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## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Yet again, we meet as stakeholders to take stock of the journey we committed to achieving women's land rights in Uganda. Key to note is that the journey has been driven by the urgency of a global rush for land and extracted resources and unprecedented urbanization, hastened by the growing impact of climate change and frequency of natural disasters and currently the COVID-19 pandemic. Women have been at the centre of human rights violations regarding their rights and access to land.

Women's equal rights to land and property are grounded in core international and regional human rights instruments that all stress the need to achieve equality in the enjoyment of land and property rights. Including the right to access, use, inherit, control, and own land. Furthermore, the global goals set by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognize women's land rights as an explicit cross-cutting catalyst to ending poverty (Goal 1); seeking to achieve food security and improved nutrition (Goal 2) and achieving gender equality and women's empowerment (Goal 5). Despite all these international support and commitments, women continue to be denied equal rights to access, use, inherit, control, and own land.

We are currently confronted by two biggest challenges of our generation: the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences, and the unfolding climate change crisis. In both, women are disproportionately affected. It is my humble appeal to all of us, that this conference, will provide an opportunity to rejuvenate our efforts in enhancing women's land rights for a better Uganda. Let this be a defining conference of our time, where we can witness the development of realistic and sustainable commitments that will propel us in a much stronger way to gender equality and will end the discrimination against women and girls.

It is in your hands. I wish us all a successful commemorative 3rd Women's Land Rights Conference 2021.

Thank you!

**Bernadette Bakkidde Nakimbugwe**  
**Chairperson, Organising Committee**  
**3rd Women Land Rights Conference 2021**

## BACKGROUND

Land is a form of wealth and basic resource for agriculture which is the backbone of Uganda's economy. According to the Uganda Bureau of Statistics: Agricultural Sector, Gender Statistics Profile (UBOS), agriculture employs about 69% of the population, of which over 50% are women (UBOS, 2012). However, there is a gender gap in land ownership, use and control. Women's land and property rights remain a challenge across the globe. In Africa, it is worsened by the social norms, beliefs and patriarchal attributes of land, legal attachment and recognition of land and property ownership rights.

In Uganda, agriculture is the main economic activity that contributes about 26% of the country's GDP and employs approximately 69% of the population, of which 50% are women (Ali, 2015). However, there is an agricultural productivity gap which is estimated to be at 10.3% (UBOS, 2012). Studies show that the gender productivity gap is partly due to gender gaps that exist in accessing and using agricultural inputs especially land (Hill and Vigneri, 2011). Land is a key resource in agricultural production and yet, according to UBOS (2013), women own only 28%. The World Bank Group: Women, Business, and the Law (WB), indicated that women's property rights are constrained by the legal system which is pluralistic in nature (WB, 2018).

In addition, several other barriers hinder the full realisation of women's land rights including a) limited awareness of women's rights which impedes implementation of women's statutory rights; b) exclusion or underrepresentation of women in land-related institutions; c) inadequate

access to justice for women due to inefficient land dispute resolution mechanisms. The study also indicated that the different sources of law are usually in conflict with each other, creating tensions that hurt women's land rights. Therefore, the removal of these constraints faced by women would work to end the gender gaps in agricultural production and promote women's land rights.

Despite Uganda's policy and legal regime relating to access, ownership and control land is adequate,<sup>1</sup> all these have not translated in an increment in women ownership, yet over 70% of women are engaged in Agriculture, less than 20% of them have control over their agricultural output and nationally only approximately 17% of the women own land mainly through purchase. The efforts have been marred by limited resource allocation, corruption, mismanagement of cases, land case backlog, cultures that are compounded with unequal power relations, among others. Women have remained discriminated against and often denied their land rights both ancestral, before marriage, in marriage and out of marriage. *"Some cultures still consider women as property to be inherited by men"* These have often made rural women and girls more inferior, vulnerable, and marginalised in both public and private spheres. This is coupled with ignorance of the law by women on their land/property rights and land governance often exhibited during land acquisition/registration and ownership of land. Often men have sold off land without their spousal consent and in other instances, women act as witnesses in the sale of their land with very minimal information on the implication of their actions to the future of land tenure security.

1 Article 26 of the 1995 Constitution of Uganda, the 1998 Land Act and the EAC countries provide for women's land rights.

For women to gain ground in land ownership, access and control, there must be gender transformation towards equality. The transformation that leads to sustainable engagements of women in the land governance process, the transformation that challenges the norms and traditions that have held women back in secondary positions as regards land ownership and this transformation must have been observed in ways governments legislate and deliver programmes for women's land rights.

### **International and Regional frameworks backing women's rights to Land**

#### **The National legal framework that protects women's land rights.**

Uganda boasts of a progressive legal and policy framework, with the **Constitution of the Republic of Uganda** (1995) which embodies far-reaching policy and legal reforms aimed at securing women's land rights, advancing gender equality and women's empowerment. Article 21 provides that all persons are equal before the law in all spheres of political, economic, social, and cultural life and every other aspect and shall enjoy equal protection of the law. Article 31 (1) of the Constitution entitles women and men to equal rights during and after marriage including the acquisition of property which may be land during the marriage. The **Land Act Cap 227** provides for mandatory representation of women on land tenure governance institutions. The **Uganda National Land Policy (2013)** has among its core principles, *"Equity and justice in access to land irrespective of gender, age, disability or any other reason created by history, tradition or custom."*

## WHY THE WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Women have always experienced enormous challenges when it comes to accessing credit in financial institutions because of the lack of collateral like land simply because they do not have land registered in their names. The 2016 National conference aimed at ensuring that by 2025, women attain 30% registered ownership and the members of the WLRM committed to implementing the 10 minimum demands geared towards the fulfilment of the 2025 agenda, therefore, the third Women's Land Rights Conference of 2021 will be a carry forward conversation to: **“TRACKING PROGRESS OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO LAND IN UGANDA 2016-2021 AND IMPLICATIONS TO NATIONAL SOCIAL ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION”** The planned virtual conference will be a time for self-assessment, how far we have come in this journey five years down the road, what has been achieved, what more can be done to ensure that the 30% is reached for the realisation of women's land rights and security of tenure, what recommitments need to be made, which champions do we need onboard moving forward.

Further, it will also help build consensus at the country level on requisite national level actions for better protection and advancement of women's rights to land that will result in an equitable and transformative change in the land sector. This will aid in the creation of a safe space for women of different social, economic and religious beliefs and backgrounds to dialogue with state and non-state land actors and find amicable solutions to local and national challenges they face with emphasis on their strategic and practical needs considering that women are not a homogenous group, concerns of intersections of women (including; married women, female household heads, widows, rural & urban women, illiterate, educated, the elderly, women with disabilities among others) must be put at the centre of the land debate.



## OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

### Objectives

1. To create a platform for discussion and sharing of their lived experiences between the grassroots women and the duty bearers, this will aim at generating new commitments towards the cause of security of tenure for women.
2. To evaluate the progress of the 10 minimum demands that organisations committed to fulfilling for the past 5 years towards the achievement of the 30% registered land in women's name.
3. Garner and generate commitments for the Women's Land Rights Agenda 2021.
4. Documentation of women's voices and best practices from the 5years implementation.
5. Laying strategies on how the WLRM will work for the next 5years.

### Expected Results

1. A strengthened multi-stakeholder Platform on gender equality on land established and functional.
2. A revamped and visible Women's Land Rights Movement inclusive of the ministry focal persons for collaboration to drive the agenda for the next 5 years.
3. A recommendation from the WLRM members on the women's land rights agenda.



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"Tracking progress of Women's rights to land in Uganda 2016 - 2021 and implications to national socio-economic transformation"

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## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTERS AND RESPONSIBLE PERSONS
<b>DAY ONE: PROGRESS IN WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS PROTECTION</b>		
10:30am - 10:45am	Login through the conference link (Participants joining the meeting) <i>IT support Team</i>	
10:45am - 11:05am	<b>Welcome remarks</b>	<p><b>PRESENTER: Bernadette Bakkidde Nakimbugwe   Chairperson Organizing Committee</b></p> <p>Bernadette Bakkidde Nakimbugwe is the Director Access to Justice at LANDnet Uganda. Bernadette's professional background spans over 18 years as a social justice advocate and development practitioner. She holds a Bachelor of Laws degree and post graduate diploma in project planning and Management and series of certificates in various fields related to law, gender, institutional governance and monitoring and evaluation. Bernadette has worked in several roles in civil society more specifically in the justice sector, where she has supported in Programme development, Research, policy advocacy, Training of national and community structures and development training materials.</p> <p>She has provided strategic leadership as a Board member and Honorary secretary at Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, the Land Justice Sub Committee (JLOS), Board Secretary of DIZA Social Enterprise, and a former board member of FIDA Uganda and Steering Committee member of Justice Centres Uganda.</p> 
11:05am - 11:10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening prayer</li> <li>• Anthems</li> </ul>	<p><b>Religious leaders</b></p> <p><b>All Participants</b></p>

11:10am - 11:50am	<p><b>Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p>Remarks from the Chairperson of the WLRM in Uganda</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Bernadette Bakkidde</i>  <b>Rapporteur:</b> <i>Lucy Imalingat</i></p>	<p><b>Esther Obaikol   Chairperson Women Land Rights Movement</b></p> <p>Ms. Esther Obaikol has 26 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.</p> 
	Remarks from Development partners (Trocaire)	

