Delivering on the African Union Agenda 2063 by Promoting People-Centred Land Governance in Africa

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CONTEXT

Through the African Union (AU), Africa has established a long-term vision of an integrated, prosperous and peaceful continent, driven by its citizens, representing a dynamic force in the international arena. In its Agenda 2063, a blueprint document adopted by Member States in 2013, the AU set an ambitious master plan for the transformation of Africa into the global powerhouse of the future in 50 years. It spells out the seven aspirations that will position Africa as a dominant player in the global arena.

Agenda 2063

	A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development
	An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of African Renaissance
	Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law
	A peaceful and secure Africa
	Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics
	Africa, whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of the African people, especially its women and youth, and caring for its children
	Africa as a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner

Good land governance is undoubtedly critical in achieving Agenda 2063. It cuts across its aspirations and strategic goals. The implementation of AU's Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges at regional and national levels is therefore imperative for prosperity and sustainable development in Africa. In addition, processes such as the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa, the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in Context of National Food Security (VGGT), and the Guiding Principles on Large Scale Land Based Investments in Africa (LSLBI) provide the continent with instruments to make land a key driver in achieving the Agenda 2063 aspirations.

Across the continent, there are ongoing processes and initiatives towards mainstreaming land governance in the African Union (AU), and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), which strengthen the capacities of Member States to undertake land reforms at national and community levels and prioritise the allocation of resources to land policy development and implementation. These initiatives and processes, supported and driven via a multi-stakeholder approach, create opportunities to connect, mobilise and influence the continent towards secure and equal land tenure, for a prosperous Africa. Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the International Land Coalition (ILC) are committed to ensuring the effective implementation of AU's Agenda 2063 with effective land governance. Through initiatives such as the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)'s Land Governance Project and the International Land Coalition (ILC)'s National Engagement Strategies and Commitment Based Initiatives, both institutions have been working to enforce people-centred land governance in the continent.

AU's Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges give mandate to African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to support the implementation of the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa. Recently, RECS are beginning to integrate land governance in national and regional agendas via AU's Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and National Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plans (NAFSIPs).

These efforts are critical and urgent in helping us to develop the Africa we want. They need to be strengthened, documented and encouraged through multi-stakeholder reflections, multi-disciplinary discourse and learning that enable a better implementation of the 2063 Agenda. The 2020 Land Forum is set to assess the implementation of the land governance pillars of Agenda 2063 and chart innovative pathways to its full implementation.

PARTICIPANTS

ILC (Africa) members, partners and other interested groups from the public can join. If you are interested in participating, please write to: africa@landcoalition.info

OBJECTIVES

The overall aim of the 2020 Africa Land Forum is to chart new pathways on achieving people-centered land governance, essential to building a prosperous Africa, and to attaining the continent's 2063 agenda.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Declaration/A Communique on Land Governance in Africa around the above-mentioned five themes

Strengthened partnerships and platforms for continued multi-stakeholders' engagements at the regional and national levels

Clear policies that can inform policymakers, research communities and actors on how to mainstream land governance in the 2063 agenda

Declaration on what the continent could do to support the implementation of the 2063 Agenda, and

Action Plans/Strategies to realize the Inclusion and Gender Equality Targets set for 2023, address rangelands issues and fast track land reforms in Africa

Knowledge products (papers, policy briefs and reports on the above five areas)

FORUM DESCRIPTION

The ILC Africa, AUC and IGAD are delighted that you've joined them for the Africa Land Forum 2020!

The 2020 Annual Land Forum is special in many ways: Firstly, it is the first Forum that connects with a major continental Framework, the AU Agenda 2063, and how people-centred land governance delivers on its objectives, achieving the Africa we want; secondly, the content of the Forum is fixed by participants through the numerous abstracts submitted, in response to an open call; thirdly, the quality of the organisers, the AU, ILC Africa and IGAD, whose work is wide-reaching in the continent and guarantees high-level discussions and participation, demonstrating a new departure to multi-stakeholder dialogue on land governance; fourthly, as an online event, and in keeping with the times we live in, our use of innovative tools and digital platforms means that we would reach more people than otherwise.

