



LAND RIGHTS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Land rights offer a path to a restored planet and a secure future for all.

Climate change and poverty are so deeply intertwined that we must solve them together. From nature-based solutions to carbon offset initiatives and renewable energy expansion, secure, inclusive land rights improve outcomes and reduce risk for ambitious climate action.

Climate justice starts with secure land rights.

Climate change devastates communities, degrades ecosystems, destroys livelihoods, and deepens existing gender and social inequalities. At Landesa, we leverage land rights as a powerful tool to build the security and stability that leads to more resilient environments and thriving communities. Landesa recognizes that the people most impacted by climate change are also those already galvanizing solutions. And secure land rights can enhance these solutions -- both mitigation and adaptation efforts -- by creating more stable, peaceful communities and the incentives landholders need to invest in their land. We champion women, Indigenous Peoples, and youth in this fight by securing and strengthening their land rights – and in turn, building equity, strengthening resilience, and mitigating climate change. →



Landesa engages with people and organizations at multiple levels: advocating to elevate climate change in global frameworks and sectoral norms, integrating land rights into national climate policies, and strengthening community climate resilience. We advance systems change, build grassroots coalitions, reform laws and policies, conduct assessments to support evidence-based decision-making, and build capacity to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change. We partner with local leaders to ground our work and with global agenda setters for widespread impact in pursuit of climate justice for people and the planet.



Explore our featured work advancing climate justice through land rights:



Mangrove Forest Conservation for Sustainable Livelihoods

As a member of the Global Mangrove Alliance and the Mangrove Breakthrough and alongside local partners, Landesa is carrying out an ambitious law and policy initiative to strengthen coastal tenure rights, conserve the mangrove forests, and support the communities living among them across nine countries home to key mangrove ecosystems in South and Southeast Asia and East Africa.



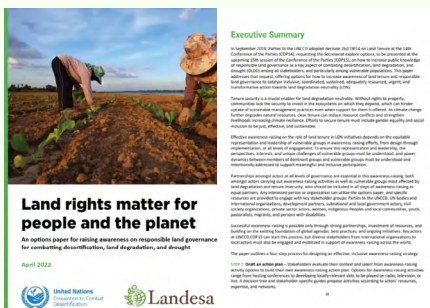
Climate Justice in Nature-Based and Renewable Energy Markets

Landesa works to strengthen local land and resource rights in partnership with governments, communities, CSOs, and the private sector to strengthen consultation and free, prior, informed consent and to increase communities' power in decision-making related to carbon projects worldwide and renewable energy initiatives in India.



Women-Led Collective Advocacy for Climate Action

Landesa jumpstarted national coalitions in Bangladesh, Maldives, and Nepal to strengthen women's land rights and develop strategies to build local climate resilience. As Secretariat of the global Stand for Her Land (S4HL) initiative, we support climate action and advocacy across a network of more than a dozen S4HL country coalitions.



Global Environmental Frameworks for Local Communities

Landesa works with coalitions across the Rio Conventions to elevate land rights for women, Indigenous Peoples, and youth as foundational to sustainable climate action. We work closely with the UNFCCC Women & Gender Constituency and the UNCCD Gender Caucus to raise awareness on the importance of addressing gender-equitable and socially inclusive land tenure in the context of effective climate solutions and land degradation neutrality initiatives. At the national level, we support governments integrating land tenure into their Nationally Determined Contributions.

Land rights matter for people and the planet

An options paper for raising awareness on responsible land governance for working landscapes, land degradation, and drought

April 2022

