



# LANDESA'S LAW AND POLICY PRACTICE GROUP

## GLOBAL EXPERTISE FOR EMERGING LAND CHALLENGES

Landesa's journey began over 40 years ago with a small group of lawyers working with policymakers on some of the most pivotal pro-poor land reforms of the modern era. These reforms transformed the lives of millions and created lasting benefits for future generations.

As Landesa has grown, so has its capacity to work closely with policymakers around the globe to offer expert international advice on land and resource reforms. Today, the need for responsive and forward-looking land policy is greater than ever. Climate change, conservation goals, shifting global trends in resource extraction and use, and rapid technological advances are reshaping how land is used and governed. These emerging challenges require innovative legal and policy approaches that reflect the growing interconnectedness of land rights, sustainability, and development.

To meet this evolving demand, Landesa created the Law and Policy Practice Group (LPPG) in 2024. **This permanent initiative brings together Landesa's global law and policy experts to address emerging challenges and new opportunities affecting land, natural resources, and the people who depend on them. The LPPG offers legal and policy assistance to governments and partners, working closely with Landesa's thematic and regional experts to apply global practices to advance improvements in law and policy in each country's unique context.**

Areas of work:

- » **Analyzing and providing recommendations** on land-related legal frameworks regarding individual and community land rights, Indigenous Peoples, land-based investment, natural resource rights and governance, and national land administration. Contributions have included legal reviews in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Cambodia, and Indonesia;
- » **Integrating gender concerns** in all analyses by delivering law and policy guidance that consistently considers the unique situation of all types of women and addresses their unique land and resource rights and governance considerations;
- » **Developing capacities** both inside Landesa and with partners on land law knowledge and application through trainings and teaching materials;
- » **Advising international actors**, such as United Nations Special Rapporteurs, on land-related legal issues regarding Indigenous Peoples, food and security, transition to renewable energy, and climate change.

In addition to direct legal and policy support, the LPPG develops practical resources such as case studies, position papers, legal briefs, training curricula, and other materials to educate and strengthen the efforts of Landesa's many global and regional partners.

Through this work, the LPPG continues Landesa's commitment to empowering millions of lives with stronger land rights.

## MEMBER BIOS

**Christine Anderson** is an attorney and Senior Land Tenure Specialist with over a decade of experience in good government, human rights, and land justice issues across Southeast Asia.

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**Joseph Chiombola** is an advocate of the High Court of Tanzania with 15 years of experience advocating for the land and natural resource rights of small-scale producers, particularly for rural and peri-urban women. He is Landesa's Policy and Law Expert for the Africa Region.

**Mỹ-Lan Dodd** is an attorney and Senior Land Tenure and Gender Specialist with extensive expertise in gender-responsive socially inclusive land tenure reform with a focus on collective land rights for Indigenous and customary communities, and women's land rights in Asia and Africa.

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**Bophal Keat** is an attorney and Senior Policy Advisor with over 20 years of experience working on legal reform, human rights, and justice issues in Cambodia.

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**Yifan Song** is an attorney and Senior Land Tenure and Gender Specialist with 15 years of experience in smallholder farmers' land rights, gender equality, and sustainable land use, with a focus on rural land policy reform in China.



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