Land governance is undoubtedly critical to achieving Agenda 2063. It cuts across its aspirations and strategic goals. The implementation of the AU's Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges at regional and national levels is imperative for prosperity and to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa. In addition, processes such as the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa; the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT); and the Guiding Principles on Large Scale Land-Based Investments in Africa (LSLBI) provide the continent with the instruments to make land a key driver in achieving the Agenda 2063 aspirations.
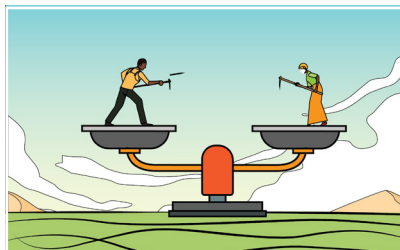
Effective land governance is irrefutably essential to achieving Agenda 2063. Across the continent, there are ongoing processes and initiatives toward mainstreaming land governance in the AU, and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), which strengthen the capacities of Member States to undertake land reforms at national and community levels. They also help prioritise the allocation of resources to land policy development and implementation. These initiatives and processes, supported and driven with a multi-stakeholder approach, can create further opportunities to connect, mobilise and influence the peoples of the continent toward secure and equal land tenure rights, for a prosperous Africa.

Alongside the AUC, the IGAD and ILC are committed to ensuring the effective implementation of AU's Agenda 2063 with community-uplifting land governance. Through initiatives such as the IGAD's Land Governance Project and the ILC's National Engagement Strategies and Commitment Based Initiatives, both institutions have been working to enforce people-centred land governance in the continent, advancing Agenda 2063.
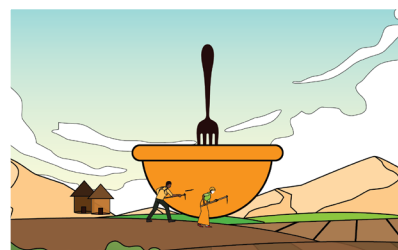
To harness all these efforts and deliver on the AU's Agenda 2063, the Programme for the 2020 Land Forum will prioritize five areas:

1. REFLECTION: How assessing the status of the implementation of the AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa (at the regional and national Levels) can further advance its progress.

2. INCLUSION AND GENDER EQUALITY: How meeting the targets set in the Agenda 2063 Implementation Plan (2013-2023) is instrumental to forging greater inclusion and gender equality in Africa, post COVID-19.

3. SOCIAL PEACE: How land plays a key role in rebuilding Africa, fighting hunger and achieving the SDGs through family farming.

4. ECOLOGY: How to restore landscapes and rangelands, and through them fight against land degradation and climate crisis in Africa.

5. INVESTMENT: How land can become a key driver of the African economy through responsible investments, benefiting the rural communities.

AGENDA

Day 1 (15/09/20)	[Moderated by Dr Cheikh Ba]
1:00 pm EAT to 4:00 pm EAT	**The role of governments, IGOS and INGOS in promoting peo-ple-centred land governance in Africa**
1:00 pm EAT to 1:25 pm EAT	**Opening [plenary panel]** **AU-DREA** **ILC – AFRICA** **IGAD** **Q & A (5 mins**
1:30 pm EAT to 3:00 pm EAT	**Status of the implementation of the AU land agenda: What the AU, RECs, IGOs and INGOs are doing**
Breakout 1 [AUC, RECS, ALPC] (Lead-AU DREA)	**Role of the continental and regional integration institutions infostering the implementation of the African Union Land agen-da(90 mins)** **Moderator: Shadrack Omondi** • Intro (5 mins): Amadou Kanoute • ALPC: Overview on the status of the implementation of the • African Union Land Agenda (15min). • RECS (IGAD, ECOWAS, ECCAS, SADC): Status of the implemen-tation of the African Union Land agenda in the sub-regions (10 mins each) • AU DREA: AU Land Governance Strategy (15 mins) **Q&A (15 mins)**
Breakout 2 [INGOs, IGOs, CGIAR CENTERS] led by IFAD/ILC	**The role of ILC Intergovernmental Member Organizations in Fos-tering the Implementation of the African Union Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa (90min)** **Moderator: ALPC** Panellists: IFAD, FAO, GLTN/UNHABITAT, UNCCD/UNEP, ILRI
3:00 pm EAT to 3:45 pm EAT	**Plenary (Moderator: Shadrack Omondi)** Panel presentation of key highlights from breakout sessions Q&A
3:45 pm EAT to 4:00 pm EAT	**Closing remarks (AU-DREA)**

