

**CIGOFA 4**FOURTH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH AND
LAND GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE

Acceleration of Youth Land Rights

Advancing Youth Land Rights in Africa: Helping Young People Build a Better Future

Arusha, Tanzania, 20-24 October 2024

Introduction:

CIGOFA4 provides a space for youth-driven dialogue on how to accelerate and secure land access in Africa. The objective of the conference is to produce actionable recommendations for policy-makers, traditional authorities and civil society.

The CIGOFA4 is built around six (6) panels. Each panel's objective is to provide perspective and input from a different stakeholder group on the issue of accelerating youth land access. The first panel (1) sets the stage describing the existing statutory framework from the continental to the national levels, how it is changing and the direction these changes are going. The following panels (2,3,4) focus on the youth needs and agency, how these are changing, and provide examples of how they are declined in different contexts in Africa. Panel discussion five (5) brings in the all-important element of traditional authorities who effectively are still responsible for a large portion of agricultural land in Africa. Panel six (6) provides inputs from global partners and discusses their role in supporting acceleration of land access for the youth.

Throughout the Conference, ample space is given to discussion, focusing on the development of recommendations for the way forward to accelerate youth land access in Africa.

PRE-CONFERENCE: Sunday, 20 October 2024 - Board Members meeting

Time	Title	Speakers
4:00 pm	Board members meeting Master of ceremony: Innocent Antoine Houedji, Executive Director, YILAA	Board Members YILAA

DAY 1: Monday, 21 October 2024 - Opening ceremony and political dialogue

Time	Title	Speakers
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Reception & Registration of Participants	Master of ceremony
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Welcome note from the YILAA	Augustine Nyakatoma , YILAA Country Director in Tanzania Innocent Antoine Houedji , Executive Director YILAA
9:15 am - 10:00 am	Partners' Welcome Addresses	Madam Anne Hahn - Country Director of GIZ Tanzania, Eva Maria Anyango Okoth , Africa Regional Coordinator of International Land Coalition, Nairobi, Kenya Everlyne Nairesiae , Africa Director of Landesa Amadou Kanoute , Executive Director of CICODEV Prof. Walter de Vries , Director of TUM's Master and PhD programs in Land Management and Land Tenure
10:00 am - 10:20 am	Opening Address	Hon. Deogratius J. Ndenjemi - The Minister of Land, Housing and Urban Development, Tanzania

10:20 am - 10:45 am	Group Picture - Tea break	
10:45 am - 12 :00 am	<p>Panel discussion 1: Statutory frameworks of today and tomorrow for promoting and accelerating youth land rights in Africa</p> <p>From the AU to the national level, what are the frameworks for youth engagement in land governance and how can they be improved?</p> <p>Moderator: TAAT ENABLE TANZANIA/ILC Africa</p>	<p><i>Existing opportunities provided by the legal and policy framework, and strategies implemented by the government for women and youth to access land. Achievements and remaining challenges.</i></p> <p>Speaker 1: Dr Janet EDEME, AUC-DARBE, African Union, "AU land governance strategy"</p> <p>Speaker 2: Marealle MARIA SAGUTI, African Development Bank, "Strategic Land Use Planning: A Pathway to Enhancing Land Rights for African Youth"</p> <p>Speaker 3: Government People of Tanzania "Role of Governments to accelerate youth land rights"</p> <p>Speaker 4: Prof. Walter de Vries, Director of TUM's Master and PhD programs in Land Management and Land Tenure (online)</p> <p>Speaker 5: Faustin Zakaria, Tanzania (online)</p> <p>Speaker 6: Lauren ONGESA, Co-chair of the YLMPA: The contribution of youth-focused instruments and mechanisms for youth-centred land governance: the case of the African Youth Charter and the YLMPA</p>
12 :00 pm - 12 :30 pm	Q&A Building towards recommendations	<p><i>Where you aware of the existing frameworks and their objectives?</i></p> <p><i>What gaps and opportunities do you see in the different frameworks?</i></p>