	<p><b>Remarks from Commissioner Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development</b></p>	<p><b>Angela Nakafeero   Commissioner MoGLSD - Uganda</b></p> <p>Angela Nakafeero serves as the Commissioner, Gender and Women Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development. She spearheads the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the National Gender Policy, Plans and Programmes, aimed at achieving Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.</p> <p>She is the Chair of the Covid 19 Sub-committee on Gender Based Violence and Violence Against Children in Uganda. She is Member of the International Advisory Group for the None in Three (NI3), a global research initiative of Huddersfield University with the UK Government on ending GBV through pro-social gaming.</p> <p>Angela served as a Gender Technical Advisor, Ministry of Education and Sports and spearheaded the development and implementation of the National Strategic Plan on elimination of Violence Against Children in Schools (VACiS), 2015-2020, development and operationalization of the Reporting, Tracking, Referral and Response guidelines on VACiS, the review of the gender in education policy and development of training manuals including the Journeys. She was key in designing and conducting ground - breaking research on gender based violence in learning institutions and utilization of findings and recommendations to inform education programs, projects and policies. She also served as the Programme Coordinator for the Parliamentary Gender Budget Programme (2011-2013); which contributed to the adoption of gender and equity responsive budgeting as a practice under the Public Finance Management Act (2015).</p> <p>She has served on several Committees/ Boards i.e the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative Global Advisory Committee (UNGEI GAC), Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE), Development Alternatives (DELTA) and Forum for African Women Educationalists - Uganda (FAWE-U).</p>
<p>11:50am - 12:00pm</p>	<p><b>WLRM video   Health Break</b> <i>IT Support Team</i></p>	





12:00pm - 12:20pm	<p><b>Keynote Speech:</b>  <i>Keynote highlighting the Women Land Rights Agenda, as a way forward and commitment by the different agencies to its fulfilment.</i></p>	<p><b>PRESENTER: Ms. Dorcas Okalany   Permanent Secretary Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development</b></p> <p>Ms. Okalany has spearheaded major reforms and implementation of Alternative Dispute Resolution and small claims procedures. She is currently spearheading the computerization of the land registry and decentralization of sector services through the Ministry Zonal Offices, among others. She actively participated in the drafting of the Local Government Laws and the establishment of the Local Council system in Uganda while working at the Ministry of Local Government.</p> 
12:20pm - 12:50pm	<p><b>Presentation on the Women Land Rights Movement (WLRM)</b></p> <p><b>Brief:</b>          What is the WLRM, who are the members, minimum demands, how have members contributed to the demands, achievements, challenges and way forward.</p>	<p><b>PRESENTER: Stella Rose Akutui   Coordinator WLRM</b></p> <p>Stella Rose Akutui is a Lawyer. She is currently working with LANDnet Uganda, building capacities of land management institutions and community champions to advocate for women's land rights. Currently she is coordinating the Women's Land Rights Coalition Movement in Uganda. Stella was one of the technical persons that saw the development of the National Women's Land Rights Agenda for Uganda 2021.</p> 
12:50pm - 1:20pm	<p><b>PLENARY DISCUSSIONS</b>  <b>Moderator: Bernadette Bakkidde</b>  <b>Rapporteur: Lucy Imalingat</b></p>	
1:20pm - 1:50pm	<p><b>(WLRM videos)   Lunch Break</b>  <b>IT Support Team</b></p>	

1:50pm – 2:50pm

## BREAK AWAY SESSIONS

BREAK AWAY  
SESSION  
1**Gender and Land Documentation****Brief:**

It is evident that land rights documentation goes a long way in offering perceived tenure security to the beneficiaries of the process. Land rights registration on the other hand focuses on the system structures that exist, with approved processes and procedures that in the long run offer actual tenure security to the landowners. It is important to note that the two steps are a linkage to each other as documentation provides a strong platform for adjudication, dispute resolution and boundary demarcation onto which a proper registration system can then be built. This session will thus focus on interrogating the existing legislative frameworks around land rights documentation and/or registration, the existing land documentation and/or registration practices and the existing and emerging challenges and opportunities to scale security of tenure initiatives especially for women and other vulnerable groups of people in Uganda. The session will further explore existing best practices, challenges and opportunities for engendering the land documentation and/or registration processes in ways that fulfill the constitutional human rights principles of equity, equality, participation and non – discrimination. The goal of the session is therefore to come up with key policy and practice recommendations for securing tenure for all through gender responsive and equitable land rights documentation and/or registration.

**Moderator: Frances Birungi****Rapporteur: Denise Kukundakwe****Topic 1: Existing legislative frameworks, practices, challenges and opportunities in engendering land documentation.****PRESENTER: Mr. Dennis Obbo | Principal Information Scientist, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development**

He is a trained information and social development worker trained in a number of courses and has carried out various assignments in information, gender and social development. He is currently pursuing a PhD candidate at Makerere University undertaking research on Gender and Information systems in the Natural Resources.



He has been involved in research and development of gender responsible indicators and M & E frameworks, gender audits and impact assessment studies on the status and conditions of women and men, boys and girls, pertaining to their livelihoods. He has carried out needs assessments on information for development in the environment and natural resources sectors, developed publications on gender and development, community mobilization and participatory rural appraisal programmes. He has also been involved in compiling bibliographies and research reviews on women and children.

**Topic 2: Women's land rights amidst customary land registration and documentation. Practices, threats and opportunities.****PRESENTER: Mr. Brian Makabayi | Lecturer Makerere University**

Brian Makabayi is a Registered Land Surveyor and lecturer at Makerere University in the Department of Geomatics and Land management. He has a working experience of over 10 years in land administration. He has participated in research for government and non-Government organizations to secure land rights for the urban and rural poor. Additionally, he has been trained and has trained in most fit for purpose tools piloted in the Uganda – Open Tenure, STDM and CRISP. He has further participated in land documentation using FFT approaches in 8 districts in the last 5 years. He has participated in securing land rights for occupants on Mailo land and the vulnerable on Customary land.



BREAK AWAY  
SESSION

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**Topic 3: Women's land rights amidst mailo land registration and documentation. Practices, threats and opportunities.**

**PRESENTER: Mr. Daniel Kirumira | GIZ Uganda**

Mr. Kirumira Daniel Kibuuka, is the National Expert on Land Tenure and Private Sector in charge of capacity development and investment on land matters under the Responsible Governance of Investments in Land (RGIL) project at GIZ. He holds an Msc in Land Governance and Land tenure from the Technische Universitaet Muenchen (TUM). He has over 13 years' experience in public/urban and land governance having worked in the land sector previously as a District Local Government Physical Planner from 2007-2016 and as a land governance practitioner since 2012.



**Topic 4: Land documentation and financial inclusion for women.**

**PRESENTER: Mrs. Beatrice Lugalambi | Centenary Bank**

Beatrice has 27 years of banking experience and is currently the General Manager, Corporate Communication and Marketing, Centenary Bank. She's has previously worked as; General Manager Business Development, Centenary Bank, Head of Multinational, Barclays Bank, Head of Corporate Banking, Bank of Africa, Head of Business Bank, Bank of Africa, Head of Personal Banking, Bank of Africa. She is Centenary Bank Representative for: For Global Banking Alliance for Women, Uganda Chamber of Mines And Petroleum, PSFU-Private Sector Foundation and Uganda Manufacturers Association (UMA).

Beatrice is a member of the Uganda Marketers' Association, the Future Female Leadership Alumni Association, a pioneer member of CEO Apprenticeship Alumni Association, a Member of the Public Relations Association of Uganda (PRAU), Executive Secretary – Uganda Martyrs Guild Development. She is also a mentor and coach for youth and women. Beatrice holds an MBA from ESAMI Business School. She is a Rotarian, with the Rotary Club of Muyenga.





## BREAK AWAY SESSION 2

### **Gender And Large-Scale Land Based Investments: Implications on women land rights in Uganda**

#### **Brief:**

Women are majorly affected by the largescale land-based investments because women are the primary users of land and provide 80% of agricultural labor force and are responsible for their household food security and welfare, hence have had a survival/ symbiotic relationship with land, therefore land acquisition makes them vulnerable to landlessness and destroy their source of livelihood.

The impact that largescale land-based investments has had on women land rights cannot be ignored. In situations of land acquisition for development, the crops women grow most such as tomatoes, greens, onions among others are not always considered in the compensation list and are normally destroyed without compensation. This puts the women at the risk of food insecurity. This situation is worsened by the fact that women have limited access to information and are less mobilized to engage during consultation and in most times their participation is often reduced to attendance other than voice their interest particularly during negotiations for compensation since men tend to claim ownership of the land. The absence of adequate legal framework to govern land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons in Uganda also poses myriad challenges to women land rights. The current Land Acquisition Act is of 1965 and has not been amended to suit contemporary needs of Ugandans, there is no policy on Land acquisition, Rehabilitation and resettlement except the draft that exist and has never been past, Land valuation bill is still lying before parliament. And lastly the country lacks a guideline on Free prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) which guideline could have aided community participation during land acquisition. All this leave the acquisition process more complex than it is.

**Moderator: Esther Kisembo**

**Rapporteur: Amanda Lisa Serwanga-Lwanga**

### **PANELIST 1: Abdunassar Olekwa | Principal Land Officer, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development**

Senior Principal Lands Policy Officer- Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development.



### **PANELIST 2: James Nkuubi**

James Nkuubi, a lawyer by training, a social justice activist by heart, practices human rights law and its intersectionality with peace, security and development. He is also a post-graduate researcher on militarization and the law at the Human Rights and Peace Center, Law School, Makerere University. James has previously undertaken research on land related matters in Uganda including serving a short spell at the Commission of Inquiry into Land Matters in Uganda where he was a senior researcher.



## BREAK AWAY SESSION 3

### *Land and Women's Economic Empowerment*

#### **Brief:**

The goal of the session is to identify the existing and emerging challenges in advancing women's economic rights and propose practical policy and practice recommendations that will advance women's land rights and accelerate women's economic rights.