Day 2 (16/09/20)	[Moderated by Laurel Oettle]
1:00 pm EAT to 4:00 pm EAT	Inclusion, gender equality, community and youth land rights
1:00 pm EAT to 1:30 pm EAT	**Opening [plenary panel]** **Youth lead (Yilaa)** **Gender lead (ILC Sec)** **Inclusion lead (CICODEV**)
1.30pm EAT – 3pm EAT	**Inclusion & Gender equality: how meeting the targets set in Agenda 2063 Implementation Plan (2013 -2023) are instrumental to unlocking the potential of the continent in post COVID-19 era**
Breakout 1 Moderated by Frances Birungi	**Intro: 5min** • Presentation 1: Women Land Rights: A report on ILC approaches to strengthen women land rights in Africa (By Mino Ramaroson) : 15min • Presentation 2: Inclusion and gender equality: how inclusion of women, youth and vulnerable groups could help promote the 2063 program (by Esperance Nyota): 10 mins • Presentation 3: Balancing Conservation and Women's Livelihoods in Urban and Peri-Urban Wetlands of Liberia (by Constance, Landesa): 10min • Presentation 4: Accelerating Security of Land Tenure for Women and Girls in Africa: Where is Women's Land Rights in The Transformative Five Years (2020-2025) Global Actions Plans towards Accelerating Fulfillment of Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights? (By Esther Muiru): 15min • Presentation 5: ILC Africa Gender Justice Charter (By Fridah Githuku): 15min **Q&A (20 mins)**
1.30pm EAT – 3pm EAT	**Status of community Land rights in Africa and how youth sensitive land governance can help achieve the 2063 AU Agenda**
Breakout 2 Moderated by Kate Chibwana	Presentation 2: Status of community land rights: A report on ILC approaches in Kenya, Tanzania, Cameroon and Liberia (by Dr Mwenda Makathimo): 20min Panel: Exploring Tools and approaches towards responsible Youth sensitive land governance in Achieving the 2063 AU Agenda (50 mins) **Q&A: 20min**
3:00 pm EAT to 3:45 pm EAT	**Plenary (Moderator: Laurel Oettle)** Panel presentation of key highlights from breakout sessions **Q&A**
3:45 pm EAT to 4:00 pm EAT	**Closing remarks (By Kafui Kuwonu/ASC Chair)**

Day 3 (17/09/20)	Moderated by Faith Alubbe
1:00 pm EAT to 4:00 pm EAT	**Restoring landscapes, family farming and land investment**
1:00 pm EAT to 1:30 pm EAT	**Opening [plenary]**
	Rangelands lead (TNRF)
	Family farming lead (AFRA)
	Landscapes lead (CADASTA)
	Land investment lead (ILC)
1:30 pm EAT to 2:00 pm EAT	**Rangeland governance, (resolving) land conflicts and building resilient food systems during COVID-19**
Breakout 1 Moderator: Michelle Sonkoue	**How rangelands can help fight against land conflicts in Africa**
	Presentation 1: Institutional Approach to Rangelands Governance in Tanzania for Improved Food, Rangeland and Livelihoods Security (by Daniel Ouma, TNRF) : 10mins Presentation 2: Land disputes in Cameroon: the case of Djafga and Doreissou villages in the north (by Njikam): 10 mins
	Q&A (10 mins)
2:00 pm EAT to 2:30 pm EAT	**Rebuilding Africa, fighting hunger, achieving the sustainable development goals and post COVID-19 via family farming**
	Presentation 1: Can a crisis allow us to recalibrate? by Laurel Oettle, AFRA (10 mins)
	Presentation 2: Conflicts and its impact on land governance, food security and agriculture in Africa: A case study of the North-Eastern Region of Nigeria by Okereke Chinwike,
	AFRILAW (10 mins)
	Q&A (10 mins)
2:30 pm EAT to 3:00 pm EAT	**Restoring landscapes to fight against land degradation, and climate crisis**
	Presentation: Reimagining Resilient Food Systems in the Face of COVID-19 and Beyond: Land rights, climate-smart agriculture, and women's empowerment by Amy C. CADASTA (30 mins)
	Presentation (15 mins)
	Q & A (15mins)

