

HIGH-LEVEL REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON
Land & Conflict in the
East & Horn of Africa



24–26 October | Kampala, Uganda & Online

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The International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Supporting Pastoralism and Agriculture in Recurrent and Protracted Crises (SPARC) and the International Land Coalition (ILC), with the Government of Uganda, will hold a High-Level Regional Conference on Land and Conflict in the East and Horn of Africa, from 24–26 October in Kampala, Uganda. The Conference will explore the links between land governance and conflict and the need for a people-centred approach, focused on access to justice and the rule of law, peace, sustainable development, gender equality and climate action.

Conference Themes

1. Prioritizing and promoting responsible, conflict-sensitive and inclusive land and natural resource governance and improving access to justice for all
2. Making the link between the fair and sustainable allocation and use of land and natural resources and peace and security in the Horn of Africa
3. Securing local land rights to support climate change adaptation and sustainable food systems
4. Realizing women's and girls' rights to land

24-26 October 2022, hybrid conference

Day 1 – 24 October, 2022

THEME: Land conflict, peace, and security

**9:00 –
10:30**

Welcome Session

- Naome Kabanda– Director of Land Management, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD) Uganda
- Audace Kubwimana – Africa Regional Coordinator, International Land Coalition.
- Fiona Flintan– Senior Scientist , Rangelands and Pastoralism, ILRI – SPARC Partner
- Daher Elmi – Director Agriculture and Environment, IGAD
- Franco Sanchez-Hidalgo – Director of Programmes, IDLO

Session Chair: IGAD

Context Setting: Resolving land conflict in settings of characterized by legal pluralism: Mr. Michael Ochieng Odhiambo

MC: Dr. Mich Egwang

**10:30 –
11:00**

Break

**11:00 –
13:00**

Session 1:

Breakout room A: Transboundary and cross-border conflicts in the Horn of Africa – dealing with the war economy

Speakers:

- Panel Chair – Samuel Tefera (PhD), The State of Land Conflicts in the Horn of Africa: Climate Change and Security;
- Dimensions of Ethiopia-Somalia Borderlands'

- Fiseha Moreda, Challenges of Social Cohesion in Borderland Communities in the Horn of Africa: Genesis, Dynamics, and Effects’
- Meaza Hussen, ‘Inter-community land conflict in Ethiopia: Challenges and the Way forward’
- Metasebia Hailu, Land Policy in the Feudalist, Marxist and Federalist Regimes of Ethiopia: Revisiting the Tripartite Economic History.
- Moderator: Abdi Abdullahi Hussein, Pastoralist advocate and activists. Initiator of the ‘pastoralist day’ initiative in Ethiopia

**11:00 –
13:00**

Breakout room B: Securing women’s interests in land in the aftermath of conflict including through civic and grassroots organizing – lessons from the IGAD region.

Panel Speakers:

- Stella Akutui, Landnet Uganda, Strengthening Women’s Land Rights through Civic Organising: Lessons from Uganda’s Grassroots Women
- Stella Akongo, Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children’s Welfare, Stand for Her Land Campaign
- Mariam Ibrahim, UNEP Darfur
- Fridah Githuku, GROOTS Kenya/International Land Coalition
- Susan Mwangi, Kenyatta University

Moderator: Naome Kabanda, Director Land Management, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Uganda

Key Discussant

- Frances Birungi Odong, Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children’s Welfare, Stand for Her Land Campaign

11:00 –
13:00

Breakout room C: Addressing Intercommunity Land Conflict: Participatory Land Use Planning as a tool for conflict transformation

Speakers:

- Fiona Flintan, Senior Scientist, ILRI, framing context for land use planning in pastoral areas
- Mr Obed Katonge and Dr Charles Mkalawa, National Land Use Planning Commission, Tanzania: Joint Village Land Use Planning in Tanzania– Lessons and experiences in land and resource conflicts management
- Mr Bogale Terefe Abebe and Mr Wondwossen Assefa, Rural Land Administration and Use Directorate Ethiopia: Woreda Participatory Land Use Planning: Process & lessons on land conflict transformation
- Mr Charles Kagema and Ms Mary Ngundo, National Land Commission, Kenya: County Spatial Planning in Pastoral Areas in Kenya: process and lessons for conflict management
- Mr Shadrack Omondi, LGP – Cross border land use planning
- Mr Japheth Kasimbu, ICPALD – Transhumance across the IGAD region

