INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY 2022 CONFERENCE

VENUE: Virtual

Date: 11 - 12th August, 2022

THEME: Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages
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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR IGAD YOUTH & LAND PROGRAM

In 2018, a group of 20 youth from the IGAD Region met to develop the IGAD Youth and Land Strategy. The Strategy was launched in 2020 by the IGAD Executive Secretary at the IGAD Youth and Land Conference. The activities stipulated below are part of the IGAD Land Governance Program Workplan 2022 under the Embassy of Sweden Fund.

Concerned by the hailing numbers of young people, the team sought integrative mechanisms of governance that fully include and simultaneously tap into the potential of their talent. Therefore, mainstreaming youth and issues of youth economic empowerment towards access, control and use of land remains a priority and firsthand consideration for the IGAD land governance programme. Today, young people remain readily available to participate and create agile youth engaging platforms, established in ways that deem youth valuable talent to the land governance sector and its programs to support young people.

The youth presence and experience in digital and intuitive technologies is a toolset that governments can exploit to enhance security and data privacy, eliminate the politics around land tenure and governance, and increase land conflicts. IGAD youth and Land governance project are committed to initiating this discourse, levelling the platform, and examining all nuances that can enable stakeholders to increase the engagement and inclusion of youth at the angle of their abilities in a bid to improve land governance.

The structures of intervention and execution of land-related policies and plans enlist intermittent technology engagement, and these limits increased youth engagement in the concepts and implementation of land governance across all spheres. The lack of these tech structures continues to limit youth involvement and participation in land matters leaving many young people void of knowledge on access, control, and use of land. If these policies and plans are restructured to include various kinds of digital and intuitive technology, critical and stronger avenues for employment and skills enhancement will be devised improving the economic empowerment of youth through the land sector while improving security and discourse for land governance.

This conference is one of those pragmatic solutions devised by the IGAD Land Governance unit to demystify, engage, collaborate and together with young people and partners, brainstorm the most pressing challenges and much-needed panacea that can support youth to indulge in the land governance landscape fully.

Stellamaris Nakacwa
Chair, IGAD Youth and Land Program
CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

Introduction

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is a Regional Economic Community (REC) of the African Union. Member countries include: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda. IGAD’s mission is “to assist and complement the efforts of the member countries through increased cooperation to achieve food security and environmental protection; promotion and maintenance of peace and security and humanitarian affairs; and economic cooperation and integration”. IGAD’s activities consist mainly of policy support, information and knowledge sharing, capacity development and research, and promoting the uptake of science and technology.

IGAD is mandated under the Africa Union (AU) Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges to serve its Member States using its convening capacity to facilitate dialogue, providing technical support for policy development and implementation, and building capacity through experience sharing and knowledge exchange and cross-pollination.

IGAD through the Land Governance Programme developed Land Governance Business Plan 2020-2030 with four strategic objectives:

a) Land administration in IGAD region is more efficient, harmonized and gender-inclusive;
b) Enable sustainable development through strategic gender-sensitive and conflict-sensitive approach to land use and management;
c) Increased Member States capacity to leverage land (rural, peri-urban, and urban) for economic transformation and;
d) Reduced barriers and enhanced protection of women and youth’s rights to land in the public and private sphere.

The IGAD Youth and Land Conference 2022, lies at the heart of reducing barriers to youth inclusion in land governance and fostering intergenerational solidarity for improving land governance in the IGAD Region towards sustainable development. Over the years, the IGAD Youth and Land have taken several initiatives to enhance youth participation in the land sector. In furtherance of this quest, IGAD together with her partners, the International Land coalition – Africa (ILC – Africa), Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (YILAA) and Habitat for Humanity International Africa Area Office will commemorate the International Youth Day by virtually holding the IGAD Youth and Land Conference from 11th -12th August 2022.

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1 The Inter-Governmental Authority on Drought and Desertification (IGADD) was established in 1986 to address recurrent droughts and other natural disasters in the Horn of Africa. It became IGAD in 1996 when its mandate was extended to other areas of cooperation.
In 1999, General Assembly resolution 54/120 endorsed the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers of Youth (Lisbon, 8-12 August 1998) that 12 August be declared International Youth Day. International Youth Day aims to amplify youth voices while advocating for and strengthening youth inclusion and representation in the land governance process. This will engage creating effective spaces for youth collaborative land dialogues as a prerequisite for intergenerational solidarity.

Objectives

- To Increase the body of available evidence and facilitate the exchange of views through dialogue on intergenerational solidarity for youth inclusion in land governance.

- To explore ways in which young people can leverage the land resource for employment, sustainable and equitable sharing of land resources that contribute to the attainment of the AU Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030.

- To highlight innovation and innovative ideas by youth on land governance, access to decent housing and building resilient cities and communities while addressing intergenerational gaps.

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS | IGAD YOUTH & LAND COMMUNITY OF PRACTISE WORKSHOPS

The IGAD Youth & Land Steering committee has had up to two months to brainstorm and emphasize inclusive and collaborative processes of youth in the IGAD region which have resulted in the development of a pilot known as the community of practice. A series of e-workshops has taken place across seven countries with an aim of serving as an avenue to collect the views and opinions on how best their potential can be realized and to create awareness of the role of Youth in Intergenerational Solidarity and also create awareness of the presence of IGAD Youth & Land. The workshops highlighted youth inclusion and collaboration within the IGAD region on matters of land. These meetings run from July 26th through August 6th and will be crowned with the International Youth conference celebration on August 11th and 12th. Below are the engagements in pictures.
IGAD Community of Practice Workshops with youth for improved Land Governance.

Launching: 21st JULY 2022
## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### DAY 1: 11th August, 2022

**Technical Discussions on Land, Technology and the Youth**

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<td>PRESENTER: Esther Obaikol, IGAD Land Governance Unit</td>
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Ms. Esther Obaikol has 23 years’ experience in legal and social research in the fields of gender, environment, and land. She has broad experience in policy development, legislative drafting, developing institutional frameworks, and training and sensitization on land, gender, and natural resources. Esther is currently working as a Land Governance Expert on Improving Land Governance in IGAD Region. Prior to this, she coordinated the Global Land Indicators’ Initiative at GLTN/UN-Habitat from 2014 to 2015. She was Coordinator for the Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) for Uganda in 2012/13 and as the Executive Director Uganda Land Alliance from 2007 to 2013.

