Regionalization of the International Land Coalition (ILC)

Launch of the ILC regionalization process

In 2007, ILC launched a regionalisation process in its three main regions – Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Since then the following steps have been taken.

In March 2008, an Asia regional meeting was held in Bangkok to discuss ILC’s institutional development and regionalisation; it was attended by 11 of the 15 civil society organisation (CSO) members of the Coalition at that time and two intergovernmental organisation (IGO) members, FAO and the World Bank. During the meeting, members set up a Working Group to conduct follow-up planning and resource mobilisation for the period 2008–2010.

ANGOC, a network of CSOs in the region and an ILC founder member, was appointed to serve as host organisation of the ILC Asia platform from October 2008 to December 2010. At the ILC Assembly of Members (AoM) held in Kathmandu, Nepal in April 2009, the first regional Steering Committee was constituted; it included CSRC, JKPP, ICRAF, and ANGOC. In December 2009, at the request of the civil society members, the Asia Division of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) agreed to participate as a member of the ILC Asia Steering Committee (ASC).

In the current ILC Strategic Framework 2011-2015, approved by the Global AoM in Tirana, Albania in 2011, ILC members and strategic partners agreed to strengthen the network’s organisation in the regions in order to improve its capacity to support and influence regional- and national-level land policy formulation and implementation processes, and to serve as a key relay between its global and national-level efforts. To this end, ILC members in Africa, Latin America, and Asia were organised into regional platforms.

The current regional platform

ILC’s regional platforms provide opportunities for strengthening members’ ownership of the Coalition and ensure that its actions are relevant to the specific regional context.

In Asia, the platform comprises 37 regional, national, and local civil society, producer and farmer, indigenous peoples’, and pastoral organisations, as well as research institutes. In addition, the platform welcomes regional and national offices of the United Nations (UN), international research institutes and international CSOs from ILC’s global membership.

Regional Assembly

The ILC Asia Regional Assembly, which meets at least once a year, serves as the platform’s primary decision-making body for consolidating and approving priorities, initiatives, and activities for ILC engagement at regional, country, and local levels. Each year, the Regional Assembly leads to the production of a regional workplan, which guides the initiatives and activities undertaken by the regional platform during the following year.

Abbreviations

AoM Assembly of Members
ARF Asia Regional Facilitator
ASC Asia Steering Committee
CC Coalition Council
CSO Civil society organisation
FTI Facility in support of innovative and high impact targeted interventions on the ground
IGO Intergovernmental organisation
ILC International Land Coalition
LWA Land Watch Asia
NES National Engagement Strategy
PIO Project and Information Officer
RCU Regional Coordination Unit

1 This ILC Working Group for Asia comprised ANGOC, KPA, ALRD, and FAO-RAP, strategically supported by the ILC Secretariat.

2 The next Regional Assembly extended this term to 31 December 2012.
The regional platform provides opportunities for strengthening members’ ownership of the ILC and ensures that the actions of the ILC are relevant to the specific regional context.

Specifically, ILC Asia members that participate in the Regional Assembly have agreed to undertake the following tasks as a platform (Regional AoM, Cambodia, 2012):

- Consolidate ILC activities in the Asian region within the platform to provide opportunities for national and regional members to strengthen ownership of the Coalition and ensure that its actions are relevant to the specific regional context.
- Prioritise actions in line with the ILC Strategic Framework, taking account of regional, national, and local contexts.
- Coordinate the planning of activities to be undertaken by members.
- Implement and monitor regional-level activities.
- Mobilise financial resources required by the programme of work and agreed priority actions.
- Coordinate reporting of activities undertaken by members.
- Conduct and coordinate evaluation activities as agreed in the annual planning process.
- Facilitate member-to-member relationships within the region, including joint action and communication among members and with other strategic stakeholders.
- Provide feedback on organisations from the region applying for ILC membership.

Regional coordination unit

Led by the ILC Asia Regional Facilitator (ARF), the Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) is based at the current host organisation, KPA in Jakarta. The RCU facilitates the regional platform to implement decisions made by the Regional Assembly. The ARF works under the supervision of the ASC. An open and transparent recruitment process was held to fill the position of ARF, and Erpan Faryadi was appointed in December 2013; he will be supported by a Project and Information Officer (PIO), Anna Amalia G. Brillante.