Moderator: Mr Audace Kubwimana

Key Discussant: Vincent Byendamira, Director Physical Planning and Urban Development, MLHUD (TBC)

**14:00 –
16:00**

**Session 2:
Breakout Room A: Protecting communities and vulnerable
populations from Land Grabbing**

- Mr. Herbert Kumusiime, Associates Research
- Dr. Elifuraha Laltaika – Tumbaini University. Makumira, Arusha–Tanzania
- Dr. Hussein Wario, Center for Research and Development in Drylands.
- Mr. Ken Otieno- Reconcile

Discussant:

- Zakaria Faustin, TNRF, ILC
- Fridah Githuku, Groots Kenya, ILC

Moderator: Shadrack Omondi, IGAD

**14:00 –
16:00**

**Session 2:
Breakout Room B: Securing Land rights in settings affected
by Conflict**

Speakers:

- Mr. Brian Ikol- NLC Kenya
- Robert Luki- South Sudan
- Walter Ladwar- Uganda
- Mr. Baker Mugaino, Commissioner Land Registration, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development

Moderator: Land Commission – Mary Wandia

Discussant: Mr. John Mwebe, Uganda International
Accountability Project

14:00 –
16:00

**Session 3: Online
Breakout Room C: Women and Land Rights in East Africa**

Speakers:

- Ms Lilian Adriko, Chief Executive Officer, Uganda Association of Women Lawyers (FIDA Uganda)
- Tike Mwabipile, Executive Director, Tanzania Women lawyers Association (TAWLA)
- Faith Alubbe, Executive Director, Kenya Land Alliance (KLA)
- Terry Mwangeli, Land Expert, Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA Kenya)
- Elisabeth Lubanga, Federation of Women lawyers (FIDA) South Sudan

Moderator: Teresa Mugadza, Kenya Country Manager, IDLO

Discussant: Ms. Cissy Namuddu, Member, Buganda Land Board

16:15 –
17:00

Reflections from Partners Romualdo Mavedzenge and Esther Obaikol

Day 2 – 25 October 2022

THEME: Access to justice and responsible land governance

9:00 –
9:05

Welcome Remarks – Ms. Nome Kabanda, Director Land Management, Ministry of Land, Housing and Development, Uganda

Moderator – Ms. Esther Obaikol

9:05 –
10:00

Keynote address Summary of National Assessments and key emerging points – Dr. Sunday Angoma Okello

10:00 –
10:10

Official Opening Ceremony

National Anthem Uganda- Dr. Ronnie M. Egwang

EAC Anthem- Dr. Ronnie M. Egwang

Prayer – Government of Uganda : Mr Jesse Maurice Kijjambu

<p>10:10 – 10:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks from IGAD–Executive Secretary • Remarks from IDLO–DG Ms. Jan Beagle
<p>10:30 – 10:35</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks from Permanent Secretary – Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development
<p>10:30 – 10:35</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks from Hon. Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development
<p>10:50 – 11:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment – Dr. Ronnie M. Egwang
<p>11:00 – 12:00 (Noon)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E The President of the Republic of Uganda
<p>12:00 – 12:10</p>	<p>Photo Session</p>
<p>12:10 – 13:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13:30 – 16:00</p>	<p>Session 4A: Special CJ Session On Emerging Jurisprudence In Resolution Of Land Based Conflicts</p> <p>Welcome Session Hon. Chief Justice Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny-Dollo- CJ</p> <p><i>Keynote Address: Emerging best practice in enhancing access to justice through courts: adoption of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in resolution of disputes related to the use and administration of land</i> Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja, Min for Justice and Attorney General for Rwanda</p>