PRESENTER 2: Audace Kubwimana, ILC AFRICA

Works at ILC as the Africa Regional Coordinator. Previous experience includes working 8 years to reduce poverty and hunger in Rwanda, at Welthungerhilfe as the Country Representative and Programmes lead, and extensive knowledge of managing international development programs. Kubwimana holds a master’s in development studies and a bachelor’s in agriculture.
PRESENTER 3: Innocent Antoine Houedji - Youth Land Rights specialist, Co-founder and Executive Director of Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (YILAA)

Innocent has over 10 years of experience in land expertise, management, business planning, financial analysis, software engineering, operations, and decision analysis. Before founding YILAA in 2019, Innocent Antoine worked on the Millennium Challenge Corporation’s Land Access Project in Benin where he has done many research about Youth Access to Land. He has previously held various management positions in Benin, most recently as Regional Head of Office of the Benin National Agency for Land Affairs and Domains (ANDF). Member of Land Governance Regional Work Group of West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU/UEMOA).

PRESENTER 4: Robert Otim | Habitat for Humanity International

Robert has over 20 years of extensive multi-sectoral experience leading complex development and humanitarian programs most of which are linked to positive youth development. Robert is an ardent youth advocate and at Habitat for Humanity circles, he is commonly referred to as a senior youth. He is currently the National Director for Habitat for Humanity in Uganda where he's championing meaningful youth engagement in climate resilient housing, tenure rights etc through regional youth hubs. Robert has also held leadership and technical advisory positions with numerous organizations including; SNV-Netherlands Development Organization as National WASH Advisor where he promoted youth engagement in community water management as hand pump mechanics, IRC-International Water and Sanitation Centre as Regional WASH Advisor, United States Agency for International Development as Advisor for Youth and Children, Plan International as Program Development Coordinator leading youth and children development initiatives, Concern World Wide as WASH Cluster Coordinator, Uganda's Ministry of Water and Environment as National Coordinator National Hand Washing Secretariat, World Association of Radio Maria as National Coordinator among others. Robert also serves in different social circles including Soroti Catholic Laity Association, Rotary Club of Sonde where he is a member Rotarian, Board of Uganda Water and Sanitation NGO Network, Board of Women's Climate Centres International, Board of Velocity Vocational Foundation, among others. He has a master's degree in Human Resource Management and International Development from Manchester University in UK and another Master's Degree in International Primary Health Care from the University of London, UK. Robert also holds a bachelor's degree in Environment Management from Makerere University.

Moderator: Shadrack Omondi

Rapporteur: Valentine Opanga
Keynote Address: The role of youths in responding to land governance, property rights, climate change while building intergenerational solidarity as a contribution to achieving the African Union’s Agenda 2063 and the agenda 2030.

Presenter: Mohamed Kunta - African Union Youth Ambassador for Peace - West Africa Region

Mohamed Kunta is the Africa Union- Youth Ambassador for Peace (AYAP) for the Entire Region of West Africa on Youth Peace and Security. He has embarked on National, Regional and International Advocacy Campaigns and research on education, health, youth empowerment, peace building, and conflict mitigation. With over Eight years of experience working with different institutions in several capacities

Former Founder and Leader of Young People Advocacy Network, YPAN is a youth-led advocacy organization, committed to work with young people. YPAN fosters an inclusive community and contributes in ending all forms of violence and social injustice in Sierra Leone. We envision a society where no the young person is discriminated, abused and neglected but empowered to showcase their talent to their fullest Potentials. Currently serving as the Learning and Development Advisor for Youth in Partnership for Peace and Development, is a civil society youth led advocacy organization that focus on peace building, conflict analysis and conflict mitigation in Sierra Leone.

In 2014, Mohamed was appointed by the Former President of the Republic Sierra Leone DR. Ernest Bai Koroma as Young People’ Commissioner at the National Commission for Children-NCC: to advice the government of S/L on the best interest of young people, and monitors the implement of the African Chart and the UN Convention on the Right of the Child implementation. Since 2012, Mohamed has led several campaigns and facilitate training sessions on Peace Building, Conflict Mitigation, Youth Leadership, Sexual Reproductive Health and Right and Sexual Gender Base Violence. He hold a Bachelor Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies, from Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone and a Diploma Certificate in Social Work.

Moderator: Esther Obaikol
Rapporteur: Valentine Opanya
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<td>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Akiteng Isabella</td>
<td>Akiteng Isabella is a seasoned voice in the civil society sector, a space she joined over 10 years ago. She is passionate about programs that deliver on tangible development for young people in any society. She creatively seeks out opportunities and supports teams to coherently rethink strategies for result-oriented programming. She is a mentor and feminist who inspires transformative leadership growth as well as influencing young women to fulfill their potential. Currently, she is an Independent Consultant who is supporting the team at the Forum for Women in Democracy on Imara Women’s Centre which is a sustainable initiative to anchor work on Gender Equality. She has previously worked at senior leadership level at Femme Forte Uganda and Uganda Youth Network. She led the growth of modern debate in Uganda by establishing the National Debate Council and continues to support the movement. She offers support to institutions on Institutional Strengthening, Safety, Program Support to mention but a few. Isabella’s goal in life is to grow women leaders who will transform the nations.</td>
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<td>PANELIST 1: Gloria Acayo</td>
<td>Miss Gloria Acayo Opira. She works at Food Rights Alliance. She is a lawyer and an advocate of a high court. She holds master's degree in women and Gender studies from Makerere University, she is a human rights activist, a policy analyst and an expert on land rights, business and human rights, and food security. She has nine years' experience in project implementation and programming.</td>
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### PANELIST 1: Elilu Brian

Elilu Brian holds a Bachelor’s degree in human resource management and am currently pursuing a diploma in law at law development. He was trained by LANDnet Uganda to serve as the lead champion to enhance women's economic empowerment through tenure security where I now coordinate the other 60 male and female champions to conduct community outreaches through dialogues, radio talk shows etc, mediation of land related cases in Kaberamaido district.

![Elilu Brian](image)

### PANELIST 3: Ritah Nanyonga

Ritah Nanyonga holds a Bachelor's Degree in computer science from Makerere University and hold a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management. She is currently working with ActionAid International Uganda as the Women Economic Empowerment Officer where she has spearheaded the formation of the first ever women’s economic empowerment coalition in Uganda that brings together different Ministerial Departments and Agencies, Civil Society Organizations, and private sector actors and is driving the WEE advocacy agenda in Uganda. She has spearheaded the development of a WEE virtual hub which serves as a depository for information on women economic empowerment in Uganda.