Specific tasks of the ARF are to:

- Implement the ILC workplan in Asia under the supervision of the ASC;
- Prepare the annual workplan and budget under the supervision of the ASC, to be approved by the ILC Asia Regional Assembly;
- Serve as the secretariat to the ASC and Regional Assembly by performing the following tasks:
  - prepare the agenda subject to approval of the ASC;
  - prepare the documentation for meetings;
  - provide back-to-office reports to the host organisation and to the ASC;
- Submit project performance reports to the ASC;
- Perform other tasks as instructed by members and the ASC;
» Prepare ILC Asia reports for meetings of the Coalition Council;
» Link ILC members to relevant country governments, IGOs, and other CSOs working on land governance issues;
» Facilitate regular and timely communication between members and partners in Asia, the ASC, and the ILC Secretariat;
» Submit monthly activity updates to the ASC and host organisation;
» Prepare and submit timely reports/updates/information as may be requested by members and the ILC Secretariat;
» Develop resource mobilisation proposals and additionally negotiate for resources for the regional platform under the supervision of the ASC;
» Supervise local staff or consultants who may be recruited in support of ILC Asia;
» Operate the RCU in close cooperation with the host organisation.

Resource mobilization by the Regional Coordination Unit (RCU)
ILC’s regional platforms are supported by RCUs to mobilise resources for actions prioritised in the annual workplans at regional and national levels.

The logical framework of the 2011–2015 Strategic Framework states that at least 40% of financial resources are to be mobilised by regional platforms. The ARF, supported by the RCU and advised by the ASC, commits to assist members in Asia to raise funds, and promotes the recording of both financial and non-financial contributions by members in the submission of reports to the regional platform, the ILC Secretariat, Strategic Partners, and donor organisations.

Regional host organization
The regional host organisation provides organisational support to the RCU for the implementation of decisions made by the Regional Assembly.

In 2013, an open call was made to ILC Asia member organisations to submit their candidatures to host the ILC Asia RCU, based on financial, reputational, and other requirements. The ASC evaluated the extent to which candidate organisations met the criteria and made recommendations to the ILC Regional Assembly held in Antigua, Guatemala during the ILC Global Land Forum and AoM (2013). The Regional Assembly unanimously confirmed Jakarta-based Konsorsium Pembaruan Agraria/Consortium for Agrarian Reform (KPA) as the new regional host organisation in Asia, taking over from ANGOC.

Specifically, the host organisation undertakes the following tasks:
» Provides office space to the RCU and other staff or consultants who may be hired for ILC work;
» Acts as legal employer of the ARF;
» Provides the legal status and any institutional requirements that may be needed by the regional ILC office (e.g. managing a bank account, handling contracts for local staff);
» Recruits local staff or consultants as may be needed for ILC Asia;
» Provides strategic guidance as a member of the Steering Committee on the implementation and review of the ILC workplan for Asia for the period covered;
Reviews and assesses the performance of the ARF on an annual basis;
Serves as a repository for ILC membership contributions on an annual basis as needed and transmits funds to the ILC Secretariat;
Reports to the ASC on the hosting arrangement on an annual basis;
Provides support for the handover of new hosting arrangements as required (reports, records, equipment, etc.);
Takes responsibility for conducting ILC Asia activities in the absence of the ARF.

Regional Steering Committee
The ILC Asia Steering Committee (ASC) is elected by the Regional Assembly. The ASC pursues and monitors the planning and implementation of decisions made by the Regional Assembly, and thus also supervises the work of the RCU. Specifically, the ASC commits to undertake the following tasks as per decisions made at a meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia:

- Review and approve the workplan of the ILC Asia Region;
- Review and assess the performance of the ARF on an annual basis;
- Represent the ILC Asia Regional Assembly on the Coalition Council (through two CSOs elected by the Asia caucus during the ILC AoM);
- Steer the institutional and programme activities of the RCU (i.e. Regional Assembly, ASC, conferences, etc.);
- Represent or nominate members from the region to attend global or regional events of strategic importance that require Asian participation, ensuring that members report back to the Steering Committee;
- Oversee the implementation of decisions taken by the Regional Assembly

There are a maximum of seven members of the ASC at any given time:

- two CSO representatives elected for a period of two years during the regional caucus meeting at the ILC Global AoM (for a maximum of two terms/four years), who represent ILC Asia on the Coalition Council (CC);
- if requested by the region’s members, two CSO members of the previous ASC/CC can remain on the Steering Committee for up to two years following the handover process;
- two representatives from amongst IGO, international organisations, and research institute members from the region; and
- the ILC Asia host organization

The RCU, represented by the ARF, serves as the secretariat of the Steering Committee. Further, to ensure linkage, harmonisation, and optimisation between the global and regional dimensions of ILC’s work (as in the other regions), the ILC Secretariat participates in Steering Committee meetings on an ex-officio basis.
Civil society organizations (CSOs) working in the field of capacity building, advocacy, women empowerment, support to indigenous peoples

Farmer or producer organizations (FOs), and related social movements

Pastorals, commons or rangelands organizations

Research or training Institutes, and knowledge generators

Indigenous peoples organizations

Regional organisations

Categories not mutually exclusive or exhaustive.

