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**President's report**

**Proposed contribution grant to the International Land Coalition for the People-centered governance of land and other natural resources for a food-secure and climate-resilient future initiative**

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**Action:** The Executive Board is invited to approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 12.

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## I. Background and compliance with the IFAD Regular Grants Policy

1. This grant supports the 2022–2030 strategy and the 2025–2027 workplan of the International Land Coalition (ILC) to promote people-centered land and natural resources governance for food security and climate resilience. It leverages ILC’s extensive network and expertise with IFAD’s capacity for transformational country programmes, and operationalizes the IFAD–ILC roadmap through joint programming, the strengthening of national land coalitions, support for citizen-led data for accountability and the advancement of global advocacy on land rights. By encouraging resilience and sustainable resource management, ILC aims to support 1.5 million people in gaining secure land tenure by the end of 2027. It aligns with the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources (IFAD13) indicator on land access and climate-resilient management, and builds on over 25 years of IFAD–ILC collaboration to scale sustainable impact.
2. **IFAD13 commitments addressed:** (i) resilient and sustainable food systems; (ii) inclusivity; (iii) informed and evidence-based monitoring; and (iv) climate and biodiversity. IFAD13 emphasizes partnerships that sustain change at the community level. By empowering national land coalitions (NLCs) as local governance actors, ILC creates frameworks for IFAD programmes to align with efforts on the ground. IFAD13 emphasizes gender equity and youth inclusion, reflected in ILC’s work advancing gender-sensitive policies and empowering communities in land governance. A core IFAD13 goal is to deliver measurable benefits. ILC’s data initiatives collect grassroots data that offer insights on the impact of land policies on rural communities. This enables communities to actively monitor land tenure and climate adaptation, and provide their insights to contribute to evidence-based policymaking. IFAD13 prioritizes resilience-building in rural areas vulnerable to climate change. ILC advocates for land tenure as a solution and engages across all Rio Conventions, supporting their application at the country level. IFAD13 supports community-led participatory approaches to rural development. ILC advances grassroots engagement in shaping land policies to address food security and climate resilience.
3. The proposed programme is aligned with the goal and objectives of the IFAD Regular Grants Policy (2021),<sup>1</sup> specifically in the following aspects: (i) securing land tenure and addressing land issues to consolidate local governance and prevent fragility, thereby contributing to gender and generational equity; (ii) promoting inclusive policy environments by facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogues that engage rural communities; (iii) leveraging strategic partnerships to amplify IFAD’s impact through collaboration with key partners; and (iv) enhancing knowledge and innovation to strengthen the sustainability and evidence-based interventions supported in IFAD’s programmes and increase attention to the centrality of land governance in addressing global challenges, including the climate and food systems crises.
4. The recipient was identified through direct selection, approved through a decision memorandum signed by the President of IFAD on 9 July 2025.

## II. The proposed programme

5. The **overall goal of the programme** is to build resilience for a food-secure and climate-resilient future through people-centered governance of land and natural resources. **The objectives are the following:**
  - (i) **Empower NLCs to better support land and natural resources governance** that facilitates climate adaptation and sustainable food systems;

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<sup>1</sup> See EB 2021/132/R3.

- (ii) **Promote citizen-led data** for resilient and inclusive land governance; and
  - (iii) **Advocate for land tenure** as key to climate-resilient food systems.
6. The target group will be communities that depend on land, recognizing that secure land rights are essential for them to invest in their lands, build climate resilience and achieve food security. ILC's diverse membership, which includes civil society and grassroots organizations, ensures that the voices of communities drive policy and governance outcomes. By prioritizing vulnerable groups – including women, youth, smallholders, Indigenous Peoples, pastoralists, forest dwellers, hunter-gatherers, fishers and Afro-descendants – ILC promotes inclusive land governance that directly addresses rural poverty, inequality and the challenges posed by climate change. More than 40 per cent of ILC's members belong to these constituencies, while other members work to support them. By encouraging resilience and sustainable resource management, ILC aims to support 1.5 million people in gaining secure land tenure by the end of 2027.
  7. The programme will be implemented over three years and will have the following components: (i) strengthen in-country platforms; (ii) produce data for reporting on the Sustainable Development Goals; and (iii) advocacy.

