMIAP, CONVEAGRO, CAAP, CISEPA-PUCP, CONAB

Venezuela: Acción Campesina, Fundación Nativo

Subregional/Regional: FILAC, Red de Jóvenes Indígenas ALC, RECMURIC, Procasur, Redes Chaco, COICA, COPROFAM, PDRR, YPARD



We reaffirm our 10 commitment



SECURE
TENURE RIGHTS



STRONG
SMALL-SCALE
FARMING SYSTEMS



DIVERSE
TENURE SYSTEMS



EQUAL LAND
RIGHTS FOR
WOMEN



SECURE TERRITORIAL
RIGHTS FOR
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



LOCALLY
MANAGED
ECOSYSTEMS



INCLUSIVE
DECISION-MAKING



TRANSPARENT AND
ACCESSIBLE
INFORMATION



EFFECTIVE ACTIONS
AGAINST LAND
GRABBING



PROTECTED
LAND RIGHTS
DEFENDERS



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