Speakers;

- Pan Africa Law Union representative: Adjudicating land justice in international and national courts: legal framework & emerging jurisprudence. Don Deya
- Lessons on use of customary and informal Justice mechanism as a means for effective dispute resolution on Land in Africa: Hon. Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Mr. Nobert Mao

Moderator: Country Reactions: Hon. Justice Yasin Nyanzi

**13:30 –
15:30**

Session 4B: Breakout Session: Role of Customary laws on conflict resolution in the Somali regional state of Ethiopia

Speakers:

- Dr. Ahmed Mohammed- Dynamics in the contents of in group perception and its implication on intergroup conflict
- Dr. Seid Semeke- The role of customary rules in land conflict management and the need for appropriate legal recognition: The case of Somali region, Ethiopia
- Dr Biniyam Bogale- Women in pastoral land governance: the case of Somali Region, Ethiopia

Moderator: Dr. Elias Abdulahi. Ph.D. Jigjiga University Research and Community Services Vice President.

**13:30 –
15:30**

Session 4C: Breakout Session: Exploring Critical Linkages Between Women's Land Rights and Transformative Climate Action

Speakers:

- Ms. Margaret A. Rugadya, Africa Region Coordinator, The International Land and Forest Tenure Facility (TBC)
- Frances Birungi, Uganda Community-based Association for Women and Children Welfare / Stand for Her Land Campaign Uganda
- Esther Ndinda, Groots Kenya/International Land Coalition
- Shiro Mogeni, IDLO Kenya

Discussants:

- Jocelyn Bigirwa, Gender, and Land Expert, IGAD
- Godfrey Massay, Program Director, Landesa Tanzania
- Grace Chelimo, Resource Person for Land Justice, The Justice, Law and Order Sector, Uganda (TBC)

Moderator: Rea Abada Chiongson, Senior Legal Adviser on Gender, IDLO

**15:30 –
17:30**

Session 4D: Breakout C (Online): Securing Womens' Land Rights in the Aftermath of Conflict

Speakers:

- Hassan Adan, Land Governance Specialist, UN-Habitat Somalia Programme (TBC)
- Eleonora Francesca Serpi, Support Officer, UN Habitat/ Global Land Tool Network
- Salah Abukashawa, Program Manager, Centre for Land and Environmental Governance in Sudan
- Evelyn Aero, Regional Adviser – Information Counselling and Legal Assistance, Norwegian Refugee Council

Moderator: Ombretta Tempra, Human Settlement Officer – Land Specialist, UN-Habitat Regional Office for the Arab States

**16:00 –
17:45**

Session on Partner Reflections – FCDO-EU–AFDB
Chair EU

Day 3 – 26 October 2022

THEME: Land rights, climate change and food systems

**9:00 –
9:30**

Welcome

Emerging Best Practice In Managing Land Conflict Through Legislative And Policy Reforms

<p>9:30 – 10:00</p>	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Shadrack Omondi building institutional preparedness for managing the impact of climate change and conflict – • Maria Saguti Marabelle, responsible land governance as an accelerator to investment and economic empowerment at the Horn and East Africa • Moderator Mr. Romualdo Mavedzenge – Regional Programme Manager, Africa IDLO
<p>10:00 – 10:30</p>	<p>Plenary</p>
<p>10:30 – 10:45</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>10:45 – 13:00</p>	<p>Session 6: Breakout Room A: Improving Land Governance For Food System Transformation</p> <p><i>Paper 1: Voicing Pastoralism through Integrative Advocacy: Experiences and lessons learned from</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Mr. Tezera Getahun Tiruneh & Ors – Director of Pastoralist Forum Ethiopia (PFE) • Panelist: Mr. Abdi A. Hussien, Pastoralist Forum Ethiopia • Panelist: Mr. Simon Peter Lomoi, Coalition of Pastoralist Civil Society Organisations (National body) - COPASCO • Moderator: Mr. Shanko D. Desta, FDRE Ministry of Peace (MoP) <p><i>Paper 2: Land governance in Ethiopia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Fikru Takel, Land for Life Ethiopia • Panelist: MR FEYERA ABDI – SOS SAHEL • Moderator: Mr. Paul Idude