![Ritah Nanyonga](image)

### PANELIST 4: Stella Rose Akutui

Stella Rose Akutui holds a BA. Laws from Uganda Christian University and currently pursuing a masters in women and Gender studies from Makerere University. She is a passionate activist of human rights and specifically women's land rights. She currently works with LANDnet Uganda as the capacity Building & Networking Officer where she has built the capacity of grassroots and national land actors on different topics, she also doubles as the coordinator of the Women's Land Rights Movement an advocacy platform and is now leading a project on strengthening women's land rights through movement building. Stella was one of the technical persons behind the development of the 10-year National Women's Land rights Agenda and now a certified ToT on gender mainstreaming in Land Administration. Stella's passion for women's land rights saw her organise a successful 3rd virtual National Women's Land Rights Conference in 2021.

![Stella Rose Akutui](image)

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**Moderator:** Rebecca Atayo  
**Rapporteur:** Immaculate Otieno
**Topic 1: Secure Land Rights for Youth: Key to Attaining Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience, and Intergenerational Equity in Land and Property Rights.**

**Brief:**
Land plays an important role in the climate system. Land is at the core of human development and well-being providing food, freshwater and multiple other ecosystem services, as well as biodiversity. Human use of land directly affects more than 70% of the global land surface. Land is both a source and a sink of greenhouse gases (GHGs). Land ecosystems and biodiversity are vulnerable to ongoing climate change, weather and climate extremes. Land use changes directly affect climate systems. These changes contribute to increasing net GHG, loss of natural ecosystems such as the forests, savannahs, natural grasslands and wetlands and declining biodiversity.

The nexus between land and climate change is two-sided. On one hand, land degradation exacerbates climate change and on the other hand climate change exacerbates land degradation; thereby, evidently demonstrating clear push-pull interfacing forces between the two mutually reinforcing variables. Significantly land tenure and land use are both direct and indirect drivers to climate change. Similarly, land tenure (ownership) and attendant security is equally closely tied to climate change and greenhouse gas emissions. Youth can play a critical role in enhancing climate resilience taking into consideration their active role and population as land that has a secure and properly defined tenure are well managed. While areas with weak or unclear tenure are regarded as common pool resources and hence highly encroached and degraded as they suffer from the tragedy of the commons.

**PRESENTER: Robert Muthami**
Robert Muthami is a climate change policy specialist with over 10 years’ experience at local, national, regional, and international level. He has engaged and led various climate change policy processes at the national, continental, and international levels. He currently works as a Senior Programme Advisor at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Kenya Office and coordinates work on Socioecological Transformation. He is a member of the Continental Executive Board (CEB) of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA). In addition, he is a member of the Makueni County Climate Change Fund Management Board, appointed by the Governor Makueni County Government. Robert holds a Master of Arts degree in Environmental Policy from the University of Nairobi, A Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from Kenyatta University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management from the Kenya Institute of Management.
Most experts agree that under current growth rates with an increasing population of young people, Africa's population will double by 2050 and then double again by 2100, eventually climbing to over 4 billion by the end of the century. Feeding this growing population will require significant advancements in Africa's food systems. However, agricultural advances may be difficult to achieve if African farmers continue to face the increasingly severe climate impacts. To prepare for these future challenges, we need to understand how secure land rights for young people in the face of the climate crisis could enhance Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience, and intergenerational equity in land, property rights and what impact it is likely to have on the continent's agricultural systems.

Moderator: Jane Njeri

Rapporteur: Immaculate Otieno
**Topic 2: Reflection on the State of Land Governance in IGAD region: The perspective of women and youth**

**Brief:**
Land lies at the center of social, economic, political and cultural rights and defines the identity of most people in Africa if not all. This paper seeks to discuss the implications of secure tenure rights for the youths from the perspective of climate change adaptation, resilience and intergenerational equity in land and property rights. This is a reflection on the state of land Governance in the IGAD region. This paper argues that the full attainment of economic stability amongst the women and youth is dependent upon the full realization of their potential in finding the solution based on their land rights and expectation. This however is embedded in the global priorities; the SDG 1, 2, 5 & 15. This paper portends that, countries must invest in the greatest population who are women and youth by strengthening their full inclusion, participation and contribution to productive and sustainable development initiatives in Land. As such, policies, laws, plans and programs need to recognize the unique contribution of women and youth in land governance, land reform and others. While recognizing that there are progressive policies, laws and programs in Africa; the AU Land Governance Strategy recognizes that the land question in Africa has received considerable attention because the continent is still dependent on land as a key factor of production for most economic activities. This paper submits that, more needs to be done to realize the full potential of women and youth especially in the Agro-based economy.

**PRESENTER: Lauren Ongesa**
A Climate change and Rangeland Management expert with 3 years’ experience in; land governance, tenure security and investment; rangeland management and governance; climate change, food security and livelihood. Currently, I am working at RECONCILE as a project officer for the East Africa Solidarity Platform project contributing to secure tenure and pastoralists land rights. In this program I have contributed to the review and development of community land inventory process in collaboration with the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, currently contributing to the review and development of technical papers and policy briefs by the community of practice which I coordinate on customary and pastoralists tenure security and rights in East Africa for regional learning and skills transfer. I have supported and delivered comprehensive technical and training assistance to communities on community land registration processes in the targeted countries. In line with this, I am also engaged in securing indigenous pastoralists and customary land tenure rights in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania by promoting community land registration in the three regions. As (ILC)-GLFY 2022 Ambassador, I am contributing to empowering youth in Agriculture for sustainable livelihoods and employment by promoting and supporting youth leadership and advocating for youth involvement in the decision making process in the land governance discussion through the Youth in Land Movement Africa.
## Breakaway 2: Integrated Innovation for Collaborative Processes in Land Governance

**Topic:** Big data as an enabler of land governance systems for Persons with Disabilities

**Brief:**

The use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) has permeated every facet of society. It is challenging to imagine our lives without the conveniences brought by connectivity and big data to access land governance systems. However, even with the profound transformation that keeps unfolding, segments of the population, like persons with disabilities (PWDs), the elderly and those with low literacy levels, still face practical challenges in accessing and exploiting the full potential of ICTs on land governance. Notably, the global digital divide is greatly manifest in developing countries like Kenya, which are still grappling with how to ensure digital inclusivity. Kenya’s National Land Policy (NLP), adopted in December 2009, envisions a sustainable and equitable land use. Its overall objective is to secure rights over land and provide for sustainable growth, investment and poverty reduction. Despite these provisions, the policy is deficient in specific interventions that advocate for digitally driven land rights for PWDs on land governance. Moreover, digitization of land governance systems in Kenya has streamlined the sector effectively and efficiently. Although, the aforementioned continues to enhance social progress and economic growth, most systems are still far from fully enabling accessible, assistive and adaptive technologies so that PWDs can fully leverage the immense benefits from the use of ICTs. This implies the need for integration of PWDs through a digitally enabled ecosystem to ensure equity within the land governance systems. As the world of technology evolves, big data can enable policy makers to establish the prevailing challenges exposed to PWDs as well as devise intervention that can create inclusive and accessible platforms for PWDs while leaving no one in the digital transformation journey.