### III. Expected outcomes/outputs

8. This initiative supports IFAD13 indicators 2.3.14 (number of beneficiaries gaining increased secure access to land) and 2.3.9 (number of hectares of land brought under climate-resilient management), tracked by ILC's monitoring and evaluation framework. The indicators below draw on ILC's 2022–2030 strategy results framework, the 2025–2027 workplan results framework and the IFAD–ILC roadmap (indicators in *italics* to be confirmed with IFAD. Other indicators are included in ILC's results framework). The programme is expected to have the following outcomes:
  - (i) **NLCs are sufficiently inclusive and influential to advance people-centered land governance**
    - *Number of countries where IFAD collaborates with NLCs to align land governance with climate resilience and food security goals – **target:** at least 12 countries.*
    - *Number of producers' organizations (POs) with a key role in NLCs, regional and global forums and advocacy events – **target:** 61 POs.*
    - *Number of changes in agendas, policies and practices (behaviours, programmes, budget allocations) that contribute to securing land rights – **target:** 20 policies and 30 practices across 15 countries.*
  - (ii) **Data produced to enhance transparency, accountability and evidence-based policy**
    - *Number of NLC countries with positive changes related to priority LANDex indicators – **target:** TBD.*
    - *Number of POs with a key role in data collection – **target:** 10 per cent increase on baseline (TBC).*
  - (iii) **Global and regional processes recognize the key role of land rights, and ILC members provide space for the voices of farmers, pastoralists, Indigenous Peoples, women and youth in events.**
    - *Number of global, regional and national agenda, policy and practice changes (behaviours, programmes and budget allocations) that contribute to securing land rights – **target:** 5 regional/global.*

- Number of POs playing a key role in regional/global forums and advocacy events and contributing to data collection – **2027 target:** 80 POs in regional/global advocacy.
- Number of ILC members, NLCs and regional platforms that use and promote gender justice – **2027 target:** 250 members.

#### IV. Implementation arrangements

9. IFAD–ILC roadmap implementation involves focal points in IFAD’s Sustainable Production, Markets and Institutions Division (PMI), the Department for Country Operations and ILC’s One-Team, as well as the Lead Global Technical Specialist on Land and Natural Resources Management, PMI as grant manager. Roadmap activities will be jointly implemented and overseen by the programme management committee, and the ILC 2022–2030 strategy will be implemented by ILC. Grant management and oversight will be performed by IFAD/PMI.
10. There are no deviations from the standard procedures for financial reporting and audits.

#### V. Indicative programme costs and financing

11. The total programme amount for the period 2025–2027 is calculated at US\$23,999,000, of which IFAD’s cash contribution totals US\$2,250,000. The balance of US\$21,749,000 includes US\$8,000,000 in in-kind contributions and the following cash contributions for the triennium 2025–2027: (i) secured: US\$8,202,525; (ii) pledged: CHF 2,800,000; and (iii) under negotiation: approximately EUR 2.5 million.

Table 1

**Costs by category and financier**  
(United States dollars)

Category	IFAD	ILC core budget 2025–2027	Total
1. Contributions	2 045 455	19 693 545	21 739 000
2. Overheads/management fees	204 545	2 055 455	2 260 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 250 000</b>	<b>21 749 000*</b>	<b>23 999 000</b>

\* ILC core budget for the 2025–2027 triennium approved by the Coalition Council. Resource mobilization status: (i) secured: approximately US\$8,202,525 (2024 carry-over and European Commission [EC] 2025: US\$5,353,579; Irish Aid: EUR 500,000; German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development: EUR 1,933,000); (ii) pledged: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation: CHF 2,800,000; and (iii) under negotiation: EC: approximately EUR 2.5 million for the triennium.

