



Programme Information

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| Title | Initiatives for Land, Lives and Peace |
| Acronym | ILLP |
| Short Description | ILLP seeks to deepen understanding of links between land degradation, migration and human security. ILLP's multidisciplinary team aims to create a shared understanding and vision for sustainable peace in the world's dry and degraded ecosystems by identifying and promoting practical, upstream interventions in land restoration and trust-building - 'land-peace partnerships'. |
| Type | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ILLP convenes international and regional Dialogues across environment, climate, development and peace / security disciplines. • The Dialogues are based on, and feed into, a growing research agenda, drawing together technical and results-oriented outputs from the perspectives of practitioners and policy-makers. • Dialogues have resulted in an influential network of experts exchanging examples of best-practice and mutual support on land restoration, governance and peace-building. • ILLP aims to introduce training programmes for a) mid-level professionals working on environment, climate, development and peace / security issues; and b) particular dryland areas and developed and delivered in partnership with the <i>diasporas</i> originating from those areas. |
| Frequency and Timing | The Caux Dialogue on Land and Security is an annual programme. Regional Dialogues and training programme take place between CDLSs although we aim to introduce a training programme at CDLS 2017. The Research programme is continuously developing. |
| Location(s) | Caux Dialogue on Land and Security takes place in Caux, Switzerland. A North Rift Dialogue on Land and Security was recently held in Baringo County, Kenya. Future events are scheduled for other dryland regions, including in northern Kenya, western Sahel and South Asia. |
| Active since | 2012 |
| Context | <p>Land-use forms the point of convergence for such priority items on the global agenda as water and agriculture, extreme poverty, climate change (both mitigation and adaptation), conflict and mass migration. Consequently land restoration and sustainable land management play a central role in food security, water security, economic growth through employment, and carbon sequestration. Land restoration can also play a central role in strengthening climate resilience in fragile states.</p> <p>Yet, the impact of combining land reclamation and peace-building in delivering long-term security is regularly underestimated as</p> |

environmental, development and peace interventions continue to operate in silos.

Aims and Objectives

ILLP seeks to break down these silos by connecting experts and practitioners across disciplines to create a shared understanding and vision for sustainable peace in the world's dry and degraded ecosystems. Since land restoration takes collaboration between individuals and communities, ILLP also aims to build the trust needed for effective collaboration on the ground and in 'land-peace partnerships'.

Process and Approach

The 4 day programme for Caux Dialogue on Land and Security offers a unique experience for participants by creating a safe space for intense technical discussions, as well as personal reflection and change. During the day, participants and speakers alike are invited to share experiences and knowledge openly and honestly through a host of thought-provoking panels and interactive workshops. Evening events include an Initiatives Fair during which participants can demonstrate their (images of) projects or wares at market style stalls. In addition, CDLS hosts an informal, inspiring 'fireside' conversation between international environmental leaders and young participants within the house. Previous CDLSs have also launched books and films during the course of the programme. Previous participants have included policy-makers, activists, researchers, business, and NGOs – all representing land, food, environment, peace/security, and migration disciplines.

Impact

The importance of land in addressing current global challenges has become increasingly recognized, including in the Sustainable Development Goals and at the Paris Climate Change summit (UNFCCC CoP21). The Caux Dialogues on Land and Security are recognized as part of the consciousness raising process leading to this.

To-date, ILLP has convened four international high-quality CDLSs. Each Dialogue has successfully convened a truly multidisciplinary community of participants: CDLS 2016 hosted speakers from **UNCCD, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Organisation for Migration, Green Cross International** and **Virgin Earth Challenge**, as well as practitioners from Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Tunisia and Australia. Previous speakers have included, a.o., Jamie Shea from **NATO**, Ian Johnson from **Club of Rome**, Neil Morisetti from **UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office**, Dr Ratan Lal – Professor of Soil Science and Director of the Carbon Management and Sequestration Centre at **Ohio State University**, Juan Gonzalez-Valero of **Syngenta**, Bianca Jagger from **Human Rights Foundation**, and Allan Savory from the **Savory Institute**.

