



# YOUTH INITIATIVE FOR LAND IN AFRICA

## YILAA Workshop Participation Report (KENYA)

### **REPORT: Participation of YILAA Kenya in the Land Sector Multi-Stakeholder Meeting**

**Date:** 29th May 2025

**Time:** 09:00 AM – 04:00 PM

**Venue:** Jacaranda Hotel, Westlands, Nairobi

**Organizers:** Landesa and Kenya Land Alliance (KLA)

### **1. Introduction**

Youth Initiative for Land in Africa (YILAA) – Kenya chapter, represented by Charles Mwendwa, participated in a one-day land sector multi-stakeholder meeting organized by **Landesa** in partnership with the **Kenya Land Alliance**. The objective of the meeting was to map out collaborative actions and strategic plans for the year 2025 under the Ardhi Caucus.

### **2. Meeting Objectives**

The primary purpose of the meeting was to bring together key stakeholders in the land sector to:

- Review progress under the Ardhi Caucus thematic areas.
- Identify emerging land governance priorities for 2025.
- Strengthen partnerships and joint planning.
- Promote coordination and accountability among actors in the land sector.

### **3. Thematic Areas Discussed**

The meeting focused on the five thematic areas of the Ardhi Caucus, namely:

1. **Protection, Recognition and Promotion of Communally-held Land.**
2. **Tenure Security for Smallholder Farmers.**
3. **Access to Land Justice for Women, Men, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).**

#### 4. Women's Land Rights.

#### 5. Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.

Each theme was discussed in breakout sessions, allowing participants to share experiences, identify gaps, and propose strategic actions for 2025.

#### 4. Key Outcomes and Contributions by YILAA Kenya

- **Youth Engagement:** YILAA Kenya emphasized the need to increase youth representation in land governance processes and policy dialogues.
- **Climate Action:** The organization highlighted its current youth-led climate initiatives in counties such as Bungoma, linking land restoration with livelihood opportunities for young people.
- **Policy Advocacy:** YILAA expressed interest in supporting research and grassroots mobilization around communal land rights and tenure security.
- **Collaboration:** YILAA committed to working closely with fellow stakeholders under the Ardhi Caucus to champion inclusive and equitable land governance.

#### 5. Next Steps and Recommendations

- YILAA Kenya will follow up with Landesa and KLA to integrate youth perspectives in the national land action plans for 2025.
- The organization will participate in upcoming Ardhi Caucus working group meetings.
- YILAA will mobilize its county-based networks to align grassroots advocacy with the thematic focus areas.

#### 6. Conclusion

YILAA Kenya appreciates the invitation to be part of this crucial convening and remains committed to contributing to inclusive land governance and youth empowerment in Kenya. The meeting offered a valuable platform for alignment, learning, and collaboration with various actors in the sector.

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