10:45 –
13:00

Breakout Room B: Emerging Best Practices In Strengthening Access To Justice To Realise Women’s Right To Land

Speaker

- Elizabeth Ruvwa, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Uganda, Land Rights of Women: A focus on Communal Land Rights in Uganda
- Masalu Luhula, Land Tenure Specialist, Landesa Tanzania, Strengthening Access to Justice to Realise Women’s Rights to Land: Some Best Practices from Tanzania
- Elizabeth Kharono, Centre for Land, Economy and Rights of Women, Realizing the Rights to Land of Women and Girls
- Grace Scorey, Pastoral Women Council, Tanzania, Women’s Rights to Participate in Communal Land Governance

Discussant: Rachael Odio, Senior Technical Advisor, The Justice Law and Order Sector, Uganda (TBC)

Moderator: Esther Obaikol, Land Governance Expert/ Coordinator Land Governance Unit, IGAD

11:00 –
13:00

Breakout Room C: Gauging the impact of weak tenure rights on food security and nutrition

Climate Sensitivity Key to Enhancing Tenure and Food Security In Uganda: Gauging The Impact Of Weak Tenure Rights On Food Security And Nutrition

- *Speaker:* Mr. Jimmy Ochom – Land Rights Coordinator – OXFAM in Uganda
- *Moderator* Caroline Hashara – Lawyer, Land rights department, Oxfam
- *Panelists:*
 - Mr. Obbo Dennis – Principal Information Scientist Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development
 - Ms. Oroch Freda Laura – Ag Head of Programs – Food Rights Alliance

Discussant

- David Kabanda- CEFROHT Uganda
- Agnes Kirabo (Food Rights Alliance)

**14:00 –
15:30**

**Session 7:
Breakout Room A: Horn Of Africa, Dealing With The War
Economy**

Speaker

- Abbey Mushegga: Understanding legal and policy frameworks to address war economies in the Horn of Africa

Discussants

- Robert Ladu Luki : Reflections from South Sudan.
- Hassan Ibrahim: Reflections from Somalia
- Dr. Omer Egemi: Reflections on Sudan
- Dr Abebe Mulatu Weigayi – Reflections on Ethiopia
- Abdirahman Abdi Ahmed

Moderator: Adam Shirwa, IDLO

**14:00 –
15:30**

**Breakout Room B: Addressing Inter-community Land
Conflict**

Speakers and discussants:

- Salih Abdel Mageed, Director General for SOS Sahel Sudan (Sudan)
- Mohammed Siddig Suliman, UNEP Sudan and Practical Action Sudan – North Darfur (Sudan)
- Mr. Onesmus Kyatha, County Commissioner- Mandera (Kenya – Mandera cluster)
- Ms. Uba Abdi Ibrahim, Executive director Centre for Advocacy and Development of Muslim Women & Chairperson Maendeleo ya Wanawake Mandera (Kenya – Mandera cluster)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Abdirashid Abdilahi Ahmed, Director Policy, Planning and Research (Ethiopia Somali Regional State) • Chief Semenou Kossi, NLC Togo, ILC <p><i>Moderator:</i> Youssif El Tayeb El Nour, Director General of the Darfur Development and Reconstruction Agency - DDRA (Sudan)</p>
<p>15:45 – 15:30</p>	<p>Readout of Communique and Resolution</p>
<p>16:00 – 16:30</p>	<p>Partners Reflections (Sweden, Netherlands, Switzerland)</p>
<p>16:30 – 17:00</p>	<p>Closure Of Conference</p> <p>Closing Remarks – Minister of State (Land, Housing and Urban Development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAC ANTHEM • REPUBLIC OF UGANDA ANTHEM
<p>*Theme: Realizing Women’s and Girls’ Rights to Land is integrated in each of the other themes as specific sessions and presentations.</p>	

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