The topics of discussion for the session will be;

- 1) Why is increasing women's access and ownership to land a very important aspect in addressing women economic empowerment?
- 2) How do we curb women's command over resources that is severely curtailed in many contexts through discriminatory legal and customary law provisions, some of which reinforce gender inequalities, as well as social norms and practices?
- 3) Discuss the current national legal framework and existing policies on land in relation to WEE?
- 4) What is the extent of the impact of women's unpaid care work on their economic empowerment?
- 5) What are the challenges women face to become economically empowered?
- 6) What initiatives or best practice have been introduced by government and CSOs to uplift the WEE agenda in Uganda?
- 7) What are some of the possible solutions or strategies to up lifting WEE in Uganda?

**Moderator: Mwagale Barbara**

**Rapporteur: Rita Nanyonga**

### **PANELIST 1: Winifred Masiko | National Programme Coordinator (NPC), Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development**

Winifred Masiko is the National Programme Coordinator of Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Programme a flagship programme of the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development.

She served as a member of Parliament of Uganda for 12 years. She holds a Master's degree in Social Sector Planning and Management from Makerere University and a Master of Science degree in Public Health from Uganda Christian University and several certificates in gender Studies. She is an advocate of gender equality and women empowerment. She has a lot of work experience on policy analysis, legislation and climate change.



### **PANELIST 2: Joyce Asekenye | Activist of women rights | Teso Karamoja women Initiative for Peace (TEKWIP)**

Joyce Asekenye is the Coordinator of Teso Karamoja Women Initiative for Peace (TEKWIP), a cultural leader and the chairperson of an interest group working on conflicts around borders - within Teso & other districts. She has more than 10 years' experience of work on land related issues and is a strong advocate of women rights.



## BREAK AWAY SESSION 3

### PANELIST 3: **Edton Babu Ndyabahika** | Project Manager - NPRP | CARE International Uganda.

Edton holds a Bachelor's degree in Social sciences from Makerere University (MUK), A post graduate Diploma (PDG) in Project Planning and Management, a Master's degree in Management studies (MMS) from Uganda Management Institute (UMI) and a Master's degree in Public health (MPH) from International Health Sciences University (IHSU). Edton is a dedicated team leader with over fifteen years of Professional experience in Community and Organizational Development, Women economic empowerment, Child Protection and Community-based care for vulnerable children Women and Youth.



Edton Has been involved in Management of multimillion, multi partner cooperative agreements and Contracts Funding for Women economic empowerment and Youth interventions. He has significant experience leading technical teams, supporting local partners and working closely with Government ensuring that program approaches are aligned with Ugandan national policies and Priorities. Edton has served in various technical and Managerial capacities. As Head of programmes for World Education Bantwana, he played a key role in guiding WEI Bantwana's program direction, strengthening and maintaining systems for Program operations managing an annual budget of \$3-5 million. As Project Director of the US Department of Labor (USDOL) funded Adolescent Youth Empowerment Development Initiative (AYEDI) he spearheaded the design and implementation of the various packages that empowered over 45000 adolescent girls and their households with relevant skills and livelihoods. Edton Currently works with CARE International as Project Manager for the GATES Funded National Policy program support (NPRPS).

2:50pm - 3:00pm

**WLRM video | Health Break**  
*IT Support Team*



3:00pm – 4:00pm

**Presentation:**

*Building a Customary Land Registry for Uganda: Prospects for Women's Land Rights.*

**Brief:**

Women's land and property rights remain a challenge across the globe. In Africa it is worsened by the social norms, beliefs and patriarchal attributes of land, legal attachment and recognition of land and property ownership rights. The inadequacy of the existing land administration infrastructure can be partly blamed for this. With majority of land in Uganda under customary tenure, it is natural that streamlining any matters on it has serious gender implications. This session will therefore explore how the proposed establishment of a land registry system to support the registration of land rights under customary tenure is likely to impact women's land rights in Uganda.

**Issues for Discussion**

1. Legal status of women's land rights in Uganda and key issues in the existing formal land registration system.
2. Importance of a land registry to overall land administration.
3. Opportunities and threats of the proposed Customary Land Registry for women's land rights.

**Moderator:** Dr. Doreen Kobusingye

**Rapporteur:** Lucy Imalingat

**PANELIST 1: Jonathan Ochom | Ag. Executive Director, LANDnet Uganda**

Jonathan Ochom is the Ag. Executive Director of LANDnet Uganda, one of the foremost land rights organizations in Uganda where he provides overall technical and administrative leadership. For close to a decade, he has been behind some of the leading interventions that have shaped the land sector in Uganda through community mobilization and empowerment, legal aid, capacity building, research as well as legal and policy reform.

Jonathan appreciates the centrality of land in human development and sees his role as a catalyst in making that a reality. This has seen him hold various land-related portfolios at Oxfam International, the Democratic Governance Facility and Uganda Land Alliance where he worked with multiple stakeholders from the grassroots to the global arena.

He is an Advocate with an LLM in Human Rights Law, LLB and several post-graduate qualifications.

**PANELIST 2: Dr. Abby Sebina Zziwa | Private Consultant**

Abby Sebina-Zziwa is a private Consultant on Land, Gender and Property Rights following a 25-year research career at Makerere Institute of Social Research - Makerere University. Ms Zziwa has vast experience in interdisciplinary Research and has led several research projects on gender land rights at both national and regional levels including: Women in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in Uganda: Challenges and opportunities for empowerment Access to Land and Land-based Resources among women in Pastoralist and Forest-dwelling communities in East Africa (2005-2007) The International Development Research Council [IDRC] and the International Land Coalition (ILC) Research Program on Securing Women's Land Rights: Linking Research and Action (2007- 2010) and many more.

Currently, Dr. Zziwa consults with the Ministry of Lands and she chairs the Technical Committee on Systematic Land Adjudication and Certification. Her dynamism in land issues began with PhD research at the University of Copenhagen-Denmark.



**PANELIST 3: Sarah Kulata Basangwa | Land Tenure Legal Expert**

Sarah is a married, energetic female Uganda lawyer, with over 30 years' experience in land Management and Conveyancing matters. She was born in 1961 to Reverend Wilson and Ruth Kulata of Jinja District, in Eastern Uganda. She has experience in land matters following experience attained after working with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development for over 31 years. In particular she has a lot of interest in issues pertaining to good land tenure as a means to economic development. She has an appreciation of gender and human rights discourse, particularly relating to women and other vulnerable groups, in relation to land.

Sarah's has researched and published a paper on Gender and Land Law Reform in Mukono District in Uganda in fulfillment of a Masters Award in Law. Sarah also actively participated in the legal reforms in the land sector and in sensitization of the populace regarding implementation of the reforms.



4:00pm – 4:30pm

**PLENARY DISCUSSIONS****Moderator: Dr. Doreen Kobusingye****Rapporteur: Lucy Imalingat**

4:30pm – 5:00pm

**Closing session**

- *Emerging issues from the various sessions.*

**PRESENTER: Jimmy Ochom | Land Rights Coordinator, Oxfam**

Jimmy is an Environmental Human Rights Lawyer, a specialist in land policy and Natural Resources Conflict Management, he is also currently the Land Rights Lead at Oxfam in Uganda, and supports Oxfam Global team on advocacy work on Land rights, Food Security, and Climate Justice. He is an Expert on the Political Economy of Land Governance in Africa. He has worked as the Programs Manager at the Uganda Land Alliance. He has been progressively working for and with several organizations that look at improving access to Justice through litigation and ADR. He has managed several research programs on Land Access and Conflict in Uganda.

He managed research on The Role of Women's Land Rights Advocates in partnership with the University of Essex, UK, and the Robert Bosch Foundation. Jimmy has served for the government of Uganda as the Chief Mediator (Land) during the Commission of Inquiry into Land Matters in 2019.



TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTERS AND RESPONSIBLE PERSONS
<b>DAY TWO: MOVEMENT BUILDING: LAYING STRATEGIES FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS. STRENGTHENING THE WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS MOVEMENT</b>		
10:30am - 10:45am	Login through the conference link (Participants joining the meeting) <i>IT Support team</i>	
10:45am - 11:00am	Opening prayer and Recap of Day one	<p><b>PRESENTER: Freda Laura Orochi   Food Rights Alliance</b></p> <p>Freda is a human rights and development activist who is passionate about human development, peace and social justice issues. She is currently working under the land and food security project at Food Rights Alliance that supports the promotion of an efficient, equitable and optimal utilization and management of land for food security and improved livelihood. Under this portfolio Freda is responsible for ensuring the implementation and reporting of all the activities under the land and food security project.</p> <p>Freda holds a Bachelor's Degree in Development Studies and has a wealth of experience in working on land related issues both at the grass root and national level. Freda is inspired by the mantra that hunger and malnutrition can be eliminated by addressing the challenges facing land sector in Uganda and this is what drives her advocacy work.</p> 
11:00pm - 12:00pm	<p><b>Panel discussion: WLRs through a Legal and Policy eye: Lessons for the WLRM</b></p> <p><b>Brief:</b> Access to land rights by women is a fundamental part in ensuring adequate standard of living and is made provision for in the Constitution of Uganda and other legislations. Land conflicts are rampant and they hinder women from enjoying their land access, user and ownership rights. In the quest for justice women report land disputes to the formal and informal justice systems, however women encounter different challenges in both systems. Some of...</p>	<p><b>PANELIST 1: Hon. Lady Justice Olive Kazaarwe Mukwaya</b></p> <p>She was appointed a Judge of the High Court of Uganda in February 2018. She is attached to the Land Division in Kampala, where she was deployed in early 2020 after her two-year service as Judge of the Family Division.</p> <p>Justice Kazaarwe Mukwaya is a career Judicial Officer who started her 22-year-uninterrupted professional experience as a Legal Associate with Ruyondo &amp; Co Advocates in 1999. She joined the Judiciary as a Magistrate Grade One where she was posted to Mubende (2000-2001). In 2002, she was transferred to Buganda Road Court where she rose to the rank of Senior Magistrate Grade One in 2005.</p> 



...the challenges faced by women in the course of seeking for land justice which limit their enjoyment of land rights include: Corruption in both formal and informal justice systems; customary norms on inheritance support transmission of land to men; delays in adjudication of land cases; lengthy and complex procedures of accessing justice in the formal justice systems; patriarchy/male dominance in traditional justice institutions and Local Council Courts; high costs involved which some women cannot afford; and the Covid 19 pandemic has also limited access to courts of law and other institutions that handle land cases during the lock down and slowed down land dispute resolution throughout the pandemic period.