**Presenter: Nancy Marangu**

Nancy Marangu, holds a Master in Business Administration in Strategic Management & Electronic Commerce from Daystar University and the Catholic University of Eastern Africa respectively and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Public Relations) from Daystar University Kenya. As a communications & public policy analyst she is passionate to advocate for inclusion, gender and climate mainstreaming. She envisions an inclusive facilitative infrastructure that supports youth, women and persons with disabilities. Nancy has over 14 years of expertise in strategic communication, research and strategic planning and management. As a gifted story-teller she writes stories for the Kenyan local dailies and Management Magazine on thematic areas anchored on environment, technology and inclusion. Besides, she serves as a board member at Ukarimu Ministries Trust and the Gifted Community Centre (GCC) Youth with Disabilities. Additionally, a mentor at the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Community Platform. Previously, she has imparted students with knowledge and life-skills at the Nazarene University, Kenya. Nancy has been part of research teams that include: Brighter Lives for Refugees Campaign as the lead research coordinator (Kenya) for Ecorys Consultancy Company, Netherlands, project funded by the IKEA Foundation.

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**Moderator: Stellamaris (W) Nakacwa**

**Rapporteur: Valentine Opanga**
Topic 1: Where do the youth live? An analysis of the Urban Housing conditions in Uganda

Brief:

The importance of the youth in contributing towards improving the urban housing conditions in Uganda cannot be underrated. Notably, there is a growing trend of movement from the rural to urban areas mainly attributed to desire to access better opportunities like jobs, social services among others. This tendency has led to inadequate housing, high cost of land, high housing rent, shortage of housing leading to cases of slums and informal settlements in urban areas. This paper therefore aims at examining the housing conditions for the youth in urban areas in Uganda.

Specifically, the paper analyzed the gender distribution of youth in urban areas, their housing conditions (type of building materials used in the construction of houses owned by the youth, occupancy ratio) and ownership of the houses by the youth in Uganda.

The analysis is based on data obtained from Uganda National Household Survey of 2019/20. The paper results show that, in rural areas, youth who live in owner occupied houses account for the highest percentage of 82 percent as compared to 18 percent of their counterparts in urban areas. In urban areas the majority of the youth live in rented houses (public and private) at 75 percent and 72 percent respectively. This implies that youth in urban areas are vulnerable to challenges in housing conditions since the majority of them do not own houses and majorly rely on rented houses. Therefore the paper recommends skilling of the youth to be able to participate in the labor market, effective regulation of the real estate sector and investment in research and innovation in affordable building technologies and materials.

Presenter: Peace Nabakembo

Nabakembo is a Ugandan, a Senior Policy Analyst with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, formerly an Economist for the same Ministry. She is also the Gender focal Person charged with; (1) coordinating Gender and Equity mainstreaming in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development; (2) Coordinating gender analysis, planning, budgeting and collection of gender disaggregated data. She has over 7 years of combined hands on experience in monitoring, evaluation, research, implementation and management of projects, project preparation & appraisal.

Moderator: Bohlokoa Mokhotho

Rapporteur: Immaculate Atieno
**Topic 2:** The Role of the Youth in Promoting access to decent housing, building resilient cities and Communities while addressing Intergenerational Gaps

**Brief:**

Population living in slums in Addis Ababa are in the worst form of informal settlements, where they crowd in shacks of temporary materials, without proper water and sanitation solutions, and no protection from eviction or other threats. Most of the houses are old, having been constructed many decades ago and little to no maintenance has been carried out. Slum dwellers are excluded from many of the attributes of urban life that are critical to full citizenship but that remain a monopoly of a privileged minority. The sense of exclusion is amplified by urban slum dwellers' proximity to but inability to attain the many benefits of urban life including access to decent housing. Creating a platform for young leaders and youth entities to identify innovative solutions and policy objectives for promoting access to decent housing and building resilient city. Youth are an integral part of our societies and resilient communities can't exist without youth participation. Availing open space and green areas for youth as a means of job creation can create an opportunity for youths to create resilient cities and communities. Young people will be aware of intergenerational inequalities in terms of access to decent housing. At the time we implemented an urban slum upgrading project in different slum areas of Addis Ababa with Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia, I have realized that youths work together as a volunteer to build decent housing for vulnerable families and clean cities voluntarily. There are youths who graduated in Urban planning, Urban Sociology, Architectural Engineering and Civil Engineering in Addis Ababa and they have the potential to contribute to build resilient city and communities. To address the capabilities of the 'poorest of the poor' who cannot afford decent housing, the role of youth is immense in slum areas of Addis Ababa.

**PRESENTER: Yosen Melka**

My name is Yosen Melka, and I am 32. At the very utmost I would like to introduce myself as an optimistic and self-motivated individual who is to explore new horizons. I graduated from Addis Ababa University with a Master of Social Work Degree in 2017/18 and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology in 2010/2011. Currently I am working in the Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia-National office in the capacity of Project Coordinator for housing and WASH project for urban slum dwellers. I have more than ten years of work experience in NGO settings in different capacities such as Community Development Coordinator, Social Field Officer, Social Worker, and School Counselor. I have taken different project management training for development professionals. I also have tremendous project management skills with knowledge in coordinating projects in Community Development, WASH, Housing and Emergency projects. I have also an experience of coordinating and managing the project life cycle and developed good acquaintance with planning and strategizing financial and budgeting issues. I have also developed and implemented a comprehensive knowledge management plan that ensures effective capture, storage, and dissemination of program data and learning. Throughout my job career, I was equipped with knowledge in managing and implementing projects related to Education, WASH, Housing, and Health emergencies in internally affected displaced people, returnees, and host communities.
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**PRESENTER: Sophia Nthuku-Habitat for Humanity International**

Sophia Nthuku is an emerging urban development specialist with keen interest in urban governance and environmentally conscious urbanism in the Global South. She currently serves as Programs Intern with Habitat for Humanity’s Africa Area Office and volunteers with Vijana Tupo Initiative, a youth-focused economic empowerment initiative, on a part time basis. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Nairobi, and is based in Nairobi, Kenya.