#### VI. Recommendation

12. I recommend that the Executive Board approve the proposed contribution in terms of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the Fund, to partially finance the “People-centered governance of land and other natural resources for a food-secure and climate-resilient future” initiative, shall provide a grant in the amount of two million two hundred fifty thousand United States dollars (US\$2,250,000) to the International Land Coalition for three years and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board herein.

Alvaro Lario  
President

## Results-based logical framework

	Objectives hierarchy	Objectively verifiable indicators <i>(in italics: tbc with IFAD)</i>	Means of verification	Assumptions
<b>Goal</b>	People-centered land governance	Number of people with secure tenure rights Number of Has of land with secure tenure rights	ILC M&E system/ members and One team reports	Multi stakeholder platforms report on the indicators that cover all spheres of ILC work GLOBAL (ILC as a convener) NATIONAL (policy sphere) LOCAL (change for people in land tenure security); Countries monitor and report on Sustainable Development Goals
<b>Objectives</b>	(i) Deliver a stronger impact on secure land tenure by NLCs, including through alignment with IFAD's own programming. (ii) Produce people's data on land to enhance transparency, accountability and evidence-based policy; and, (iii) Build and strengthen political commitment to people-centered land governance through regional and global advocacy.	See below outcome indicators		
<b>Outcomes/ outputs</b> <i>Indicators in italics are to be confirmed with IFAD to fine tune collaboration</i>	NLCs are inclusive and influential to advance people-centered land governance	<i># of countries where IFAD collaborates with NLCs to align land governance with climate resilience and food security goals - target: at least 12 countries (3 additional).</i> <i># of POs with a key role in NLCs, regional and global forums, and advocacy events – target: 61 POs</i> <i># of national-level changes in agendas, policies and practices (behaviours, programmes, budget allocations) that contribute to securing land rights - target: 20 policies and 30 practices across 15 countries.</i>	Platform monitoring tool (internal)/ members reports as part of ILC's M&E system (external) Members reports as part of ILC's M&E system One team monitoring (internal)/ members reports as part of ILC's M&E system (external TBD)	Members collaborate with IFAD National, regional and global context is conducive to dialogue and collaboration on people-centered land governance
	Data produced to enhance transparency, accountability and evidence-based policy	<i># of NLC countries with positive changes related to priority LANDex indicators – target: TBC</i> <i># of POs with a key role in data collection – target: 10% increase on baseline (TBC)</i>	One team and members reports as part of ILC's M&E system	One team and members provide detailed reports
	Global and regional processes recognize the key role of land rights, ILC members give space to	<i># of global and regional agenda, policy and practices changes (behaviours, programmes</i>	One team and members reports as part of ILC's M&E system	One Team and members provide detailed reports

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	farmers, pastoralists, Indigenous People, women and youth voices in events.	<i>and budget allocations) contribute to securing land rights - target: 5 regional/global # of POs with a key role in regional and global forums, and advocacy events – <b>target: 80 POs</b> # of ILC members, NLCs and regional platforms that use and promote gender justice – <b>target: 250 members</b></i>		
<b>Key activities by component</b>	1.1 Joint transformative programming 1.2 Land collaborative for cross-country learning 2.1 Strengthen skills for land data collection, analysis and use 2.2 SDG tracking and informing global debates 2.3 Specific focus on defenders and gender justice 3.1 Member advocacy in regional and global processes/agendas with potential to shape national land governance 3.2 Raising awareness and visibility of land rights as integral to environmental sustainability and food security	# of platforms that include/engage with IFAD # of members engaged in national, regional and global platforms # of women and youth represented in platforms governance structures # of non-members participating in platform # of trainings/learning events organized # of participants (type of org (PO) sex and age disaggregation) # of knowledge products/data products # of advocacy products or events	One team and members reports as part of ILC's M&E system	Members provide detailed reports