The ILLP model travels abroad: Impressed by the ILLP approach during previous CDLSs, the Deputy Governors of Elgeyo Marakwet and Baringo Counties in Kenya made a request that a Dialogue on Land and Security be held in north west Kenya. Thus, the North Rift Dialogue on Land and Security was held in April 2016, in Kabarnet,

Baringo County, Kenya, hosting 120 participants over 3 days. In addition, following CDLS 2016, ILLP has also been invited to host a Dialogue in Western Sahel by participants from Burkina Faso and Nigeria.

Similarly, the enthusiasm and optimism from CDLS 2016 Fellowship Programme inspired Australian and Somalian Fellows to replicate the process domestically, scheduled to take place in September 2016. For them, as for many other individuals, the Dialogues on Land and Security, whether at Caux or elsewhere, result in new insights into their life purpose and calling.

ILLP has also produced an influential academic publication on land restoration and security, Chabay, I., Frick, M. and Helgeson, J. (2016) *Land Restoration: Reclaiming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future*, Elsevier. This large compilation of academic essays is a groundbreaking research outcome from previous Caux Dialogues on Land and Security. The book presents current scientific and practical approaches to land restoration, its relationship with security, and related topics, such as human security, development, and water and air pollution. It is available to purchase [here](#).

Land restoration also features in mainstream and alternative media following CDLS 2016:

- 20 July, 2016: *“Le village éthiopien qui ne craint plus la sécheresse: A Abreha We Atsbeha, dans le nord du pays, 5 000 paysans ont inventé un nouveau modèle agricole”*. The article was commissioned by a senior editor at **Le Monde**, after meeting Abo Hawi at CDLS 2016. This article was the most shared article of the day. Available here: http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2016/07/28/le-village-ethiopien-qui-ne-craint-plus-ni-la-secheresse-ni-l-exode_4975604_3212.html
- 04 August, 2016: *“Ecology program roots are spreading across the globe”* on *humanosphere* by Nikki Eller. Available here: <http://www.humanosphere.org/environment/2016/08/ecology-program-roots-are-spreading-across-the-globe/>.
- Adam Koniuszewski, Executive Director at Greencross International: *“Land and Security: Focus on Migration”*. Available here: <https://adamkoniuszewski.com/2016/07/25/land-and-security-focus-on-migration/>
- Steven Hinton, *“Impressions from Lands, Lives and Security conference Caux, 2016-07-03”*. Available here: <https://stephenhinton.org/2016/07/03/impressions-from-lands-lives-and-security-conference-caux-2016-07-03/>

Testimonials

- *“Over the last few years, Caux has brought together a very diverse group of people to address this issue from many different angles, and I am happy to say that we are making a lot of progress in terms of raising the issue of land up the*

agenda.” – Louise Baker, External Relations, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, UNCCD (a partner organisation of ILLP).

- *“Caux is an incubator for change... the Caux Dialogue has provided new lenses on a very old and perception-laden issue – land degradation”* – Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of UNCCD, 2007 to 2014.
- *“I have been drawing great energy from this, as we all have. I have met amazing people here, and this helps restore one’s faith in humanity”* – Guillaume Benoit, Water policy specialist at the French Ministry of Agriculture, speaking at the 2015 Caux Dialogue.
- *“At Caux, cross-fertilisation and exchanges do indeed take place”*, Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General, International Organisation for Migration.

Quote(s) from participants.

- *“Through ingenuity and cooperation we can still restore degraded lands and ecosystems.... The Caux Dialogue has become an important global platform to make this happen”* – Adam Koniuczewski, Executive Director at Green Cross International

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| Target Audience | ILLP invites all professionals - policymakers and practitioners - seeking to broaden the scope of solution sets employable within environment, climate, agriculture, development and peace / security spheres. We particularly emphasise diversity of participation, both ‘vertical’ – mixing top policy makers with grass-roots practitioners – and ‘horizontal’ – including participants from a variety of skills and disciplines, many of whom may rarely meet each other. |
| Funding | ILLP and its work are funded by grants and donations, and through the voluntary efforts of many in its growing network of participants and supporters. We have been grateful to receive support on one or more occasions from the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs, the German Association for International Cooperation, Bread For The World, Excellent Development, The Club of Rome and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. |
| Donate | ILLP intends to organize more dialogues and other events in dryland areas of the world. Much work has to be invested in these areas before public events, capable of attracting grant funding, can come about. If you would like to make a donation towards this pre-project work in dryland areas, it would be greatly appreciated and well used. |
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