

SDGs AND LAND RIGHTS

Promoting secure
land rights to
achieve the SDGs

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ABOUT US

SDGs and Land Rights is a regional initiative promoted by a platform that brings together 22 organizations from more than 13 Latin American countries with different profiles - women's, indigenous, peasant and rural organisations, research centers and NGOs.

WHY SDGs AND LAND RIGHTS?

Land rights are vital to the achievement of the SDGs because of their importance for sustainable development, economic growth, peace and justice. Given their centrality, UN Member States agreed to include the land issue in several of the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda.

Achieving the SDGs requires the effective participation of civil society organisations, which is why their leading role in the related processes must be ensured. However, in many countries, participation mechanisms do not exist or are inadequate. On the other hand, no government in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) has yet reported on land-related indicators, and the limitations of the information they are able to collect and of the institutions in charge are recognised. In this context, the contribution of civil society is substantial in the monitoring of the process, drawing attention to critical issues and contributing with information that is often absent from official sources.

“ WE DRAW ATTENTION TO THE
NEED TO SECURE LAND RIGHTS
TO ACHIEVE THE SDGs ”

The power of our network Regional Initiatives and National Engagement Strategies (NES)

SDGs and Land Rights is one of the 6 Regional Initiatives (also called CBIs) promoted by the International Land Coalition LAC in partnership with other actors to promote changes around critical issues or processes, to achieve **people-centred land governance**.

They are linked to the National Engagement Strategies (NES) - 8 at present - promoted by the ILC LAC.

- The platforms that drive the Regional Initiatives and NES are composed of 205 organisations (ILC members and non-members) and 44 allies.
- The Regional Initiatives and NES are articulated to enhance the work they do (through alternative reports, joint advocacy, among others).
- They are linked and contribute to the global policy tools and processes promoted by ILC, allowing for strategic work at different levels.





Gobernanza de la Tierra y los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sustentable en Argentina



“ WE GENERATE USEFUL INFORMATION FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH THE SDGs RELATED TO LAND ”

Strategic alliances

As the SDGs cut across several critical issues, the initiative is implemented in alliance with the National Engagement Strategies - NES (Argentina, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Guatemala and Nicaragua) and with ILC's Regional Initiatives - CBI (Family Farming, Rural Women, Land Matrix, among others), as well as with different member and partner organisations for the elaboration of country and regional reports and joint advocacy.

We also collaborate with global platforms such as the SDG Land Momentum Group - involving civil society, donors and UN agencies - to monitor land-related targets (1.4, 2.3, 5.a, 15.3) and with global outreach ILC members (LANDESA) to use common methodological frameworks, with a focus on the SDGs on land and rural women's rights.

Progress (or not) on land-related SDGs is also monitored through LANDex, generating reports in different countries.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

Secure land rights for people living on and from the land to achieve the SDGs.

That national governments improve the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by including the perspective of civil society organisations - particularly grassroots organisations - with a focus on SDGs 1, 2, 5, 15 and 16 related to secure access to land, to rural women, family farmers, indigenous peoples, and land and human rights defenders,

considering the important role they play in the achievement of the Goals.

We seek effective monitoring of the SDGs indicators related to land, incorporating local data and information to broaden the scope of the official data used to measure progress on the Goals.

HOW WE DO IT?

Generation of information for advocacy: Alternative reports to the Voluntary National Reports (and others in process) and regional studies on specific issues related to land rights, prepared by various civil society organisations to advocate in national and international spaces for monitoring the 2030 Agenda.

Capacity building and empowerment: capacity building of civil society organisations - especially grassroots, women's, peasant and indigenous organisations - in LAC to use the SDGs as a tool for advocacy in their communities.

Communication and mobilisation: communication actions, lobbying, and campaigns to position the importance of land rights for achieving the SDGs, as well as to make visible the level of progress of the States and the proposals of civil society.

SUCCESS FACTORS

- The involvement of civil society and the bottom-up approach - bringing information from local levels to the main spaces related to monitoring and decision-making on the SDGs - allows the processes to be more inclusive and broadly focused.
- Articulation with ILC LAC National Engagement Strategies - NES and regional initiatives - CBI, as well as with ILC members and initiatives at global level, allows for advocacy at different levels.
- Use of methodologies shared globally by other collectives and organisations - such as the SDG Land Momentum Group - to collect information on progress on the land-related Goals allows for comparable sets of information across countries and for evidence-based collective advocacy

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- It has contributed to positioning the importance of securing land rights for the achievement of the SDGs in regional and global advocacy spaces and processes such as the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and the LAC Civil Society Participation Mechanism for Sustainable Development, linked to ECLAC.
- Useful knowledge has been generated for monitoring land-related SDGs, highlighting the linkages between the two themes and expanding the information ecosystem on the issue.
- Civil society capacity has been built at the national level for advocacy around the SDGs related to land rights.

SDGs AND LAND RIGHTS INITIATIVE PLATFORM*

- 1 **Argentina:** Fundación Plurales, FUNDAPAZ
- 2 **Colombia:** RENAF, CINEP/PPP
- 3 **Ecuador:** ECOLEX, SIPAE, Luna Creciente
- 4 **Perú:** ONAMIAP, IBC
- 5 **Bolivia:** Fundación Tierra, CERDET
- 6 **Chile:** Observatorio Ciudadano
- 7 **Brasil:** Espacio Feminista
- 8 **Paraguay:** Tierra Viva
- 9 **Venezuela:** Fundación Nativo
- 10 **Guatemala:** CONGCOOP
- 11 **Nicaragua:** CADPI, Unión Cooperativa Las Brumas
- 12 **Honduras:** OUOT
- 13 **México:** ECOMUNNIS
- 14 **Subregional/Regional:** IPDRS, Red de Jóvenes Indígenas LAC

* Platform composition evolves over time

INTERNATIONAL LAND COALITION

The International Land Coalition (ILC) is an alliance of civil society and intergovernmental organisations working together with a common goal: to achieve people-centred land governance (PCLG).

Composed of more than 200 members of different profiles in more than 60 countries, in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) it is made up of 50 organisations working together through multi-stakeholder platforms in more than 20 countries.

It also promotes articulated work with global members present in the region, as well as with multiple partners.

OUR COMMITMENTS*

* The SDGs and Land Rights initiative contributes directly to 5 of ILC's commitments to achieve the PCLG.



Secure tenure rights



Strong small-scale farming systems



Equal land rights for women



Secure territorial rights for indigenous peoples



Protected land rights defenders

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