Breakout 2 Moderator: Ibrahima Ka	**Land and Investment: How can land become a key driver for sustainable development in Africa?**
1:30 pm EAT to 3:00 pm EAT	**Panel 1: How data can contribute to achieving the AU's agenda in the land sector? (65 mins)**
1:30 pm EAT to 2:35 pm EAT	Intro (5 mins) - ILC
	Speaker 1: CICODEV- Launch of the land data tools report by the CBI7 (10min)
	Speaker 2 : ALPC – land and agenda 2063, perspectives on policy and institutional mechanisms for delivering agenda 2063 (10mn)
	Speaker 3 : GLTN - UN-Habitat- Land and global development agenda (SDGs, NUA) and progress, challenges and opportunities in Africa (10 mn)
	Speaker 4 : GLA - Some relevant findings for Africa from the prindex's 2020 global report (10 mn)
	Speaker 5 : AUDA-NEPAD - Collection of data and establishment of Help desk on land governance in Africa (10 mn)
	Q & A (10 Mins)
2:35 pm EAT to 2:50 pm EAT	**Presentation 1: Rapid Mapping of Areas Marked for Demolitions and Evictions in Nairobi during COVID-19 by Frank P., CADASTA (15 mins)**
	Presentation (10 mins)
	Q & A (5mins)
2:50 pm EAT to 3:00 pm EAT	**Presentation 2: Institutionalizing participatory mapping for equitable and inclusive land governance in Cameroon and Africa by Louise Angeline (10 mins)**
	Presentation (5mins)
	Q & A (5mins
3:00 pm EAT to 3:30 pm EAT	Panel presentation of key highlights from breakout sessions
	Q & A
3:30 pm EAT to 4:00 pm EAT	**Closing ceremony (Chaired by AU-DREA, ILC-AFRICA, IGAD)**

18th September 2020 from 1pm EAT - 4pm EAT (only for ILC members): ILC Africa Members' Assembly

(See separate Agenda)

LAND FORUM AGENDA DESCRIPTION

1st day of the Africa Land Forum:

15 September 2020

The Forum starts with the opening ceremony consisting of:

• Remarks from ILC Africa

• You Remarks from the IGAD Secretariat

• Remarks and official opening by the African Union Commission

After the opening ceremony, the main moderator of the day provides a brief overview of the two breakout sessions before participants join breakout session rooms.

Each breakout session has been assigned a moderator. During breakout sessions, each session identifies a person who will make a short restitution of major discussion points in the day closing plenary.

After 1.5 hours of discussion in breakout sessions, participants reconvene in a short plenary session for restitution and closing.

2nd day and 3rd day of the Africa Land Forum:

16-17 September 2020

Each day opens with a short introductory plenary session moderated by the main moderator of the day. This plenary aims at providing participants with an overview of what will be discussed in the following two breakout sessions. After the introductory plenary, participants join the breakout session rooms.

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Africa Land Forum closing ceremony:

17 September 2020

The closing ceremony takes place at the end of the restitution plenary session of the 3rd day and consists in the following:

• Remarks from ILC Africa

• Remarks from IGAD

• Remarks and official closure of the Land Forum by the Guest of Honor from the AUC
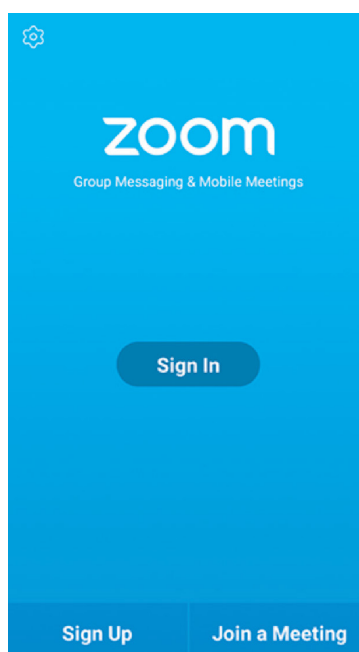
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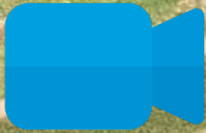3. A summary of the features available on iOS can be found on