	Moderator: TAAT ENABLE TANZANIA/ILC Africa	<i>What more can be done to enhance youth and women participation in land governance and secure land access?</i>
12 :30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch		
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Panel discussion 2: How to address youth challenges through land access acceleration: the perspective of civil society?</p> <p>Moderator: ILC Africa/YILAA</p>	<p>Speaker 7: Faith Alubbe, CEO of Kenya Land Alliance, “Kenya Land Alliance and Youth participation in Land Governance, strategies, evolution, what is working and remaining challenges”.</p> <p>Speaker 8: Naisanga Sarah, Center for Food and Adequate Living Rights, Uganda “Empowering Tomorrow: Promotion of Youth Land Rights using the AU Land Governance Strategy”</p> <p>Speaker 9: Frank Soteri, Promoting Youth Dialogue: Acceleration of Youth Land Rights</p> <p>Speaker 10: Ismael PARE, Internal migration in Burkina Faso: challenges, and prospects</p> <p>Speaker: Charles Oyeoussi Balogoun, Chair of UNCCD CSO Panel</p>
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<p>Panel discussion 3: The Youth perspective: land needs and capacity, what is changing and who is doing what. Zooming in on women and girls.</p> <p>Moderator: LANDESA Tanzania</p>	<p>Speaker 11: Theresia Mashao Raphael, Her land her power project in Kilwa District, Tanzania</p> <p>Speaker 12: Wambona Martin: Enhancing youth land rights through legal empowerment and the Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA)</p> <p>Speaker 13: Yidamno-Antonio Wesley « Progress, Context, Challenges, and Efforts to Secure Rural Youth and Women’s Land Rights in Liberia ».</p> <p>Speaker 14: Stephen Shishira, At the Intersection of Gender-Based Violence and Land Rights: Young Women’s Struggles</p> <p>Speaker 15: Leah Knanya Bashe, UNICEF, “Green Yoma Project with UNICEF” (Online)</p> <p>Speaker 16: Gedamu Mersha Workie, Ethiopia, Cadastral survey Expert GIZ, FLRP, Land Governance (LaGo) project, « An innovative approach in creating access to land and finance to the youth: the case of Amhara National Regional State, Ethiopia ».</p>
4:30pm-5:30pm	Breakout sessions	3 working groups

DAY 2: Tuesday, 22 October 2024 - How are youth land needs and the role of traditional authorities evolving

Time	Title	Speakers
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Reception & Registration of Participants	Master of ceremony
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Welcome note from the YILAA, Recap of DAY 1	Dr. Monica Mhoja, Outreach Director - Africa at Landesa and Rapporteur
9:15 am – 11:15 am	<p>Panel discussion 4: The Youth perspective: experiences from national contexts</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Da Passano Guglielma, Land Tenure specialist</p>	<p>Speaker 17: Charles Turay: THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH LAND RIGHTS IN SIERRA LEONE (Online)</p> <p>Speaker 18: Kouame Francis, Les droits fonciers des jeunes autochtones en milieu urbain ivoirien</p> <p>Speaker 19: Ashley Rukudzo Kavumbura, Zimbabwe "Harnessing Youth Potential in Agriculture: Securing Land Rights to Bolster Food Security" (Online)</p> <p>Speaker 20: Zbelo HAILESLASSIE EMBAYE: EMPOWERING THE LANDLESS YOUTH IN A POST-CONFLICT SETTING IN ETHIOPIA- TIGRAY REGION: THE CASE FROM SOUTHERN TIGRAY</p> <p>Speaker 21: Moses Julius Muganga, Tanzania, Executive Director Youth empowerment and job creation strategies for Tanzania</p> <p>Speaker 22: Diana Kyalo, Deborah Jepkoech, Alex Bwogi, Kenya « The Role of Youth in Land Governance: Strategies for youth involvement in Land Governance in Africa; A case of Uganda and Ghana »(Online)</p> <p>Speaker 23: Charity Nyasha Rusere, Institute for Poverty, Land & Agrarian Studies (PLAAS), University of Western Cape, Zimbabwe « Land use and land tenure relations by Zimbabwe's youth in land reform-areas and non-resettled areas: A comparison »</p>

11 :15 am - 1 :00 pm	<p>Q&A Building towards recommendations</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Da Passano Guglielma, Land Tenure specialist</p>	<p><i>Are CSOs and NGOs supporting youth and women participation in tenure governance effectively? What gaps and opportunities do you see? What will you do differently when you return home? What more can be done by traditional authorities to enhance youth and women participation in land governance and secure land access?</i></p>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch	