The session will focus on the following key areas:

- A reflection on the existing Legal and Policy framework promoting Women's Land Rights. Women and inheritance focusing on some proposals within the Succession (Amendment) Bill 2018, The gaps that exist, opportunities and trends that we need to take note of for the laws to be effective.
- How the Courts of Judicature have been instrumental in ensuring access to land justice by women in a bid to secure their land rights. The facilitator will share experience on the effectiveness of the adversarial justice system and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in promoting women land rights. The session will also highlight the barriers women encounter in navigating the formal courts systems and propose recommendations for addressing the barriers.
- The role of traditional institutions in enhancing women land and justice rights. The session will also highlight challenges, gaps and opportunities for effective service delivery by traditional structures

**Moderator:** *Barbra Babweetera*

**Rapporteur:** *Denise Kukundakwe*

#### **PANELIST 2: Dr. Diana Harriet Musoke**

Dr. Harriet Diana Musoke holds an SJD from Emory University, USA; an LLM (with Distinction) from Georgetown University, USA; a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre, Kampala and an LLB (with Honours) from Makerere University, Kampala. She was awarded the rank of Senior Counsel in March 2019.

She is a practicing advocate of the Courts of Judicature of Uganda since 1985 when she was enrolled. Currently Dr. Musoke is a Senior Lecturer at the Islamic University in Uganda. Apart from the lecturing in educational institutions, Dr. Musoke has also carried out trainings for various organizations including LandNet, FIDA (U), Law Development Centre, Uganda Law Society and the Uganda Medical Association among others. She was part of the team with LandNet to prepare the amendments to the Succession Bill including training of Members of Parliament.

Dr. Musoke was President Uganda Law Society between 1998 and 2000. She was also once the Chairperson of FIDA(U) and Secretary FIDA(U). She was a Commissioner, Uganda Law Reform Commission and also a Board Member Uganda Registration Services Bureau among other posts she has held during her career.

Dr. Musoke's research interests are in family law, women rights, children rights, reproductive health and sexual health rights and international human rights law and practice. She has published widely in her areas of interest.



#### **PANELIST 3: Mr. Bob Opio Oketch | AG Alur Kingdom.**

A multidisciplinary specialist with cosmopolitan outlook and diverse work experience supported by elaborate formal education but active in the fields of Culture, Social Justice, Law and Human Rights with particular interest in women & children's rights and promotion of valuable cultural rights and conservation of the environment.



12:00pm - 12:40pm

**Presentation:***The Case for Community led approaches***Moderator:** Jimmy Ochom**Rapporteur:** Amanda Lisa Serwanga-Lwanga**PRESENTER: Moses Onen | Representative of the WLRM**

Mr. Onen Moses is an accomplished Social Scientist who has engaged extensively in Advocacy in the fields of Human Rights, Participatory Governance and Accountability, Sustainable Livelihoods, and Policy. With his higher-level qualification attained in the discipline of Human Rights, he has engaged in several Research work, design and implementation of Land Rights, Women and Youth Empowerment Programmes with a number of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) both at the grass roots and national levels.

He has engaged in various national campaigns on Land Rights, Governance and Accountability. Moses is currently in charge of Land Rights at Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Uganda.

**Presentation: Women's access to land rights in post conflict communities; a socio-economic dilemma****Brief:**

Although there has been a sharp increase in the gender and land literature in the past decade, there remains very little literature in the nexus with conflict situations. Issues around women's access to land continue to be the nodal element of discourse on land rights, showing that women are much more prone to being victims of land and property crimes especially in post conflict communities. Although numerous legal frameworks like the Constitution and the Land Act continue to protect women's land rights, in practice there are operational obstacles to realize these notions as seen from findings in ASF's recent study *"Access to land and transitional justice in northern Uganda, and to specifically explore the returnees and displaced person's justice paths in claiming land rights"*. The study was conducted in the districts of Nwoya, Amuru, Kiryandongo, and the city of Gulu.

**Moderator:** Jimmy Ochom**Rapporteur:** Amanda Lisa Serwanga-Lwanga**PRESENTER: Doreen Musasizi | Transitional Justice Project, Avocats Sans Frontieres (ASF)**

Doreen Musasizi is currently the Transitional Justice Project Officer at Avocats Sans Frontieres, an international organization that works to ensure access to justice and defend the rights of citizens. She brings on board a wealth of experience on women's rights in post conflict settings as well as women's participation in Governance and leadership.



12:40pm - 1:00pm	<b>Joint WLRM video   Health Break</b> <b>IT Support Team</b>	
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<p><b>Keynote address:</b>  <i>"How do we leverage on the existing platforms and expertise to build a strong, vibrant but self-sustaining WLRM?"</i></p> <p><b>Brief:</b>  'Movement Building and WLRs in Uganda: Insights into the Future' Traces the past and the present context of movement building for WLRs but also sheds light on the future. What are the dynamics likely to influence movement building in the next 5 years? How does the WLRM in Uganda prepare for that?</p> <p><b>Moderator: Rebecca Apio</b>  <b>Rapporteur: Lucy Imalingat</b></p>	<p><b>PANELIST 1: Rita Aciro   Executive Director, UWONET</b></p> <p>Ms Rita Hope Aciro- Lakor is a social development worker and practitioner with over 20 years' experience in the Civil Society (NGO sector).</p> <p>She is currently the Executive Director of Uganda Women's Network (UWONET) the leading National Women's Rights Network in Uganda. Rita holds a Masters in Science (MSC) Governance and Leadership from Jomo Kenyatta University - Nairobi Kenya, BA Democracy and development Studies and ABA Development Studies both from Uganda Martyrs University-Uganda and training in Business, finance and Accounting including other professional learning programmes.</p> <p>Ms. Aciro has expertise in organizational leadership, policy analysis and research, programmes design and implementation, monitoring, evaluation and results-based management, institution governance as a core for the leadership in the sector. Ms Aciro has extensively worked with and for Girls and women in politics, leadership and decision making, women's land rights, women at the margins, women in peace building, rights and access to justice, economic rights and justice for women, civic and voter education and election observation, women's sexual and reproductive rights including Gender Based Violence and Violence Against women, social movement building and activism and organisational development.</p> <p>Ms. Aciro is an Alumna of the League of women Voters USA and Akina Mama wa Afrika young women leaders, Alumna of the EASSI young woman's Programme, member and leader to Women's Organizations and coalition, FOWODE, ACFODE, Women for Uganda Activist group, Uganda Feminist Forum and seats on different committees and Boards in the civil society arena, government and development partners.</p> <p>Ms. Aciro has written and presented on a number of topics on women and gender, leadership, social development and movement building.</p> <p>Recently Ms. Aciro won the 2021 EU Human Rights Defenders award in recognition for her outstanding contribution for advocacy, promotion and protection of human rights in the past year.</p>





**PANELIST 2: Hilda Penlope Akabwai**

Hilda Akabwai is a Lawyer whose 19 years of service in the Civil Society have been devoted to advocacy towards access to justice for indigent persons, particularly the women and children and with a special focus on land justice. She has experience in policy advocacy work and has rendered services in different capacities including as a volunteer, full time employee and in private consultancy and continues to be an ardent advocate for the land and natural resource rights of women and girls. She is also adept in conflict resolution and peace building and an enthusiast of the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms in resolving conflict.

Hilda is an alumna of the Landesa Rural Development Institute's Women Land Rights (WLRs) Visiting Professionals Programme (VPP). Her latest interest have been on influencing and shaping community perspectives on WLRs among the Pastoral and Agro-Pastoral communities, indigenous/ethnic minorities and communities in distress from conflict through research engagements and developing resource materials targeted at edifying WLR community infrastructure.



**PANELIST 3: Scovia Arinaitwe**

Arinaitwe Scovia is an activist with over eight years of experience in movement-building, organizing, human rights and advocacy to her work. Her passion for movements started way back as student activist at the university as early as 2006. She then started working in in local communities, encouraging different people to become champions of leadership in their communities while working at Forum for Democratic change. She later worked at Solidarity Uganda, a movement building organization where she served in different capacities; as director, rapid response coordinator as a trainer mobilizing communities to hold their leaders accountable but also to be in charge of their own communities.

During this period, she has worked with various movements and has been trained as a coach. She joined Rhize team of coaches, and it is from this work at Rhize and Solidarity Uganda that inspired her to zero down her work on movement building towards women. Rhizing Women therefore comes in to inspire, incubate and strengthen the Women's movement.