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- Remarks from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)  
- Remarks from the Swiss Agency for Cooperation and Development (SDC) | **PRESENTER 1: Dr. Kebede Kassa Tsegaye**  
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Daniel Valenghi is a Swiss Development Specialist with more than 35 years of experience in Europe, Asia and Africa. He holds the position of Regional Project Manager for the Global Program Food Security of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, based at the Embassy of Switzerland in Addis Ababa. He has worked in political, economic and human development, environment, agriculture, climate change, water, human rights, and gender domains during the course of his work. Before joining the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in 2013, he had assignments with Helvetas, FAO and the Swiss Ministry of Agriculture. He has a broad geographical experience covering Europe (Switzerland, Italy), Asia (Vietnam, Mongolia, Pakistan) and Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Benin, Togo, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Mali, and Chad)

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PRESENTER 2: Innocent Antoine HOUEDJI, Youth Land Rights specialist, Co-founder and Executive Director of Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (YILAA)

Innocent has over 10 years of experience in land expertise, management, business planning, financial analysis, software engineering, operations, and decision analysis. Before founding YILAA in 2019, Innocent Antoine worked on the Millennium Challenge Corporation’s Land Access Project in Benin where he has done many research about Youth Access to Land. He has previously held various management positions in Benin, most recently as Regional Head of Office of the Benin National Agency for Land Affairs and Domains (ANDF). Member of Land Governance Regional Work Group of West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU/UEMOA).

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PRESENTER 4: Sophia Nthuku, Habitat for Humanity International

Sophia Nthuku is an emerging urban development specialist with keen interest in urban governance and environmentally conscious urbanism in the Global South. She currently serves as Programs Intern with Habitat for Humanity’s Africa Area Office and volunteers with Vijana Tupo Initiative, a youth-focused economic empowerment initiative, on a part time basis. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Nairobi, and is based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Moderator: Omar Siraji Hassan
Rapporteur: Valentine Opanga

02:00 – 02:20 EAT
WAY FORWARD & END OF THE DAY
KEEPING – ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

The IGAD Youth and Land Conference 2022 will be hosted online using the Zoom meetings platform and description of how to navigate the interface is provided below.

a) The Zoom meeting interface

1. The bar at the top tells you who is currently sharing their screen.
2. This is the main whiteboard area controlled by the host, or a participant with permission.
3. The participant panel.
4. The chat panel.
5. The Zoom toolbar.

b) The main toolbar

Zoom has a main toolbar at the bottom of the window. These are your main controls for the meeting. From left to right, the tools are:

- **Mute/unmute microphone** – Note: It’s a good idea to keep your mic muted unless you are purposely talking to the class.
- **Start/stop video** - You should not need video unless your instructor asks for it.
- **Invite** more participants – Only do this if you’ve been directed to do so.
- **Reveal the participant panel** - See which classmates and instructors are in the meeting.
- **Share your screen** with the class – You will need permission from the host to do this.
- **Reveal the chat panel** - Participate in live chat during the meeting.
- **More (disable video receiving)** – You will probably not need this.
- **Leave the meeting** - Click this when the meeting is over.
c) The side panel

The side panel shows the Participant panel and Chat panel. You can show these by clicking the icons on the toolbar as described above.

Participant panel – shows a list of participants and their status, such as whether their audio/video is on or off, who has “raised their hand”, and who is sharing their screen.

- Mute/Unmute your microphone
- Raise/Lower your hand to get the host’s attention.
- Chat panel scrolling chat log
- Chat field for entering chat.
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| **Yilaa.org**

This platform is a framework for the meeting, networking, information, exchanging experiences, and developing the potential of young people for land governance that promotes development in Africa.

We value the potential of young people for land governance; create the synergy of action between youth associations to become an international Youth network for the promotion and protection of the rights of young people and women; help young people identify and benefit from opportunities relating to state projects and support training and research for young people in the land sector.

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| **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working to empower people in the world's poorest communities to overcome the chronic lack of decent housing. Our vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. We are therefore constantly looking for new solutions that would make adequate housing accessible and affordable for all.

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| **OXFAM**

Oxfam is a global movement of people who are fighting inequality to end poverty and injustice. Across regions, from the local to the global, we work with people to bring change that lasts. Our work is grounded in the commitment to the universality of human rights. Driven by diversity and founding our asks in evidence and experience, we take sides against poverty and injustice everywhere. Feminist approaches guide all our analysis, action and interaction.

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| **WLRM**

The WLRM was reinstated and revived during the 2nd National Women's conference that took place in Uganda in 2016 to continue with the mobilisation and collaboration of about 20 members ranging from civil society organisations, Ministries, Departments, Community based organisations with a common view and understanding of the land rights challenges that affect women.
CONFERENCE PRESENTERS, PARTNERS AND ORGANIZERS

ESTHER OBAIKOL | IGAD LAND GOVERNANCE UNIT

Ms. Esther Obaikol has 23 years' experience in legal and social research in the fields of gender, environment and land. She has broad experience in policy development, legislative drafting, developing institutional frameworks, and training and sensitization on land, gender and natural resources. Esther is currently working as a Land Governance Expert on Improving Land Governance in IGAD Region. Prior to this, she coordinated the Global Land Indicators' Initiative at GLTN/UN-Habitat from 2014 to 2015. She coordinated Coordinator for the Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) for Uganda in 2012/13 and as the Executive Director Uganda Land Alliance from 2007 to 2013.

AUDACE KUBWIMANA | ILC AFRICA

Audace Kubwimana Works at ILC as the Africa Regional Coordinator. Previous experience includes working 8 years to reduce poverty and hunger in Rwanda, at Welthungerhilfe as the Country Representative and Programmes lead, and extensive knowledge of managing international development programs. Kubwimana holds a master's in development studies and a bachelor's in agriculture.
Hassen Omer Abdi has an M.A. in Disaster Risk Management and Sustainable Development (DRMSD). He graduated with Bachelor’s Degrees in sociology and social work from Jigjiga University (2018) and Jimma University (2011) in Ethiopia. Hassen has worked as GBV Program Officer starting from 2011-2012 with Partnership for Pastoralist Development Association (PAPDA) in Bokolmayo refugee camp, Dollo Addo, and then joined the International Medical Corps (IMC) in 2012 and have been working as GBV-Program Officer until 2014.

In 2014, after performance evaluation and recommendation of my immediate supervisor, Hassen was promoted as Senior GBV Community Mobilization program Officer (IMC-Ethiopia) in Melkadida and Kobe refugee camps at Dollo Addo Field Office, Senior GBV Program officer Base at Gambella Field Office and worked as Acting GBV program manager at Dollo Addo field Office and Gambela field office different times with successful task accomplishment which is the harshest environment in terms of security and services in the country. He worked Danish Refugee Council-Ethiopia and Djibouti mission as Protection Team Leader from 2017 to 2019 based in Jigjiga but covering the Somali region and mission support for Djibouti Field Office for civilian protection and refugees.