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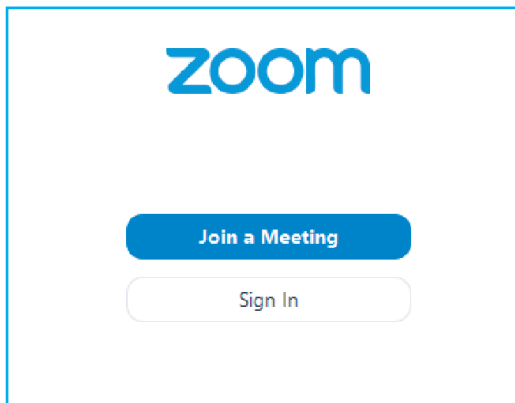
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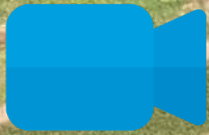
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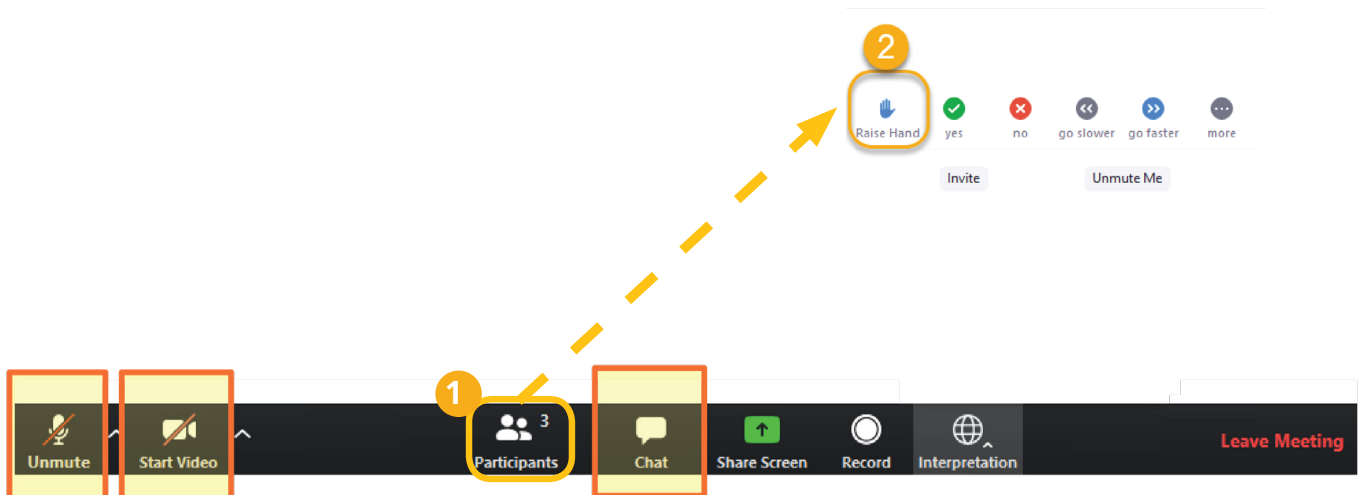
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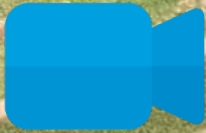**Mute yourself**

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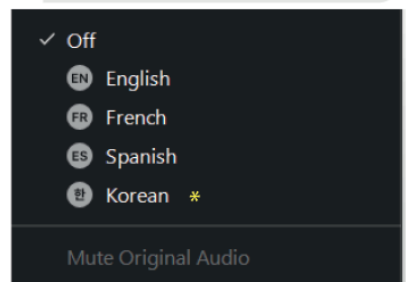
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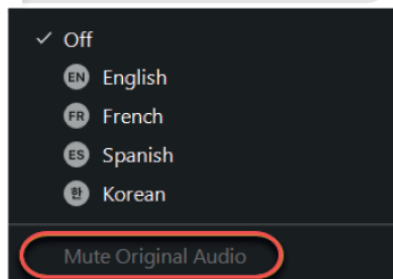**1** In your meeting controls, click **Interpretation**

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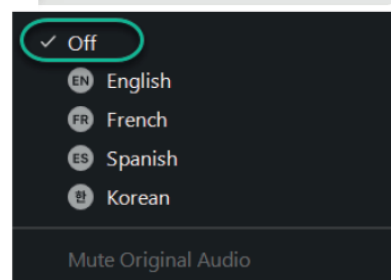- 한 Korean ✳
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Returning to plenary : (Use the registration link sent to you upon registration)

N.B: The breakout session links are the same for all Forum days

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THANK YOU!