<p>2:00 am - 3:30 am</p>	<p>Panel Discussion 5: Traditional authorities' dialogue</p> <p>How are traditional authorities adapting to the fast pace of change in youth and women's land needs? What role can they play to accelerate youth access to land while preserving traditional values?</p> <p>Moderator: Tanzania Land Alliance (TALA)</p>	<p>Introduction by facilitator, Godfrey E. Massay, LANDESA Tanzania</p> <p>Speaker 24: Royal Highness Drani Stephen Izakare, Paramount chief of the Madi Tribe, and Chairman General of the Forum of African Traditional Authorities, "Good practices of Uganda Traditional authorities to accelerate the access of youth and women to the customary land"</p> <p>Speaker 25: Queen NANA/ Ghana, "Good practices of Ghana Queen Mothers to accelerate the access of women to the customary land"</p> <p>Speaker 26: (Leingwanani) Isaac Ole Kisongo: The Chief of Maasai Traditional leaders, "Good practices of Tanzania Traditional authorities to accelerate the access of youth and women to the customary land"</p> <p>Speaker 27: Queen Mother Nambori Nabak, Tanzania, from Stand4HerLand Tanzania</p> <p>Speaker 28: Suzanna Tuke: Empowering Indigenous Women and Youth Through Addressing Land Inequalities in Pastoral Communities.</p>
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<p>3 :30 pm – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Q&A / Group work Building towards recommendations</p> <p>Moderator: Tanzania Land Alliance (TALA)</p>	<p><i>Are traditional authorities supporting youth and women participation in tenure governance effectively?</i></p> <p><i>What gaps and opportunities do you see?</i></p> <p><i>What will you do differently when you return home?</i></p> <p><i>What more can be done by traditional authorities to enhance youth and women participation in land governance and secure land access?</i></p>
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<p>PANEL: Indigenous Peoples, Pastoralism and Climate 4:30 - 5:30 pm</p> <p>Moderator: Laureen Ongesa Reconcile)</p>	<p>Speaker 29: Bethel Kisaarwot: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY: A path to sustainable development through youth participation</p> <p>Speaker 30: Loveness Gerald Kessy, THE URGENT NEED AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION FOR LAND RIGHTS TO YOUTHS IN PASTORAL COMMUNITIES: A focus on Maasai and Akie ethnic groups.</p> <p>Speaker 31: Riyanatou MEDESSI, Topic: Versatile and Dynamic Cadastre as a tool in resolving conflicts between indigenous young people.</p>
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Speaker 32: Marcel Minka, YILAA Focal Point
Cameroon

Topic: Assessing the climate vulnerability of
pastoralist: tools and technology

Breakout sessions: Young IPs and climate change

DAY 3: Wednesday, 23 October 2024 – Role of Global Partners

Time	Title	Speakers
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Reception & Registration of Participants	Master of ceremony
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Welcome note from the YILAA, Recap of DAY 1	Innocent Antoine Houedji, Executive Director YILAA
9:15 am - 10:15 am	Panel discussion 6: The role of global partners Moderator: Tanzania Land Alliance	Speaker 33 , Landesa Speaker 34 , GIZ Ethiopia Speaker 35 , John Bonoua (GIZ Côte d'Ivoire) Topic : Promouvoir une politique foncière Responsable avec la jeunesse : Contribution de la Côte d'Ivoire Speaker 36: NELGA, Oumy Faye, From NELGA West Africa Topic: Sharing the Good Practices of NELGA to Accelerate youth Land rights in Africa Speaker 37: Beatha Fabian, FAO: « Technology as a tool to enhance women and youth participation in Land Governance, lessons learnt from GeoTech4Tenure in Tanzania »; Speaker 38: ILC Africa, Moise Mbimbe
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Q&A	<i>Are international partners supporting youth and women participation in tenure governance effectively? What gaps and opportunities do you see? What will you do differently when you return home? What more can be done by international partners to enhance youth and women participation in land governance and secure land access?</i>

10:45 am – 11:30 am
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Tea Break

11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Final declaration of CIGOFA 4 and recommendations Moderator: YILAA Secretariat	All participants go through the declaration and endorse it
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch	All the participants

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Final declaration of CIGOFA 4 and recommendations Moderator: YILAA Secretariat	All the participants
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DAY 4: Wednesday, 24 October 2024

5:00 pm - 6: 30 pm	Donors Meeting to harmonize the interventions on youth (including the young girls) land rights.	All the partners
7:00 pm	Gala Diner Rural Women Celebration Awards night	YILAA, landesa, ILC, GIZ