From 2019 to 2021, Hassen worked with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)- Addis Delegate as Protection (RFL in Emergency) Field coordinator based in Jigjiga but cover all zones in SRS. Hassen worked with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)- Addis Delegate as a Community contact center and feedback coordinator in Accountability to affected people based in Addis Ababa but covering the entire country’s operational response.

Currently, Hassen Abdi is working in IGAD under division of Agriculture and Environment in Land Government Unit programme with the assignments of Community Liaison Officer base in Dollo Addo, Somali regional state of Ethiopia.
OMAR SIRAJI | IGAD LAND GOVERNANCE UNIT

Omar Siraji Hassan is the Community Liaison officer for IGAD’s Land governance program in the Somali Cluster. The cluster covers Mandera County of Kenya, Somali Regional state of the Federal republic of Ethiopia, The Gedo region that is part of the Jubbaland state of the Federal republic of Somalia. The land governance program of IGAD in the Somali cluster aims at Strengthening Regional Convergence through Inclusive conflict sensitive Land use Management. This is achieved through the program goals of: participatory and inclusive planning of rangelands and urban resources, defining access rights and tenure security for the communities, defining land ownership rights to reduce conflicts, ensuring women’s rights to land and their maximum participation in land governance. Omar provides a crucial link between the community and IGAD, ensuring the community are full participants of the program and benefit from it maximally. Omar has previously worked in community engagement activities and holds a B.A and LL.B from the University of Nairobi.

JUDITH ATUKUNDA | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

A geomatics engineer with a multi-faceted background in land governance and data management. Judith Atukunda manages a project ‘Laying the foundations for a Customary Land Registry for Uganda’ at LANDnet Uganda. She is very passionate about achieving sustainable development and is keen on redefining the use of data and the application of earth observation technology in land administration. She is also a trainer and member of OpenStreetMap Uganda, a local NGO that promotes community mapping and awareness. Judith holds a fellowship from the Netherlands Land Academy (LANDac) and her interest as a fellow lies in her experience working on data collection and analysis of Large-Scale Land Based Investments and their impact on customary land rights. She is also a member of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Youth and Land Steering Committee. Judith has proven ability to develop strong relationships across cultures and to provide decisive team leadership in a fast-paced environment.
VALENTINE OPANGA | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

Valentine Opanga is a passionate researcher with keen interest in implementation research and program management. Her expertise is in climate action, land and environmental governance, hydro politics and conflict resolution especially in the Horn of Africa region. She has over five years of experience in managing climate change-related and environmental governance-related projects. She is also the secretary to the Steering Committee of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development’s (IGAD) Youth and Land Governance Program.

HILLARY OGINA | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

Ogina is a land tenure and communication specialist. He has vast experience in policy advocacy particularly on issues that pertain to disadvantaged and marginalized groups. His experience spans working around the land and natural resources sector, Oil and Gas and mining sectors, women empowerment and grassroots mobilization, mostly in the East African region and in the Amazon region of the Federal Republic of Brazil. He has vast experience in supporting community voices through various methodologies most notably through community led social mapping (the new social cartography of the Amazon); this he has practiced as a means of ensuring that community voices are strengthened with the aim of being able to effectively advocate for their rights over land and natural resources which are mostly disregarded. He is currently working at Kenya Land Alliance (Website http://www.kenyalandalliance.or.ke). He has previous experience as a media consultant and has worked on policy advocacy over the past 8 years. He holds a bachelors of Arts degree in Linguistics and development studies, a Master of Science in Communication Studies and is currently pursuing a masters in Environmental Law.
GRACE ANADA | HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL

Grace Ananda has over ten years of experience working in the humanitarian sector with International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO). She possesses technical expertise in tenure rights, gender justice, food security, climate justice, and right to education.

Additionally, she has the policy, advocacy, and campaigning expertise. In her previous roles, she worked strategically with Regional Economic Communities (RECs), continental movements, human rights organizations, donors, development agencies, the African Union (AU), academia, the Africa Development Bank (AFDB), the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), and communities to advocate for member states to accelerate the implementation of policies on tenure rights, food security, climate change, gender justice. She has written and published knowledge materials on tenure rights and gender justice, including policy briefs, position papers, and research papers.

Currently she is serving as the Policy and Advocacy Manager for Habitat for Humanity International- Africa Area Office leading advocacy and policy efforts for HFHI.

JANE NJERI | ILC AFRICA

Jane Njeri holds a Master’s degree in Cooperation and Development and; Bachelor’s degree in Community Development. My previous experience worked as a research assistant IFAD project on “Empowering Indigenous Youth and Communities to Defend and Promote Their Food Heritage.” She also served as a Research Assistant in Sustainable Agri-Food System Strategies (SASS Project) spearheaded by The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM). She serves as Resource Mobilisation and partnership Officer at the International Land Coalition and a regional youth focal point.
STELLAMARIS (W) NAKACWA | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

Stellamaris holds a degree in Land Surveying and Geomatics from Makerere University, Uganda. She is a Regional Ambassador (2019-2021) and leadership fellow of YouthMappers, a USAID supported program that seeks to cultivate a generation of young leaders to create resilient communities, by capitalizing on web-based open geospatial technologies, and a network of universities around the globe. She has built experience in contributing to empowerment and elevation of youth leadership and research skills, in application and articulation of space and geospatial sciences as a panacea across social and economic challenges. Stellamaris has performed duties in line with improvement of customary land administration in Uganda and development and implementation of the IGAD Youth & Land Governance Strategy. She is the chairperson steering committee for the IGAD youth & land Conference 2020.

STELLA ROSE AKUTUI | LANDnet UGANDA

Stella Rose Akutui holds a B.A. Laws from Uganda Christian University and currently pursuing a masters in women and Gender studies from Makerere University. She is a passionate activist of human rights and specifically women’s land rights. She currently works with LANDnet Uganda as the capacity Building & Networking Officer where she has built the capacity of grassroots and national land actors on different topics, she also doubles as the coordinator of the Women’s Land Rights Movement an advocacy platform and is now leading a project on strengthening women’s land rights through movement building. Stella was one of the technical persons behind the development of the 10-year National Women’s Land rights Agenda and now a certified ToT on gender mainstreaming in Land Administration. Stella’s passion for women’s land rights saw her organise a successful 3rd virtual National Women’s Land Rights Conference in 2021.
Rebecca Atayo possesses a law degree from Makerere University and a Diploma in Legal Practice from The Law Development Centre. She is also enrolled as an advocate of the High Court of Uganda and all subordinate courts. She is currently working as the Legal and Board Liaison officer of LANDnet Uganda. Over the past five years, she has amassed experience in legal and policy reform, research and partnership mobilization and coordination. She is passionate about land governance and land and property rights. She successfully spearheaded the technical and research processes towards reform of the Succession Act and is currently handling all on-going legal reform work on the establishment of a customary tenure registry and heading the project on conflict sensitive land governance.

