



3rd India Land & Development Conference

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2019

Partnerships for Enhanced Inclusion & Impact

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India Land and Development Conference, has become a **unique annual inclusive Land Convergence platform** in India. Established by a **collaborative initiative** of local and global land-institutions, it **promotes inter-sectoral, inter-disciplinary and multi-level conversations** on land and development. ILDC helps researchers, practitioners, governments, businesses, entrepreneurs and professionals working around and at interface of land in different geographies, across scales around diverse issues to come together and interact at an open and inclusive platform. It aims to **further, intensify and change land conversations, catalyse cross-learning and amplify innovations**. By triggering **connections** and facilitating **networking among land-actors and institutions**, it contributes to coordinated and impactful research, innovations, advocacy and actions for improving land tenure security and achieving sustainable development goals.

The **3rd India Land and Development Conference (ILDC, 2019)** will be organized during **March 12-14, 2019** at India International Centre, New Delhi, with the theme *'Partnerships for Enhanced Inclusion & Impact'* .

ILDC2018

The **Second India Land & Development Conference**, organized during **Feb 19-21, 2018** was quite successful and impactful. It showcased partnership of **more than 30 Indian and global land-institutions** who came together to organize sessions, events and contributed resource and knowledge to make the land conversations inclusive and enriching and the impacts far-reaching. ILDC2018 with theme **'Connection, Inclusion, Innovation & Capacity to improve Land Governance'** hosted 16 sessions and 4 master classes on topics ranging from women land rights, community and forest rights, rights of indigenous communities and customary tenure, urban property rights and housing, land and property records, use of IT, GIS and block chain in land administration and mapping, investment and conflicts and land leasing etc. This inclusive platform witnessed about **200 participants from government, academia, civil society,**

private sector, international agencies and media learning, sharing and networking around land and development in India. **Highlights of ILDC2018** at <https://bit.ly/2T6Ole9>

ILDC2019 : Theme

Underlining 'Partnership' for Improved Land Governance

ILDC2019, seeks to underline the spirit and importance of **partnership**, among institutions, beyond sectoral boundaries and across levels, to make land governance and tenure inclusive, equitable and contribute logically to sustainable development. Such partnerships are imperative to trigger and sustain the desired change/revolution/disruptions in land sector, that is critical local and national development as well as to achieve SDG. Embedded itself in the spirit of 'partnership', this 3rd in series Annual event, will further conversations and showcase experiences, learning, challenges and good practices around 'partnerships' in addressing problems in land sector in general and in **enhancing inclusion and impact** in particular. Assembly of land actors and stakeholders from states and international organizations will provide an opportune niche to interact, deliberate, debate and trigger building of partnership ecosystems around and across land-disciplines critical to sustain land-engagements for delivering development outcomes.

Centrestaging 'Inclusion' of Excluded Land Rights

A major challenge before India's land sector in achieving SDG is to ensure faster and proper **inclusion** of excluded communities and groups, living without land rights viz. women, landless, tenants and share-croppers,; dalits, minorities and indigenous communities; forest dwellers including pastoralists, coastal communities including fish workers and slum dwellers etc. While most of the reasons are known, ILDC2019, would dwell on experiences and strategies around addressing inclusion through reforms, technology and market



innovations and more importantly centre staging deliberations on roles and potential of partnerships in enhancing it.

Enhancing 'Impact' with Land Data & Evidences

Of late India's land sector has witnessed some remarkable changes at scale as well as in form of exemplary pilots to enhance inclusion, through policy and institutional reforms as well as technical innovations by state and non-state actors. These changes are logically meant to trigger desired **impacts** in terms of changed livelihoods and environmental outcomes. Such impacts are critical to be measured, monitored and reported along with the processes and baselines for streamlining and ensuring sustainable development. With India's comparatively robust land-data repository, institutions, infrastructures, tools/technologies and local capacity, ILDC2019 platform will be used to engage with land-data stakeholders and deliberate on approaches and methodologies to see how inclusion and impact can be more effectively measured and reported for local and global requirements and goals.

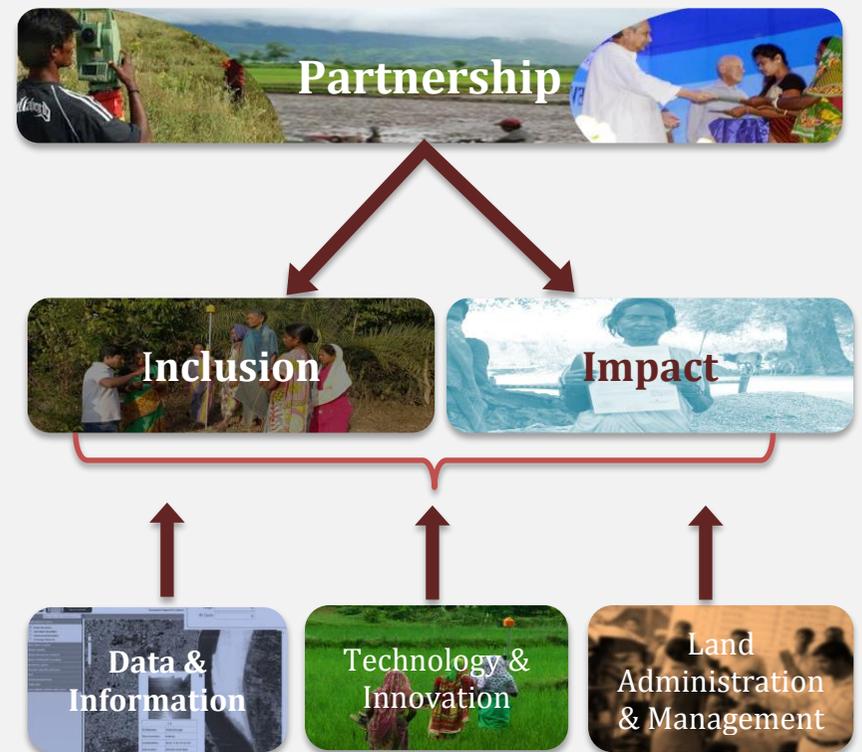
Transcending Boundaries & Deepening Conversations