*There are a number of women movements around Africa that have led their countries through transformation, And so why not, let's do it!*



2:00pm – 2:30pm	<p><b>PLENARY DISCUSSIONS</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Rebecca Apio  <b>Rapporteur:</b> Lucy Imalingat</p>	
2:30pm – 3:00pm	<p><b>WLRM video   Lunch Break</b>  <b>IT Support Team</b></p>	
3:00pm – 3:40pm	<p><b>Presentation:</b>  <i>Regional approach to women's land rights.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Jimmy Ochom  <b>Rapporteur:</b> Denise Kukundakwe</p>	<p><b>PRESENTER:</b> <b>Joselyn Bigirwa</b>   IGAD Gender Expert</p> <p>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.</p> 
3:40pm – 4:00pm	<p><b>Moving Forward:</b>  <i>Presentation on the Emerging issues, recommendations and Minimum demands for the next 5 years</i></p>	<p><b>PRESENTER:</b> <b>Stella Rose Akutui</b>   Coordinator WLRM</p> <p>Stella Rose Akutui is a Lawyer. She is currently working with LANDnet Uganda, building capacities of land management institutions and community champions to advocate for women's land rights. Currently she is coordinating the Women's Land Rights Coalition Movement in Uganda. Stella was one of the technical persons that saw the development of the National Women's Land Rights Agenda for Uganda 2021.</p> 

4:00pm – 4:45pm

**Closing remarks****Moderator:** *Bernadette Bakkidde***Rapporteur:** *Amanda Lisa Serwanga-Lwanga***PRESENTERS:**

- CHAIRPERSON WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS MOVEMENT- UGANDA
- MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT


**Naome Kabanda | Director Land Management – MoLHUD**

Ms. Kabanda is a land lawyer working as the Acting Director Land Management with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Kampala, Uganda, with an experience of more than 17 years in the field of land law, Land administration and Registration, Policy development and women's land rights. She was very instrumental in the development of Uganda's National Land Policy (2013); spearheaded the development of the gender strategy on land for implementing Uganda's National Land Policy (2019) which is under implementation with strategies to implement women's land rights.

She now heads the National Land Policy Implementation Secretariat and reforms on land acquisition and resettlement.





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4:45pm - 5:00pm	<p><b>Theatre for development and closure</b></p> <p><i>IT Support team</i></p>	

## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



**Stella Rose Akutui | LANDnet**

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**Bernadette Bakkidde | LANDnet**

Bernadette Bakkidde Nakimbugwe is the Director Access to Justice at LANDnet Uganda. Bernadette's professional background spans over 18 years as a social justice advocate and development practitioner. She holds a Bachelor of Laws degree and post graduate diploma in project planning and Management and series of certificates in various fields related to law, gender, institutional governance and monitoring and evaluation. Bernadette has worked in several roles in civil society more specifically in in the justice sector, where she has supported in Programme development, Research, policy advocacy, Training of national and community structures and development training materials. She has provided strategic leadership as a Board member and Honorary secretary at Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, the Land Justice Sub Committee (JLOS), Board Secretary of DIZA Social Enterprise, and a former board member of FIDA Uganda and Steering Committee member of Justice Centres Uganda.



**Freda Laura Orochi | Food Rights Alliance**

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### **Elizabeth Kemigisha | FIDA - Uganda**

Elizabeth is a feminist lawyer with interest and expertise in human rights law, feminist theory and project management. She has a keen interest in social, economic and political inclusion of young people and women in development of different societies

She currently works with FIDA-Uganda where she manages the women economic justice programme and the advocacy work of the institution. Her work focuses on addressing barriers to women involvement in economic activities; using feminist tools of analysis to examine and understand systemic injustices and their manifestations and, interrogating the intersection of economic exploitation and gender oppression. She hopes that the work she does in the institution will contribute towards challenging and dismantling structural inequalities and building economic policies and practices that are pro poor. In the past she has coordinated initiatives towards combating trafficking and commercial exploitation of children and women in Uganda and the East African region.



### **Dhatemwa Agnes | FIDA - Uganda**

Agnes is a female Christian Ugandan with a Bachelor of Laws degree from Uganda Christian University-Mukono and a Master's degree in Public Administration and Management from Uganda Management Institute (UMI).

Over the years, she has acquired a diverse range of skills, including but not limited to: Project planning and management, proposal writing, monitoring and evaluation, public speaking, advocacy, financial management, budgeting, documentation as well as report writing. She is a visionary, with the ability to create and adapt to new ideas and approaches in order to improve service delivery to communities in Uganda. She is up taking on challenges as well as learning from others as they learn from her.

As an individual, Agnes demonstrates the willingness to work with others towards shared goals that are consistent with the organization's objectives, thus facilitating an environment of team work and mutual trust.





### **Mary Harriet Lamunu Owori | UWOPA**

Mary Harriet Lamunu Owori is the Executive Director, Uganda Women Parliamentary Association (UWOPA) married with two children. She has a MA Human Rights MUK, Bachelor of Development Studies MUK. Human Rights Activist and policy analyst with over 10 years' experience in gender legislative, budget and policy advocacy and influencing at national level. During the 10th Parliament, three gender Bills were passed; Succession Amendment Bill 2018, Employment Amendment Bill 2019 and the Sexual Offences Bill. Over the years Mary has advocated for the implementation of the gender laws, like the Domestic Violence Act 2010, Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act 2009, Female Genital Mutilation Act 2010 and the Public Finance and Management Act 2015. She has worked with networks, coalitions, handled coordination, mentorship and capacity building for women in political and decision making processes in Uganda. Ms. Mary has over the years gained skills in high level lobbying and mobilization for support of members of Parliament, Ministers, government technocrats, Civil Society Organization, media and Development partners in strategic government agencies on policies and legislative advancement.



### **Susan Achen | UWONET**

Susan Achen is a lawyer, arbitrator and a women rights activist. Susan is the current Programme Lead of Women's Rights and Access to Justice at Uganda Women's Network (UWONET). Her trajectory to being an ardent advocate for women's rights and gender equality was set 12 years ago when she worked as a young legal aid lawyer. This is when her grounding and longstanding interest in women's rights, legal aid, land and social justice was formed.

Her docket at UWONET mostly entails designing and implementing programmes on legal and policy advocacy for gender equality and access to justice interventions. Susan is an advocate of the High Court of Uganda. She has previously worked at Amref Health Africa, Platform for Labour Action (PLA) and Uganda Network for Law, Ethics and Integrity (UGANET).



### **Jordana Wamboga | UCOBAC**

Jordana Wamboga is a lawyer by profession and she is passionate about promoting human rights and gender justice. Currently she works as the Project Officer – Women's Land and Property Rights at Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children's Welfare (UCOBAC). In this role she advocates for the rights of vulnerable women and girls' by promoting gender equality. She was also part of the technical team that contributed towards the development of the National Women's Land Rights Agenda for Uganda (2021-2025).



### **Jimmy Ochom | Oxfam**

Jimmy is an Environmental Human Rights Lawyer, a specialist in land policy and Natural Resources Conflict Management, he is also currently the Land Rights Lead at Oxfam in Uganda, and supports Oxfam Global team on advocacy work on Land rights, Food Security, and Climate Justice. He is an Expert on the Political Economy of Land Governance in Africa. He has worked as the Programs Manager at the Uganda Land Alliance. He has been progressively working for and with several organizations that look at improving access to Justice through litigation and ADR. He has managed several research programs on Land Access and Conflict in Uganda. He managed research on The Role of Women's Land Rights Advocates in partnership with the University of Essex, UK, and the Robert Bosch Foundation. Jimmy has served for the government of Uganda as the Chief Mediator (Land) during the Commission of Inquiry into Land Matters in 2019.



### **Lillian Achola | LANDnet Uganda**

Ms. Lillian Achola is Programme Officer Land tenure at LANDnet Uganda, heading the Rural Land development department. She holds a bachelor's degree in Laws and a post graduate diploma in law. Has eleven years' wide experience in Land governance and women land rights advocacy both at National and grass root level. Lillian has been involved in extensive research on land rights to inform policy development, building the capacity of communities, local leaders, land Administration structures, policy makers and was at the fore front of formation of the first communal land associations in Uganda, a project that won the International LAND Coalition Land for Life Award 2015 as a best practice project globally.



### **Judith Atukunda | LANDnet Uganda**

Judith is surveyor/geomatics engineer at LANDnet Uganda, supporting research in various aspects of land governance including customary land administration and Large-Scale Land Based Investments. She has deep passion for youth involvement and leadership and is part of the committee steering the development and implementation of IGAD Youth and Land Governance Strategy 2019 – 2024.

## MODERATORS



**Mary Frances Birungi - Odong | UCOBAC**

Mary Frances Birungi - Odong is the Executive Director for Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children's welfare (UCOBAC), an NGO in Uganda whose mission is to promote human rights and improve welfare of women and children using community-based initiatives.

Frances is a feminist and passionate gender, human rights and development specialist with over 18 years professional experience in designing, implementing and evaluating programs to accelerate progress towards attaining gender justice through promoting women and girls' Land and Property Rights, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights, ending Gender Based Violence, strengthening women's climate change adaptation and resilience and promoting women's leadership.

Frances works with grassroots communities to organise, mobilize resources, develop community development practices and transform public policies and practices at local, national, regional and global levels through research and publication, program design, implementation and evaluation, strategic partnerships and networks, policy analysis and advocacy.



**Onen Moses | PELUM Uganda**

Mr. Onen Moses is an accomplished Social Scientist who has engaged extensively in Advocacy in the fields of Human Rights, Participatory Governance and Accountability, Sustainable Livelihoods, and Policy. With his higher-level qualification attained in the discipline of Human Rights, he has engaged in several Research work, design and implementation of Land Rights, Women and Youth Empowerment Programmes with a number of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) both at the grass roots and national levels. He has engaged in various national campaigns on Land Rights, Governance and Accountability. Moses is currently in charge of Land Rights at participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Uganda.



**Esther Kisembo | ActionAid**

Esther is a Gender and Women Rights expert, an advocate by profession with experience working around land policy and Natural Resources Management and has also worked on women social and economic justice in communities. She currently coordinates a global project called Fair Green and Global at ActionAid Uganda whose focus is on enhancing state and corporate accountability in Uganda. She is part of the committee that has organized the Women land Rights Movement conference the year 2021 and she was part of the members that developed the women land rights agenda 2021.





### **Rebecca Apio | Land Justice Network**

Ms. Rebecca Apio is the Executive Director of Land Justice Network, an Advocate of the High Court and other Courts Subordinate thereto. She has a vast knowledge and experience in Land Rights, Human Rights and Advocacy skills. She is committed to deepening and supporting learning processes and development initiatives including advocacy through community led actions, interventions and policy oriented responses. She has a vast experience on advocacy on women land rights having conducted several campaigns at national and grassroots levels. She takes pride in providing quality services to the vulnerable more so the grassroots communities.