REGIONAL

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ILC’s engagement in Asia, 2013-2014

- National Engagement Strategies (NES)
- Non-focus countries
- Partnerships and projects (2013)
- No presence in the country
Regional and country level initiatives

As an action network, ILC is not the sum of its individual members, but a platform for collective action.

As an action network, ILC provides a platform for collective action. Following the ILC Asia Regional Assembly in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in 2013, members confirmed the following priorities in their collective regional efforts:

Promoting the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT) in Asia Farmer and producer organizations; awareness raising; knowledge generation; advocacy; capacity building

Participating organisations: AFA (lead) with ILC members in Indonesia, Cambodia, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Kyrgyzstan

Partners (TBC): AFA partners from Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Bangladesh, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan

Participating organisations: ANGOC (lead) with ALRD, STAR Kampuchea, NGO Forum on Cambodia, Ekta Parishad, SARRA, KPA, CSRC, SCOPE, PAFID, CARRD, AR Now!, and XSF

Partners (TBC): ANGOC partner organizations in LWA campaigns

Participating organisations: JASIL (lead) with RDF

Partners (TBC): JASIL partner organizations from Kazakhstan

Indigenous peoples’ land rights on extractive industries and energy

Participating organisations: AIPP (lead) with ANGOC and PAFID

Partners (TBC): AIPP partners

At the country level, ILC members work together and engage to form active multi-stakeholder platforms for dialogue and negotiation as a means of promoting the formulation of pro-poor land policy through ILC National Engagement Strategies (NES). Strategic Objective 1: Influence the formulation and implementation of national land policy for the benefit of rural people is thus the primary objective of ILC’s work and the area where the greatest impact is expected.

Regardless of whether they are in focus countries or not, ILC supports member organisations to promote specific aspects of people-centred land governance, or to carry out targeted activities in the frame of the facility in support of innovative and high impact targeted interventions on the ground (FTI).

In countries in Asia where ILC does not currently have member organisations, partnerships are formed through members and the Secretariat to engage on land rights issues. Over time it is expected that some partner organisations from these countries will apply for ILC membership.
Values and Principles of the International Land Coalition

As members of ILC, we welcome and reaffirm the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of Tenure, and the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa, as much-needed global and regional norms and benchmarks. We call on States to take the appropriate legal and institutional policies to operationalise these Guidelines, and we commit ourselves to working with them and other partners towards extending these Guidelines to practice and policy, both as member organisations and as a coalition.

We, in particular, recognise that the implementation of these Guidelines at the country level requires intensive engagement by multiple stakeholders at local, national and regional levels, and that implementing these Guidelines and other international standards involves trade-offs between competing interests and priorities. We also know that transforming international norms into reality on the ground is an enormous challenge that requires the collaboration of all.

As ILC members, we commit ourselves to contribute to their operationalisation, with a particular focus on those who live in poverty and consistent with our vision that ‘Secure and equitable access to and control over land reduces poverty and contributes to identity, dignity, and inclusion.’

Drawing on our fifteen years of experience as a coalition, we emphasise the following ten actions as essential to achieving people-centred land governance. We will work together as a coalition, and with all concerned state and non-state actors, to see that these actions are put into practice.

We emphasise the following ten actions as essential to achieving people-centred land governance:

1. Respect, protect, and strengthen the land rights of women and men living in poverty;
2. Ensure equitable land distribution and public investment that supports small-scale farming systems;
3. Recognise and protect the diverse tenure and production systems upon which people’s livelihoods depend;
4. Ensure gender justice in relation to land;
5. Respect and protect the inherent land and territorial rights of indigenous peoples;
6. Enable the role of local land users in territorial and ecosystem management;
7. Ensure that decision-making processes concerning land are inclusive;
8. Ensure transparency and accountability;
9. Prevent and remedy land grabbing;
10. Respect and protect the civil and political rights of human rights defenders working on land issues.

Do you want to read the full version of these actions? Refer to Annex A: http://www.landcoalition.org/en/news/antigua-declaration-ilc-members
Mission
A global alliance of civil society and intergovernmental organisations working together to promote secure and equitable access to and control over land for poor women and men.

Vision
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