With first two events drawing and expanding contours of land-conversations in India, ILDC2019 will further challenge the boundaries of land conversations encouraging inclusion of new frontiers and not-so talked of land-issues. It would pursue to promote interdisciplinarity, foster connections and integration, nurture innovations and disrupting narratives while also providing opportunities for more deeper, normative and gender-equitable conversations.

ILDC2019 encourages and invites practitioners, researchers, consultants, innovators, social entrepreneurs and professionals from Governments, private Sector, civil society, international agencies and media to join this unique land-platform in India, to share and learn experiences, get updated on latest-developments, have a deeper look at the issues and challenges and interact with

innovations and good practices. With individual and institutional participations further expanding and transcending sectors, ILDC2019 will also be an exciting convergence space to meet, network and build much needed partnerships in and around land sector.

Overall ILDC2019 seeks to be an opportunity for enhancing experiences, learnings, research, innovations and partnerships for enhanced inclusion in and impact of land governance contributing to sustainable development.



ILDC2019: Thematic Areas & Sub themes

1. Partnership for Land Tenure Security

Rationale, role and potential of partnerships to ensure and enhance land tenure security. How do they contribute to overcome land sector limitations around inertia, resources, knowledge and innovations? We are more keenly looking at experiences and arguments around inter-sectoral/multi-level/innovative partnerships with impactful or potentially disruptive change in addressing chronic and critical problems in land sector esp. around land administration/governance, land information and data and land-technologies and innovations. While we are open to new ideas around partnerships, some potential sub-themes could be

- a. Partnership for ensuring and enhancing **inclusive Land Rights** and secure tenure
- b. Partnership around **land information, data, M&E and Impact**
- c. Partnership to promote **innovations, mentor disruptions**
- d. Partnership for effective **land administration** and improved service delivery
- e. Partnership for sustainable and inclusive **investment** and shared prosperity

2. Inclusive Land Tenure Security

Inclusion theme of ILDC2019 will be deliberated in sessions with conversations on including the excluded and addressing the land rights-apartheid: women, landless, homesteadless, farmers, particularly share-croppers and tenants, slum-dwellers, dalits and indigenous communities, forest dwellers, pastoralists and coastal communities.

- a. In the context of **women land rights**, the focus would be on inheritance rights, rights of women farmers and forest rights. Contributions are welcome around potential, challenges and issues around inheritance rights as a critical pathway for enhancing women land rights. Examples and strategies around legal-institutional interventions, in furthering WLR with scope and challenges around upscaling will be given priority. With a gender-equity as a core cross-cutting focus, ILDC2019 will have more sessions on WLR and more discussions on WLR in other sessions.

- b. Around **landlessness and homesteadless**, the focus will be on experiences, learning and strategies around existing and desired legal-institutional reforms and role of different actors and approaches
- c. **Dalit Land Rights**: Denials, struggles, good practices and challenges
- d. Experiences around individualization of customary tenure and enhancing **land rights of tribal and indigenous communities**
- e. Experiences around **land-leasing reform** interventions by state and non-state actors, through formal and informal approaches, directly and indirectly and through pilots
- f. Learning from ongoing experiences and upcoming strategies around addressing **slum-dwellers' rights**, affordable housing and urban-commons in the context of growing urbanization
- g. Learning, good practices and challenges in recognizing **forest rights**: individual and Community as well as **pastoral rights**
- h. **Land and housing rights** of coastal communities and fish workers as affected by CRZ, disaster preparedness etc.