### **Barbara Mwagale | Entrepreneur**

Barbara Mwagale is a life coach in Financial Literacy, a self-made Entrepreneur from an early age and an advocate for gender sensitive value chain in Agriculture and based in Uganda. She is not only a co-founder of Kango Micro Finance Ltd and Pure Clean Company Ltd but she has got a five-year experience in financial lending institutions and 7 years' experience in cleaning services. She holds a diploma in Human Resource Management, a Bachelors in Business Administration and a post graduate diploma in Financial Management. Right now she coordinates and manages women and youths dominated farmer groups in Eastern Uganda and empowers them with knowledge and skills in Financial literacy and modern agriculture practice, market linkages, Value addition/Agro processing and also through third parties like government, she lobbies for the groups support in terms of seedlings, fertilizers and financial support.



### **Barbra Babweteera Mutambi | Cross-Cultural Foundation**

Barbra is a lawyer by training. She is a human rights activist and has special interests in women and children's rights. She is also a cultural enthusiast who believes that culture has and must have space for women and children. She has over 15 years experience working with civil society organisations to tackle marginalisation and social exclusion using multi-pronged approaches including human rights and a culture in development approach. She is also an alumni in facilitating organisational learning and development



### **Dr. Doreen Kobusingye | NES Uganda**

Dr. Doreen Nancy Kobusingye was born in Bushenyi district in Uganda. In 2005 she received her bachelor's degree in Development Studies from Makerere University, in 2011 her Master's degree in Development Studies from Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda and in 2018 her Ph.D, from Wageningen University, the Netherlands, her Ph.D. Thesis is titled 'Land in Post-Conflict Situations: War, Decentralization, Land Governance and State Formation in Northern Uganda'. From 2011 to 2018 Doreen researched and published on post-conflict land governance in Uganda. She is currently working as a Facilitator- National Engagement Strategy (NES) Uganda. NES Uganda is a multi-stakeholder platform with over 30 member organizations. It brings together various local and international organizations working on land and natural resource governance in the country. In 2019 she worked as a postdoctoral researcher on a project called Grounded Legitimacy which was coordinated by Radboud University, the Netherlands. She has lectured at universities (Mbarara University and Uganda Christian University) in Uganda and conducted a number of researches as a consultant for example in 2013 she conducted a research on securing women's land rights in northern Uganda (West Nile, Acholi, Lango, Teso and Karamoja regions) commissioned by Oxfam. Some of her publications include; Kobusingye, N. Doreen. 2018. "African Youths; the Forgotten Category in land governance. A Case study of Post-conflict Acholi Region, Northern Uganda." Journal of Geoforum, Kobusingye, N. Doreen, Van Leeuwen, Mathijs and Van Dijk, Han. 2017. "The Multifaceted Relationship between Land and Violent Conflict: The Case of Apaa Evictions in Amuru District, Northern Uganda." Journal of Modern African Studies and Kobusingye, N. Doreen, Van Leeuwen, Mathijs and Van Dijk, Han. 2016. "Where Do I Report My Land Dispute? The Impact of Institutional Proliferation on Land Governance in Post-conflict Northern Uganda." Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law.



### **Ms. Masaba Rose Mary | Sign Language Interpreter**

Rose Mary Masaba is professional special needs teacher. She holds a Bachelors degree in Special Needs Education. She is a teacher at Mulago School the Deaf and a Special Needs coordinator at EmbraceKulture, a center for young adults with intellectual disability where they are empowered in different skills. Rose is also an interpreter with UNEB during final exams for all levels.

## RAPPORTEURS



### **Ritah Nannyonga | ActionAid Uganda**

Ritah Nanyonga is women economic empowerment technical officer at ActionAid Uganda, very passionate about women rights with simple mission of helping women and girls discover their hidden potential. She has working experience of 7 years in development work, holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management from Uganda Technology and Management University and a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Makerere University.



### **Amanda Lisa Serwanga-Lwanga**

Amanda Lisa Serwanga-Lwanga is a Ugandan Lawyer currently working at Equity bank Uganda. She is a zealous member of the team and her areas of practice include; Corporate law & transactions, Intellectual Property law, Employment law and land transactions. Amanda is an African Feminist who is dedicated to raising consciousness to shift power back to the people and dismantle institutionalized injustices. She not only has experience in legal private practice, but also the human rights sector. She has worked with organizations such as: UN Women, Akinna mama wa Afrika and Action Aid international Uganda on several projects geared towards promotion and enforcement of human rights. Lisa is passionate about women's rights and believes that agitating for women's humanity, agency and autonomy is a deeply political act that involves confronting patriarchal structures head on.



### **Lucy Imalingat**

Lucy Imalingat holds a bachelors degree in Mass Communication and currently pursuing a Master of Research and Public Policy at Uganda Martyrs University. For over 8 years, Lucy has been in program support, planning, implementation and general reporting. She has held different management and oversight roles such as leading diverse teams and forging effective partnerships for better service delivery. Lucy is a public speaker, seasoned report writer, researcher, entrepreneur, marketeers, trainer, mobilizer and excellent in coordination, sensitization, communication and dissemination of information, a role she has played in different capacities in both local and international organizations including the UN.



### **Denise Kukundakwe**

Denise Kukundakwe is a lawyer by training and is currently pursuing a diploma in legal practice. She has experience in rapporteuring and is passionate about social justice and community engagement.



## ABOUT THE WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS MOVEMENT

The WLRM was reinstated and revived during the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Bearing in mind that women are the major contributors to the social and economic survival and wellbeing of households and communities. Although women are the majority producers of the food we feed on (approximately 80% of agricultural producers), patriarchal norms have bestowed power over land to men and women have a subordinate position which prevents them from enjoying their land rights and participating in land reforms, particularly at a decision-making level.

In addition to the above facts, due to social, cultural, religious norms and stereotypes, women remain overburdened with work; have less time and mobility; have less access to and control over productive resources and therefore less access to and control over the benefits of productive activity (household and personal); have less access to education and training and hence fewer economic options; women have less experience, self-confidence and credibility in public-sphere activity and lack political power. All these inhibit their participation in land governance processes and therefore cannot benefit equitably with men.

To be able to deal with the above issues that inhibit the full enjoyment and realisation of women's land rights, members agreed to set out 10 minimum demands that each of them would contribute to fulfilling in their various organisations for a period of 5 years (2016-2021) which include;

1. In full compliance with national, regional, and international aspirations of women 's rights instruments, every land administration decision and action must fully involve women themselves as the rights holders regardless of her birth, age, tribe, social origin/affiliation, religion, marital status, fortune, and political or other opinions.
2. Uphold and implement fully the provisions of the CEDAW and the Protocol to the African Demands on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of women in Africa, that enshrine the right to equal access to, ownership and control of land, livelihood, and acceptable living conditions; Agenda 2030; the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests as well as the AU Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa.
3. Fully implement Article 26 and 33 of the 1995 Constitution of Uganda which upholds and protect rights to own property and land.
4. Ensure good and gender-sensitive land governance including clear instruments for documentation of women's rights to land across all tenure types.
5. Improve access to justice for women and provide universal legal aid for women to seek redress for any violations of their land rights.
6. Outlaw bad customary and written laws and practices that negatively affect women's tenure security; Institute formal and cultural deterrent mechanisms against individuals, groups or associations of persons, companies or institutions that evict, dispossess, or disinherit women of their land.

7. Respect, protect and enforce the right of every woman in Uganda to hold and use land free of fear and violence, for their economic empowerment.
8. Regulate businesses and investments so they are accountable for respecting human rights, environmental, social, and labour standards; review public policies that fuel land grabs and replace them with policies that prioritize sustainable land use considering the unique needs of women and other small-scale food producers; and ensure the free, prior & informed consent of all communities affected by land-based investments inclusive of extractives.
9. Generate the status of land governance in Uganda using gender indicators to provide evidence and gendered information on land ownership that will be used to close the gender gap in landholding.
10. Target women with incentives for land allocation, utilization as well as facilitate land transactions and funding to promote equal opportunities.



## MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN LAND RIGHTS MOVEMENT



**LANDnet** is a Value Network Comprising A Range Of Stakeholders Acting Together With The Aim Of Having A Significant Effect On Development Outcomes From Land Governance Initiatives. Between The Different Stakeholders, Different Forms of Formal and In-Formal Relationships Are Emerging That Will Broaden the Scope and Reach of LANDnet Beyond Uganda's Borders.



**UCOBAC** envisions empowered communities free of poverty and able to exercise their human rights and fundamental freedoms. The association aims to improve the welfare of women and children using community-based initiatives. The Association's objectives are to identify and define vulnerable women and children, their needs and priority programs; to advocate for women and children's rights; and to enable the local communities to acquire and sustain their capacity to plan, obtain and manage resources which will improve the welfare of the communities.

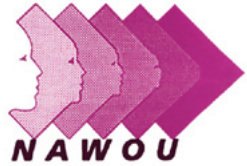


**FIDA**, the Uganda Association of Women Lawyers formed in 1974, FIDA-Uganda has an established track record of promoting and defending human rights, with a focus on the rights of women with children as beneficiaries of this work. As a feminist organization, FIDA-Uganda uses multiple strategies aimed at advancing law and policy reform for the protection of women including advocacy, public interest litigation and various forms of public engagement.



**Food Rights Alliance** promotes the realization of the right to food in Uganda through Advocacy, Knowledge Management and Capacity Development. Food Rights Alliance is a non-profit that advocates for the right and access to food in central, west and eastern Uganda. We are proud to deliver a lasting change in Uganda's poorest Communities. Food Rights Alliance works countrywide to promote the realization of the right to food in Uganda through strengthening sustainable farming systems and improving food and nutrition Justice.