Kevin Eze is the Regional Communications, Monitoring and Evaluation Lead at ILC Africa. Prior to joining Next Einstein Forum in 2018, he served as Acting Director of Corporate Communications at the Centre for Development Studies. He developed strategic communications campaigns that enhanced the brand reputation and relevance of corporate and nonprofit clients, such as Future Earth, IsDB, the World Bank, and YMCA of Senegal. He also provided strategic counsel, oversaw issues management, and crafted executive-level thought leadership. Previously, he worked as Bilingual Communications Specialist for CORAF-WECARD & Africa Lead (USAID), where as a member of the strategy and external affairs team, he raised awareness and credibility for the organizations as content provider, Nurturing Enterprising Youth with Agricultural Technologies (NEYAT) manager, and information management adviser. As a Specialist of Public Affairs and Communications, he developed and implemented a public affairs strategy that advanced the agenda of SDG Labs-Africa. Earlier in his career, he was a reporter for the Guardian and political commentator for Thisday and Tell. Kevin's creative works, from where his journey began, have been commissioned by Commonwealth Writers for Safe House: Explorations in Creative Nonfiction (Dundurn, 2016), Commonwealth Now (Griffith, 2017) and adda (2018), the Commonwealth Writers' online gathering of stories. The author of The Peacekeeper’s Wife (Amalion, 2015), he currently practices hybrid communications and knowledge management by bringing the art of the story to international development.
JOSELYN BIGIRWA | IGAD LAND GOVERNANCE UNIT

Joselyn Bigirwa is a Gender and social inclusion specialist with over 15 years of experience in development and Humanitarian programming in the Horn, East, and Southern Africa. She holds an MA (Human Rights) and Degree in Gender and Development from Makerere University. She has coordinated national and regional programs on Women’s Land Rights, Access to Justice, Violence against women, Climate resilience, Water and Sanitation, HIV and AIDS, Reproductive Health, Leadership, and economic empowerment targeting youth, women, and older persons. She has also provided gender mainstreaming technical advisory support to several civil society organizations and government institutions, including Concern Worldwide, World Vision, Oxfam International, and HelpAge International, among others. Currently, Joselyn is working with the IGAD Land Governance Programme as the Gender and Land Expert.

SHADRACK OMONDI | IGAD LAND GOVERNANCE UNIT

Shadrack is a land tenure expert at IGAD Land Governance Unit. He is development sociologist with expertise and experience in land governance, policy research, analysis and advocacy, facilitating inclusive multi stakeholder processes and conflict transformation. He is involved in promoting people centered land governance at continental and regional levels having served as civil society African region member of the Governing Council of International Land Coalition and the Chairperson to the ILC Africa Steering Committee. He has led the establishment and convening of multi-stakeholder platforms like Land Sector Non State Actors (LSNSA), National Engagement Strategies (NES), Civil Societies’ Working Group on the Development of Community Land Law among others. Shadrack is the immediate former executive director of Resource Conflict Institute (RECONCILE).
ABDIWASA IDRIS JELLE | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

Abdiwasa started community mobilization way back in school days; working as a team with his fellow students and later on with larger community which lead him to join YALI RLC East Africa at Kenyatta University in Nairobi. When he attend in YALI Regional Leadership East Africa he was selected as Chairperson of YALI RLC East Africa Alumni Chapter of Somalia 2016-2017. Somalia, the horn of Africa, is one of the countries with beautiful beaches in Africa. However, since the over throw of President Siyad Bare in 1991 Somalia has been in internal conflict for more than two decades and currently there are needs for youth involvement in peace building more than ever before. The youth are used as tool of insecurity and destabilization i.e. through radicalization and tribal fights. In view of this, Abdiwasa has dedicated his efforts towards community engagement including youth empowerment as milestone in our intervention as Somali Youth Civic Organization (SYCO). To engage more with the communities in Somalia especially youths, he founded the Somali Youth Civic Organization (SYCO). The organization primarily deals with youth participation in governance and leadership, peace building, stabilization and protection of human rights through, Land, environmental issues educational programs. Through SYCO's interventions, over 1000 youth in Somalia have been impacted. Currently, Abdiwasa is executive director of SYCO. His work in his community is geared towards saving the youth from the effect of radicalization and extremism.

Abdiwasa was also selected to participate in the Mandal Washington Fellowship 2018, but unfortunately, when he was chosen to participate in the MWF, he was denied a visa. When he asked the US embassy, they told him that countries including Somalia were not allowed to get visas. Abdiwasa continues his work for his community, and in 2019 he was elected as the IGAD ICEPCVE Youth Coordinator for Somalia.

SINAFIKISH GEZAHEGN TILAHUN | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

Sinafikish Gezahegn Tilahun has a Masters degree in Land and Water Resources Management and has more than 7 years of working experience as a lecturer and department head in the area. She has a strong interest and passion Research and Project related works in environmental issues.
ABEBAW ABEBE | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

Abebaw Abebe is a land law expert who completed his LLB degree in law from Debre Markos University, his MSc in Real Property Law with great distinction from Bahir Dar University, and his MA in Governance and Regional Integration from Pan African University, University of Yaoundé II. He is working in the land governance sector for more than seven years as a land law expert and land administration team coordinator. He has been participating in the drafting of laws. He has been participating on different research projects: concerning mainly on land governance and women land rights. He is now working as a deputy coordinator for the World Bank funded program called Climate Action through Landscape Management for Land Administration (CALM-LA), which works on securing the land rights of landholders and operationalizing the National Rural Land Administration Information System (NRLAIS).

BEN AMOLLO | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

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KIJJAMBU JESSE MAURICE | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

Mr. Kijjambu Jesse Maurice is Development Practitioner working with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Kampala, Uganda. He’s also a Programme Assistant of the National Land Policy Implementation Secretariat in the Ministry with an experience of more than 5 years in the field of Land administration. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree with Honors in Development Studies from Uganda Christian University and is currently pursuing he’s MBA.