3. Impacts of Land Tenure Security Interventions

Deliberations on impacts of inclusive interventions around women land rights, forest rights, land-leasing, slum-dwellers right etc. whether as pilots or at scale on livelihoods, production, environment and overall development. Potential examples around impact subthemes are

- a. Inclusive land rights (Land leasing reforms, women land rights) to **double o Farm Income** and to **address agrarian crisis**
- b. Forest Rights and **Livelihoods and Conservation** outcomes
- c. Slum dweller rights and **sustainable and smart cities**
- d. **Women Land Rights** and Gender Equity and development outcomes
- e. Homestead rights and **Swachh Bharat**
- f. Improved tenure security and **Climate Change Resilience**

*Data, information and technology/innovation will remain cross-cutting themes across these **inclusion categories** and would be **contributors to impact** sub-themes.*



4. Land Information and Data

Need, status and contribution of Land Information in informing and improving land governance and tenure security and in monitoring and evaluation as well as in assessing impact of land-interventions. Of particular interest are open data and standards, transparency and access, monitoring of global (viz. SDG, VGGT, GLII etc.) and local (viz. DILRMP land indicators, Women Land Rights, Landlessness etc.) land indicators, land datasets including online and geo-spatial databases; status and contribution of land-data stakeholders; methodologies in collecting and reporting land information etc.

- Land open data**, standards and access to land information
- Land Indicators**, methodologies, data sets and actors
- Preparedness for reporting **SDG** land indicators

5. Technology and Innovations

Examples and ideas around use of information technology, GIS, machine learning and mobile and drone technology innovations etc. esp. those with future scope and demonstrated potential to reduce cost and time, augment efficiency, enhance local capacity and participation and promote decentralization of land administration and make land tenure more secure and inclusive. Contributions around innovations in the following areas are welcome, though landscape of innovations remain open for other ideas and experiences:

- Land record** modernization, updating and mapping innovations
- Land administration** and service delivery innovations
- Land use** planning and monitoring of changes
- Land information** storage and dissemination

6. Land Administration and Management

Experiences, issues and challenges around land administration, learning and need of reforms, working of land institution, private sector participation and role of markets; nature, reasons, cost of land conflicts and potential of sustainable investments; governance and management of public and common lands. Potential topics and issues around which contributions are invited may include:

- Land administrative reforms** : Need, experiences, opportunities and risks
- Land Institutions**, Private Sector and Market
- Land Litigations**, disputes and investments
- Governance of **Commons and community land** with focus on non-forest government lands and commons
- Customary and Community tenure**: challenges and lessons in the changing context, scope of individualization
- Public land** management, **land banks**, monetization





Sessions, Events & Interfaces

ILDC2019: Sessions, Events and Interfaces

ILDC2019 will extend participants diverse platforms to share, learn and network with wide scope of interaction, levels of engagements and opportunities for deliberations as well as fertile environments to amplify narratives, further discourses and change conversations. In addition to providing usual conference opportunities for furthering learning and sharing, ILDC2019, being a multi-stakeholder platform, will attempt to converge and connect conversations and take them to next logical steps by connecting them to appropriate policy, practice and research stakeholders at regional, national and international level.

Plenaries : Inaugural, Open Space, Valedictory

Inaugural and Valedictory plenaries with address and keynote presentations by leaders and experts; scope of open space before valedictory to map strategies for furthering the emerging narratives, action points and policy take-aways through appropriate regional and national initiatives; Interface with representatives of political parties on mainstreaming land rights in manifesto and governance agenda in upcoming election.

Paper & poster presentation

Sessions organized as per theme/sub-theme and plan of the host institution(s)' where selected/invited papers will be presented with follow up discussions and summarization. There will be space for presenting posters by young practitioners, researchers to showcase their learning, findings and ideas and help them peer-feedback



Panel Discussions Sessions organized as per theme/sub-theme and plan of the host institution(s) where invited panellists will be deliberating on focused topics facilitated by moderators with follow up discussions and summarization. This type of sessions was a crowd puller in ILDC2018 and very impactful in intensifying conversations.

Special Sessions Sessions organized to deliberate on special thematic areas with a very specific regional, national or international scope and implication. In ILDC2018, there was a session on focussing Bangladesh

Innovation Fair A convergence space where new ideas, innovations, disruptions changing the course of land governance will be shared, discussed, questioned and furthered. Participants will be entrepreneurs, practitioners,

Master Class An initiative begun last year, to provide opportunity for learning new and latest tools/methodologies around land governance/technology from the expert/experienced institution/professionals through interactive and/or practical hands-on sessions.

Networking Events Conference will provide time and space for one-to-one, peer and group networking opportunities. There is proposal for promoting networks among land institutions in India as well as building bridges between land-researchers and practitioners while also exploring academic and media-networks around land and development. Apart from Conference registration, dinner, tea/coffee breaks, there will be spaces for specific networking events.

Pre and Post conference events Webinars, training workshops, media-interfaces and other events will be organized leading to and following the Conference to build up tempo, educate and attract potential participant, enhance outreach, engage wider audiences and further the conversations. These will be organized in with national and international partners of ILDC

ILDC2019: Invitation for participation

We are looking forward to your ideas and proposals for participation in ILDC2019 in form of

1. Abstracts of paper or poster to be presented (<https://bit.ly/2Fj1h39>)
2. Session Organization: panel discussion or special session you want to organize individually or jointly (<https://bit.ly/2qLMNPF>)
3. Hosting Events (<https://bit.ly/2Qz0viE>)
4. Showcasing displays
5. Sponsoring Conference (<https://bit.ly/2K03I9y>)

ILDC2019: Registration

ILDC2019 will be open to participants with pre-registration. Please follow the <http://centerforland.org/ildc-registration/> for registration

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