**The National Association of Women's Organizations in Uganda (NAWOU)**, registered as A Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) in 1993, is an umbrella organisation of women founded and women led organisations. Its membership category are District networks, which are clusters of women's Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Faith Based Organisations (FBOs) and NGOs, national NGOs, nationally registered FBOs and women's professional bodies. The mission of NAWOU is to promote the growth of a strong women's movement in Uganda that advocates for the rights of women and enhance their social-cultural, economic and political status.



**CESCRA** is a registered regional non-profit organization, founded in 2010 to contribute to the realization of Economic Social Cultural Rights (ESCRs) of marginalized communities and group of people especially women, girls and youth. The organization harmonizes the international and regional human rights laws with national reforms and strategies to address women's lack of land, housing, inheritance and property rights, the problem of female and youth unemployment, improved working environment within the informal sector, decision making processes of marginalized communities and making their voices heard within the formulation of national policies.



**Uganda Parliamentary Women's Association (UWOPA)** is a Parliament Caucus comprising of all women members of parliament but open to male members as associates or honorary members. This Association was established during the 5th parliament of Uganda (1989-1994) with the aim of engendering the legislative process, creating awareness campaigns and encouraging lobbying and advocacy, networking, exchange programmes, training and institutional and organizational capacity building.

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**PELUM** Association is a regional network of over 220 civil society organizations in 12 countries in East, Central and Southern Africa working in the area of participatory ecological land use management. The Association works to improve the livelihoods of small-scale farmers and the sustainability of farming communities, by fostering ecological land use management. Country chapters include Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Botswana, South Africa, Swaziland and Ethiopia.



**Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)** Uganda is a Non-Governmental Organization that works to promote pro development trade, fiscal and related policies for sustained equitable development and improved livelihoods in Uganda and the East African Community region. Through raising awareness, public interest litigation, building stakeholders' capacity and joint advocacy, we stimulate dialogue between stakeholders and government and promote indigenous alternatives for improved livelihoods and sustainable development.



**The Legal Aid Service Providers' Network in Uganda (LASPNET)** was subsequently conceived in early 2001 as a loose coalition to steer involvement of the private sector players in addressing the issues directly affecting the poor and their access to justice. The mandate of LASPNET is to strengthen coordination and networking of LASPs, harmonization and standardization of legal aid service provision by the different service providers, lobbying and advocacy to facilitate a favorable legal and policy environment.



**ESAFF** Uganda is a small-scale farmer-led advocacy movement formed to facilitate processes through which small scale farmers' development concerns can be solicited, articulated and ultimately addressed through policies and programs. ESAFF Uganda focuses on advancing economic empowerment, agroecology and food sovereignty. ESAFF Uganda is currently having a membership of 1359 farmer groups with 48210 individual small-scale farmers of which 64 per cent are women in 54 districts (under the administration of 30 historical districts' forums).



**Uganda Women's Network (UWONET)** is an advocacy organization that exists to coordinate collective action among women's rights and gender equality stakeholders for the attainment of gender equality and equity in Uganda. Uganda Women's Network derives her strength from the diversity of expertise and experience of her membership. The network was founded by nine members but has grown to be composed of 20 Women's Rights Organizations and nine individual activists.



**The Uganda Land Alliance (ULA)** is a consortium of more than 60 national and international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and individuals aimed at ensuring the equitable distribution of land and the subsequent reduction of poverty in Uganda. The alliance's objective is to enhance access, control and ownership of land by poor and marginalised men, women and children, through the promotion of fair policies and laws for the protection of land rights. The alliance envisions an Ugandan society where there is equitable access and control over land, and where the poor women, men and children actively participate to eradicate poverty.



**Coalition of Pastoralist Civil Society Organisations (COPACSO)** was established in 2005 as a coalition of civil society organizations with interest in pastoralism issues working across the cattle corridor in Uganda. COPACSO was formed to provide a platform for these organizations to engage in policy formulation and advocacy for recognition of pastoralism as a way of life and the right of pastoralists to benefit from local and national resources. IWGIA has collaborated with COPACSO by e.g., supporting indigenous peoples from Tanzania to participate in seminars arranged by COPACSO.



**WHRDN-U** was founded in 2017 by over 52 women defenders (organizations individuals) directly engaged in women's rights, oil and extractives, land rights, environmental justice, youth rights, gender based violence, disability rights, media, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights all over Uganda. Connected by their commitment and passion to human rights, many shared there long lived struggles, challenges and risk emanating from the human rights work they are doing in the various sub regions of Uganda which include; Acholi, Albertine, Lango, Karamoja, Busoga, Teso, Ankole, Central Buganda, West Nile, Bugisu and Rwenzori sub regions.





**Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET)** is a non-governmental organisation initiated in May 2000 by several women's organisations in Uganda to develop the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) among women as tools to share information and address issues collectively.



**The Justice Law and Order Sector** is a sector wide approach adopted by Government of Uganda bringing together 18 institutions with closely linked mandates of administering justice and maintaining law and order as well as the promotion and protection of human rights. The Sector focuses on a holistic approach to improving access to and administration of justice through a sector wide approach to planning, budgeting, programme implementation, monitoring and evaluation.



**The Land Justice Network** commonly abbreviated as **LJN** is a non - government civil society organisation working on land related matters with the aim of ensuring land tenure security for all. The Land Justice Network was established in 2018 as a company limited by guarantee. Its mission is to provide a benchmark through which practical solutions to the realization of tenure security can be achieved through efficient, equitable and sustainable legal processes.



**Teso - Karamoja Women's Initiative for Peace (TEKWIP)** was registered as a legal entity in 2005 with an objective of enhancing women and children at both house and Community level. TEKWIP is an organization embracing women in Teso and Karamoja with a view of enhancing their capacity to actively contribute to peace building and development. It is a fully registered Non Governmental Organisation operating in the districts of Kumi, Bukedea, Katakwi, Soroti, Amuria, Abim, Kaabong, Kotido, Nakapiripirit, Moroto, Napak and Amudat in Uganda.



### **Women and Girl Child Development Association**

**(WEGCDA)** is a registered non-profit making, non-governmental, non-politically affiliated Indigenous organization that was started in 2008 and registered in December 2009 with the NGO Board. WEGCDA seeks to address issues that have long been adversely deterring women and girls' involvement in the development process. The impediments to women and girl child involvement to the development process have been broken to range from social, economic, cultural as well as political sphere that comprise of elements that include but not limited to domestic violence and abuse, poverty, unemployment, high illiteracy rates, early marriages and lack of awareness.



### **Tieng Adhola Cultural Institution**



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development** is responsible for providing policy direction, national standards and coordination of all matters concerning lands, housing and urban development. We are responsible for putting in place policies and initiating laws that ensure sustainable land management promote sustainable housing for all and foster orderly Urban Development in the country.



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**Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development** is a Government Ministry with a responsibility to empower communities in diverse areas. The Ministry promotes cultural growth, skills development and labour productivity while promoting gender equality, labour administration, social protection and transformation of communities.



**UN Women** is the United Nations entity dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide. UN Women supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality, and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programmes and services needed to ensure that the standards are effectively implemented and truly benefit women and girls worldwide. It works globally to make the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals a reality for women and girls and stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life.



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## ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WLRM

### UCOBAC



***Securing Land Tenure for Improved Food Security in Select Areas in Uganda - (Butaleja) completed.*** Pader - <https://youtu.be/NHkT5mr91l4>

### **Women's Land and Property Rights/ Social Norms Transformation**

In 2016, three non-government organizations namely UCOBAC, Pastoral Women's Council (PWC) in Tanzania and Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network (KELIN) worked in partnership to explore solutions on how inequitable social norms about Women's Land Rights can be changed. They came up with a curriculum-based intervention designed to change peer norms about women's land rights among men and women in the local communities. This is through the Securing Your Family's Future Course for men and women. **(Refer to the photos and link for Video clip).** SYFF - <https://youtu.be/ICdIYeLGSek>

### NAWOU



Joyce Adit and Chrisanto Odaga, residents of Zombo Paidha Sub County had been married for over 10 years, and among the assets the family acquired was land for coffee planting which was Chrisanto's full responsibility. Such was the normal which didn't draw Joyce's attention because culturally, women do not have stake in land. Little did she know that the situation paused vulnerability to her and their children, should her husband pass away without her lead on the land.

In 2019, Joyce and Chrisanto took part in a gender training for couples organized by NAWOU and Okoro Coffee Growers Association with support from We Effect. Couples received information that unlike the cultural perspective of men being sole managers of productive resources, it was a non-negotiable right for women too to own, inherit land from parents, pass on land to their children including girls, take part and make decisions in anyland related transaction, have their names appear on the land transaction documents, for joint or individual modalities.

With such wealth of information, Joyce dialogued with Chrisanto about how she could have stake in the coffee plantation to which the husband assented, right from including her in the land documents to managing the plantation and its proceeds. "I am proud to say that my husband and I now make decisions on the land as a couple and my husband is confident that with or without him, I can responsibly take charge of the land for the benefit of our family without interference by relatives; something I am training my children as well," Joyce shared.