Jesse has a vast experience in land and land related matters, which he has been trained in and also acquired through practice as part of his work. He has a genuine and deep sense of inspiration about making the world a better place and he believes that true success comes from spending time with and listening to those he intends to serve and has been engaged in many activities at the Ministry geared towards this cause he’s passionate about.

Most notably, Jesse was part of the team that undertook research and the piloted the Gender Evaluation criteria that was meant to assess the National Gender Strategy on land in several districts of Uganda. The main objective of this study was to analyse the gender responsiveness of the existing implementation of Uganda’s National Land Policy; Documenting customs, rules and practices affecting women’s land rights on inheritance, succession, marriage, divorce and widowhood as a researcher in West Nile districts in Uganda which helped in identifying the existing gaps across many cultures and customs as well as identifying which groups had made progress in gender-inclusive cultures on land held under customary tenure and Undertaking community sensitization in Kabale and Adjumani district about the issuance of Certificates of Customary Ownership (CCOs) which helped in strengthening customary land administration systems under customary tenure in these districts. Jesse also supports the National Land Acquisition Secretariat in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. The Secretariat which is currently spearheading the development of the National Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy. The Policy will provide the framework with guidelines for timely, adequate and efficient action to address, minimize and mitigate adverse impacts, specifically those resulting from involuntary resettlement.
MARTIN LONGUN MOSES | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

Martin Longun Moses is an (LLB) holder and a masters of Laws (LLM) Candidate, School of Law, University of Juba, South Sudan, upon completion of my legal training, I have been practicing as an advocate and legal consultant (Lawyer), being a person engaged in community work since university, I co-founded a Human Rights Organization in 2018 known as “Nation Hopes” which was advocating for equal treatment for Orphan Children, Vulnerable Groups and other related human rights activities. In May 2019, I register the organization to be part of a coalition of Human Rights Organizations advocating for Human Rights in South Sudan, known as “ South Sudan Human Rights Defenders Network”, which is fully registered as an organization in South Sudan and conduct it functions in partnership with South Sudan Human Rights Commission, UN Organizations engaged in human rights in South Sudan, as well as other international human rights defenders networks from neighboring countries and across the globe. The network holds two quarterly meetings every year to; monitor, asses or evaluate human rights status in South Sudan and make a report each year. With regard to IGAD Youth and Land Governance project, I was a member of South Sudan Youth on Land Governance Project which was done in Djibouti in 2019, participated in the various topics presented such as Youth access to land, challenges and opportunities, economic empowerment, and developing the IGAD Youth and Land Governance Strategy.

JULIET INYANGALA TSUMA | ILC AFRICA

Juliet Inyangala Tsuma works for the International Land Coalition (ILC) Africa as a Communications and Administrative Officer. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Media Studies from Moi University. She has experience in public relations and news reporting, having worked for a public relations firm and Citizen Television, respectively. Juliet is a writer who has previously written for the Business Daily and now in her own website. She has a logical mind, a practical approach to problem solving, and the determination to see things through to completion.
SANTA JIMA JUSTIN ALI | IGAD YOUTH AND LAND PROGRAM

Santa Jima Justin Ali is Lecturer of Law at University of Juba, South Sudan, she holds bachelor of laws LL.B degrees from University of Juba, Law School and Master of laws LL.M from University of Dar es Salaam, Law School. Divinity with specializations in international Human Rights law, East Africa community laws and the European economic integration law. Currently she PhD candidate at University of Juba, writing on land area titled ‘To investigate Land Use Conflicts Between Farmers and Pastoralists in South Sudan: a case Study of Western Equatoria State’. She interested deeply in land issues and working as a member with East African Land Administration Network (EALAN), with support of EALAN she is Author for two comparative analysis books published by EALAN on land issues titled, Land Governance in eastern African and access to land for women in Eastern Africa. That consists of the 8 eastern African countries focusing on the books title. She also committee member of IGAD Land Youth that focusing on access to land for Youth in IGAD Region. She presented papers concerning land issues in South Sudan titled:

i. Impact of internal conflicts on agriculture and food security in South Sudan, presented at RCMRD conference in Nairobi –Kenya 2017,

ii. Conflicts over land use between farmers and pastoralists in South Sudan, Creating available property rights, present at RCMRD conference in Nairobi –Kenya 2018,

iii. The nature and causes of land conflicts in South Sudan, present at the Regional Dialogue – Land and Conflict in the IGAD Region 27 – 28 November, Khartoum Sudan 2018.

iv. Access to land for women in South Sudan; the challenges, presented at the institute of peace, development and security studies, university of Juba in collaboration with Justice Africa organization, Juba – South Sudan 2019.

SOPHIA NTHUKU | HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL

Sophia Nthuku is an emerging urban development specialist with keen interest in urban governance and environmentally conscious urbanism in the Global South. She currently serves as Programs Intern with Habitat for Humanity’s Africa Area Office and volunteers with Vijana Tupo Initiative, a youth-focused economic empowerment initiative, on a part time basis. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Nairobi, and is based in Nairobi, Kenya.
IMMACULATE OTIENO | RAPPORTEUR

Immaculate Otieno is an International Studies graduate, currently pursuing my Masters degree in Environmental Policy. She has notable research and administrative experience in the field of environmental policy, human rights, climate change, conflict management and resolutions. She has been involved in environmental research in various capacities having worked with IGAD Regional Forestry Policy Strategy where I worked on reports, reviewed, compiled and analyzed the forest policies and forest sector in all IGAD states.

Immaculate has also worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Committee for the Review of the Wildlife Review Policy for Kenya with the Center for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law and Policy.

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Eng. Marie Chantal Mukagasugi is working for the International Land Coalition as Program Officer for Africa. She holds a Masters degree in Geo-Information science and Earth Observation specialization in Land Administration from Twente University, the Netherlands as well as Bachelor's degree in Law from Kigali Independent University(ULK). She has more than 13 years working experience in the domain of land management & administration. Before joining ILC, she has been working for Rwanda Land Authority, whereby participated in the entire process of Systematic Land Registration, and supervised land demarcation and worked with local communities in different regions of the country in the process of determining, recording and disseminating information about ownership, value and use of land and its associated resources. Also she served in Land Administration Information System maintenance by applying land related laws and transferring the land to the new owners either by Voluntary sale or by court decisions. She provided advice regarding disputes and conflicts related to land rights. Many people got agreement on their land disputes in this way without filing the case in the Courts.

Her entrepreneurial traits make her enjoy working on her own initiative yet equally comfortable working in a team. Her work history has enhanced her keen sense of responsibility to work with a diverse range of people. She also enjoys motivating and building a successful and productive team, and thrive in a highly pressurized and challenging working environment.