## **Corporate Convening**

# Responsible Land Investments for Inclusive Growth

05th March 2020 (Post Conference Event)
Kamala Devi Complex, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi

This is a call to leaders and executives from the corporate world, across public and private sectors engaged around land-based projects and investments. This one-day workshop on the side line of 4th India Land and Development Conference (ILDC), is exclusively organized for companies with land tenure risks. It aims at deliberating on potential disruptive and inclusive strategies to sustain land-based investments.

ILDC is the biggest land convergence platform in India for landprofessionals and actors from Government, CSO, Academia, Private Sectors, entrepreneurs, media, and international institutions.

#### **BACKGROUND NOTE**

Of late, investments around mining and power sectors, infrastructures, real estates and agri-business, based around and requiring land, are increasingly facing conflicts, delays and often getting stalled. One of the major reasons behind this increasing stalling of investments, which has reached all time high of INR 13 trillion in June, 2019 (26% quarter for private sector projects), as per CMIE, has been delay in land acquisitions (INR 1 trillion). It was reported in 2016 by RRI-TISS that land-related conflicts in India affect about 3.2 million people and impact investments worth over Rs12 trillion (\$179 billion). Data journalism website Land Conflict Watch, shows that 15 lakh crores of investment and 9 million people affected by 709 conflicts as on July 2019. Financial sector, esp. banks owe a significant burden of their NPA to land-based investments.

Land remains a finite resource and its availability, valuation and tenure often inappropriately interpreted and speculated, contestations and conflicts poise to expand temporally and spatially, fuelling such substantial and extreme investment-risks. The financial risks posed are multiple, ranging from slippage in construction times and unexpected cash flow loss due to suspensions to expropriation of assets following the loss of insurance coverage. The escalation of risk can be extremely rapid and irreversible.

Traditional approaches are increasingly becoming less effective. Integration of risk management into corporate governance and finance seems to be the need of the hour in India. Emerging examples in form of global instruments (viz. UN's Business & Human Rights frameworks, FAO's VGGT, USAID's Responsible Investment Guidelines etc.) and experiments (viz. Pepsico, Nestle, Coke etc.) provide directions and experiences for consideration and localization.

Indian corporate governance has already adopted social and environmental responsibilities with many pioneers demonstrating sustainability commitments. Strategic engagements Land tenure due diligence, can extend corporates scope of substantive risk reduction while augmenting scope of project sustainability. It would also showcase their commitments to natural resources, local communities and to critical multi-stakeholder partnerships. Land is not only an important corporate-precursor along with labour and capital, but also a critical development and socio-cultural crucible for communities at large for sustainable development. Land engagements call for more attention and disruptive innovation within corporate governance for inclusive growth.

#### Participants: Executives and Leaders from Public and Private Sectors











REAL ESTATES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMPANIES

MINING, METAL AND POWER SECTOR

AGRIBUSINESSES

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

### Experts: Academicians, Policy Makers, Business Leaders, Media Expert









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CORPORATE WORLD

Time	Draft Agenda
9.00 - 9.20	Registration and Tea
9.20 - 9.30	Welcome Address
9.30 – 10.30	Land and Investment Ecosystem India: Stalled projects, Conflicts, Court disputes Global Land Rush, Land Grabbing, Conflicts Emerging Trends in Corporate Governance: ESG framework, Sustainability, Stewardship
10.30 – 11.30	Land Tenure Governance in India Tenure Systems, Pluralities and Complexities Land Administration Systems State of Land Records (DILRMP) Relevant Land Laws, Policy Reforms
11.30 -12.00	Tea Break
12.00 – 13.00	Sustainable and Responsible Investment Pathways India' Legal Frameworks around Land Acquisition, Compensation, R&R Institutional Innovations Global Tools, Frameworks and Standards (UNBHR, VGGT, USAID, InterLaken etc.)
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 - 15.00	Global Cases around Land Responsible Investments
15.00 – 16.00	India Cases around Tenure Due Diligence and Risk Management
16.00 - 17.00	Open Session

#### Registration

For meaningful learning and interaction, the participants will be limited to 40. Registration is free, but first cum first basis, with preferential allocation to ensure diverse representation. One fourth seats will be reserved for those registering for ILDC2020.

Registration link is available here.

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4th India Land and Development Conference is being organised at India International Centre, during March 02-04, 2020. As India moves a decade closer to meet 2030 UN Goals and gears up to sustain economic growth, ILDC2020 invites attention on critical dimensions of institutions, innovations and information around land governance and seeks to deliberate on how they connect and can contribute to local and global development more inclusively and sustainably.

ILDC, has become the biggest and only annual inclusive Land Convergence platform in India and South Asia. 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.

In the 3rd ILDC organized last year with theme 'Partnerships for Enhanced Inclusion and Impact', we had more than 300 participants from government, academia, civil society, private sector, international agencies and media learning, sharing and networking around land and development in India. More than 30 partners came together from India and abroad to organize this 3-days event, which witnessed interdisciplinary and intersectoral conversations over 24 thematic sessions, 6 master classes, one innovation fair, a political forum on Land Manifesto, lightening talks along with pre and post conference events online and offline. Details of this and older conferences are available here.

(https://centerforland.org/proceedings-ildc-2019/)

ILDC2020 expects to have about 40 partner institutions: local and global joining together for enriching and interdisciplinary land-conversations over platforms that would include more than 30 technical sessions and panel discussions, two conclaves around SDG land indicators, a common's day, a political panel, two plenaries with key notes and release of a status of land report. Along with intellectual deliberations and engagement, ILDC2020, will also host cultural and artistic expressions around land-connections. There are also exciting pre and post conference events which brings together different land actors around potential convenings for action.

### Potential Experts



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Ex-Chair, Land Policy Cell, NITI Aayog & Chair, Infrastructure and Miscellaneous Projects and CRZ, MoEFCC



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Ex- Additional Chief Secretary, Telangana & Chair, Conclusive Titling, NITI Aayog



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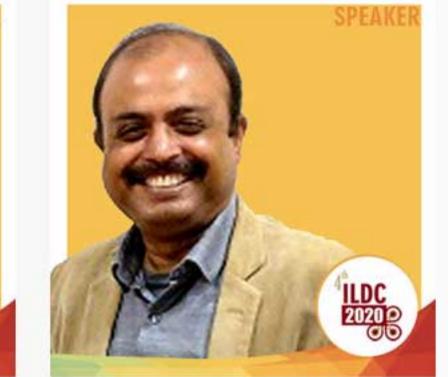
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https://centerforland.org/ildc2020-registration/

# Other Convening Windows of ILDC 2020



Media Workshop to enhance land rights reporting: Journalists



Land Data Dialogues to build Local Capacity towards Open land data Repository: Data Actors



Academic & Research Alliance Meet to expand, diversify and intensify academic interfaces with land rights with policy and practice connection: Academia



Land Administrators' Convening around Effective & Expedited Implementation of Land Reforms; Government Officials



Artistic and Cultural Expressions around Land Tenure to expand the medium and outreach of land narratives: Creative **Professionals** 



Land Agenda 2030 Conclaves to take stock of preparedness and action planning for achieving SDG2030: Land experts & Decision Makers



Disruptive Summit of Land **Entrepreneur & Technology** Professionals around Innovative Solutions