## LANDnet UGANDA

## FEMALE AND MALE CHAMPIONS

*“My name is Alio Margaret, a resident of Aguroi village, Kaberamaido parish, Kaberamaido sub county Kaberamaido district. My brothers came to me and requested me to help them with 2 bulls in exchange of land equivalent of 4 acres worth 2 million shillings, each acre at 500,000 shillings.*

*When I went for my business, I came back I found that fraudulently my brother Egetu Selestino connived with other clan members and sold my land again to another person. When I attended Awareness Session organized by LANDnet Uganda male champion volunteer, Elilu Brian, I got advice and approached their office located at Magistrate court where my brothers were called for a mediation of which they understood and accepted to compensate me 1.5 million shillings and I bought 3 acres of land.*

*They also helped me in identifying another land of I resettled to with my children where am now happily staying with my children therefore I appreciate LANDnet Uganda for coming to Kaberamaido to help vulnerable, poor and voiceless women in Kaberamaido may God bless them and UN WOMEN.”*



*Esongu Etadu Julius (on the left) LANDnet male champion Kaberamaido together with the Ilalo Doreen (widow in the story) with the staff of Legal Aid project of Uganda Law Society Kaberamaido clinic after the final Letters of Administration was granted to Ilalo Doreen as a sole Administrator.*

Community sensitization by male champions of LANDnet Kaberamaido district has immensely contributed to and resulted to change and reduction in the number of cases of offences resulting from mismanagement and wasting away of the deceased's estate, gender-based violence which may have resulted from the question of marriages, divorce which is connected to property rights. A case in point is a case reported to one of the male champions of LANDnet by Ilalo Doreen who is a widow and Administrator of the estate of her late husband Enayo Simon Cylas. Ecir Simon a co-administrator sneaked and proceeded to the DFCU bank Dokolo Branch without the consent of the widow (co-administrator) to open an estate account with the intention of withdrawing all the money denying the widow her rights.



## WOMEN LAND RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN PICTURES



The CSOs Committee-PELUM Uganda, Mercy Corps, KDF, ECO, LANDnet, LASPNET, ActionAid, DADO, ULA, ActionAid, CIDI, FIDA, UCLF, Justice Centres, COPACSO, ESAFF, FHRI.

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## OUR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS



**The National Engagement strategy in Uganda (NES Uganda)** brings together various local and international organizations, private sector, and research institutions working on land and natural resource governance in the country. The platform is hosted by Land and Equity Movement Uganda (LEMU) and coordinated by a steering committee. This strategy was developed by platform members to guide championing of land reforms in the country. The strategy seeks to strengthen a multi-stakeholder platform for engagements in championing laws and policy formulation and implementation that promote people-centred land governance.



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**ILC** is a global alliance of civil society and intergovernmental organizations working together to put people at the center of land governance. The shared goal of ILC's over 250 members is to realize land governance for and with people at the country level, responding to the needs and protecting the rights of women, men and communities who live on and from the land.



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The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation organizes political education, disseminates knowledge about social relationships in a globalized, unjust and unpeaceful world; is a place of critical analysis of contemporary capitalism; is a centre of programmatic discussion about contemporary democratic socialism, a socialist think tank of politically oriented alternatives; is a forum in the Federal Republic of Germany and internationally for a dialogue between left-wing socialist forces, social movements and organizations, left-wing intellectuals and non-governmental organizations; promotes young intellectuals by means of study or doctoral grants; gives impulses for self-determined social political activity and supports the commitment for peace and international understanding, for social justice and solidarity with one another.



**We Effect** (formerly Swedish Cooperative Centre) founded in 1958 works in more than 20 countries in Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa in partnership with national based Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and cooperative alliances to enable women, men and young people improve their livelihoods, defend their rights and contribute to a just society.

We Effect applies a human rights-based approach in its international development cooperation programmes, among partner organizations and their existing and potential membership in thematic areas of; sustainable rural development (farmers), adequate housing, financial inclusion, environment and climate change, gender equality and land rights advocacy. We Effect's emphasis is to assist people living in poverty, women, men and young people to secure the same rights and entitlements, to own, control and access productive resources, adequate living conditions and broad empowerment.



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**The Spotlight Initiative** is a global, multi-year partnership between the European Union and the United Nations to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. Launched in 2017 with a seed funding commitment of €500 million from the European Union, the Initiative represents an unprecedented global effort to invest in gender equality and women's empowerment as a precondition and driver for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. We are demonstrating that a significant, concerted and comprehensive investment in gender equality and ending violence can make a transformative difference in the lives of women and girls.

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**Avocats Sans Frontières (ASF)** is an international NGO specializing in the defense of human rights and support for justice. ASF has field offices in Burundi, Chad, Central African Republic, Indonesia, Morocco, Central African Republic, DRC, Tunisia and Uganda with over 25 years of experience in delivering legal aid worldwide. ASF is implementing a four year (2017-2021) project that "Contributes to Sustainable Development Goals through Access to Justice" with the support of the Belgian Development Cooperation (DGD).



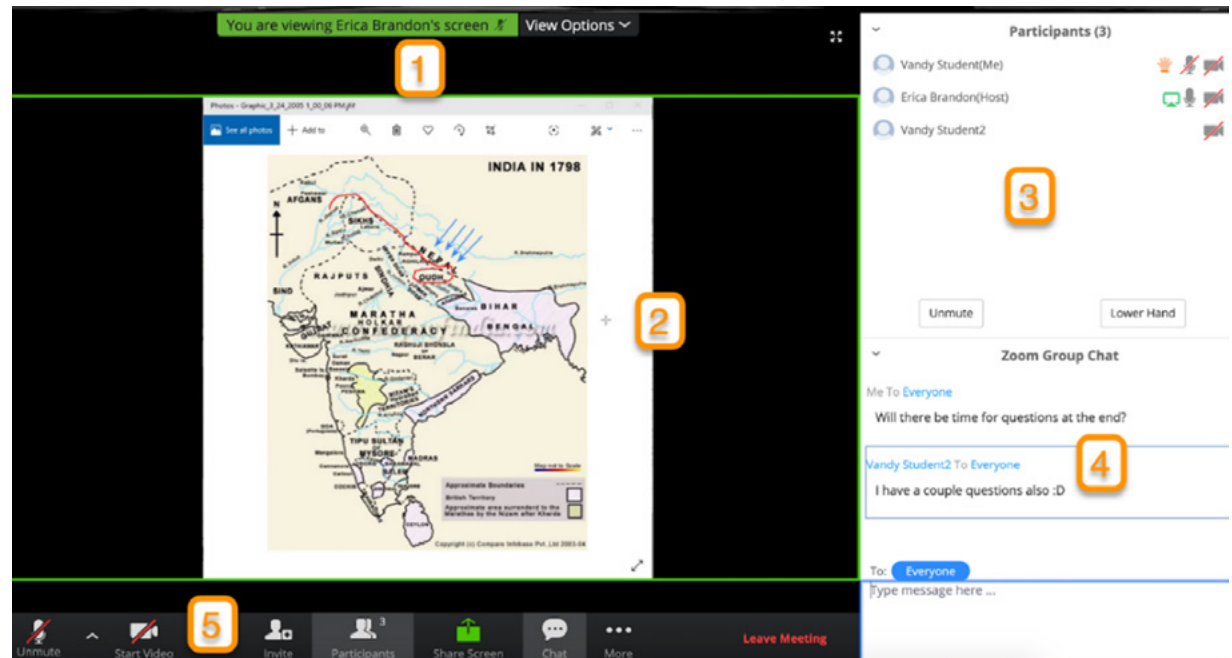
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## CONFERENCE PLATFORM

The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Women's Land Rights Conference 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:

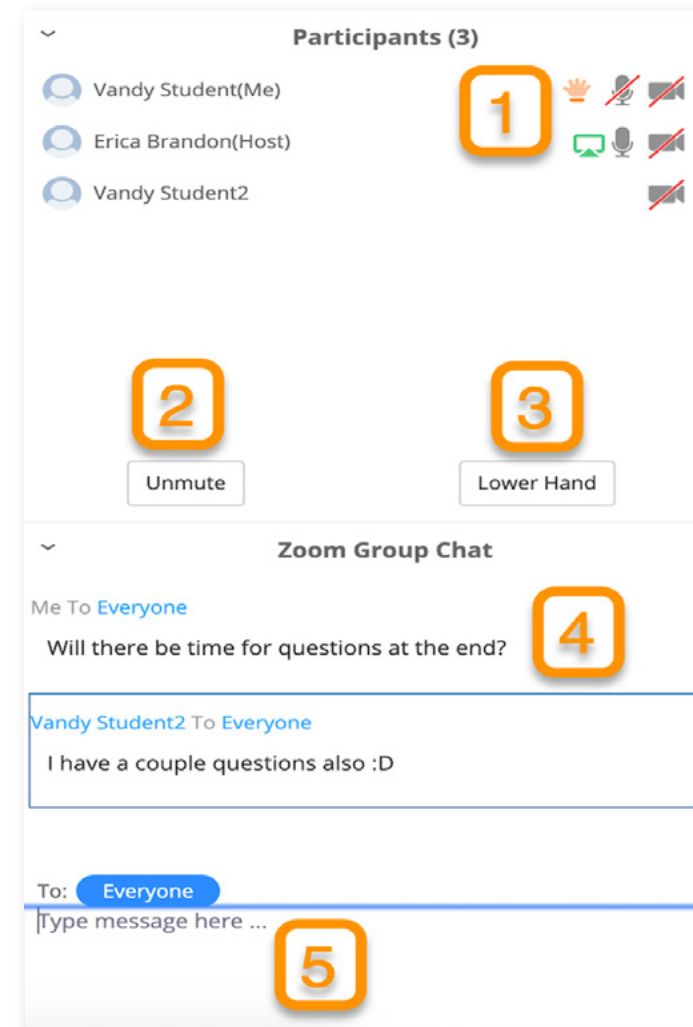
- **Mute/unmute microphone** – *Note: It's a good idea to keep your mic muted unless you are purposely talking to the class.*
- **Start/stop video** -You should not need video unless your instructor asks for it.
- **Invite** more participants – Only do this if you've been directed to do so.
- **Reveal 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.

1. 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.
2. Mute/Unmute your microphone
3. Raise/Lower your hand to get the host’s attention.
4. Chat panel scrolling chat log
5. Chat field for entering chat.



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