

## Driving institutions:

- Institute for Rural Development in South America (IPDRS)
- Inter-Church Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO Cooperation) – Holland



## National and Regional Partners

- Fundación Tierra – Bolivia [Land Foundation]
- Agrosolidaria – Colombia [AgroSolidarity]
- Sistema de la Investigación de la Problemática Agraria del Ecuador (SIPAE) – Ecuador [Research System of Agrarian Problems of Ecuador]
- Base Investigaciones Sociales (BASE IS) – Paraguay [Social Research Base]
- Centro Peruano de Estudios Sociales (CEPES) – Perú [Peruvian Center for Social Studies]
- Centro Andino de Acción Popular (CAAP) – Ecuador [Andean Center for Popular Action]
- Comisión Pro-Indio de Sao Paulo – Brazil [Pro-Indian Commission of Sao Paulo]

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**REGIONAL MOVEMENT  
FOR THE LAND**  
from resistance to prominence





## ¿What is the Regional Movement for the Land?

It is an ambitious program in terms of temporality and territorial scope; an articulation initiative, stable and open to institutions, organizations and people. The program aims to show a live approach of the problem of land and territory in South America.

It is a movement since it seeks the confluence of existing initiatives and the emergence of other new ones. It is not restricted, but rather it seeks to articulate a set of local initiatives from the 12 countries of the region in order to consolidate a network of actors for promotion, advocacy and regional debate.

## Purposes

- Put into practice a set of initiatives allowing to show the governments, rural population, political actors and others a live approach of the problem of land and territory in the region: occupation processes, land titling and access to land, restoration and provision of land, so far in the 21st century.
- Contribute, from a different and complementary perspective, to the regional and world movement, as well as to debate and current concern for rural life, natural resources and food security facing the expansion of the large rural estate, the enterprise and capitalism in the agricultural sector.

- Enrich, from an attachment and return to land approach, the demands and productive practices, in addition to propose social debate and seek alternatives and answers in terms of governments and society as a whole.
- Generate public opinion regarding the existence of a new movement for the right, access and return to land.

## Who can be part of the Regional Movement for the Land?

Institutions, organizations, individuals –men and women- activists, indigenous peasants, social leaders, the youth, indigenous leaders, academicians, among others; those interested in working on the issue of land and territory in the 12 countries in South America.

## How will we do this?

- By articulating in three temporary phases by country throughout five years, 2014 to 2019, and later through other accompaniment, motivation and mobilization actions.
- Systematizing 1,000 cases recovering successful experiences of restoration, land distribution, access, control and occupation of land and territory of peasants, indigenous people, family farmers and communities, including initiatives improving the lives of those involved (Period: 21st century and population for identification of cases: 12 South American countries).
- Setting up a South American platform for information, reflection and exchange of knowledge and proposals among experts and mobilization agents.
- Generating alliance and articulation strategies with other movements working on the issue at national, regional and worldwide level.

## We put forward

- There is a contemporary movement for land rights.
- South America is the space, reason and scenario of interest to gestate articulation and movement.
- Land is a public good and central strand of rural work.
- It is necessary to recover harmony among land and territory, natural resources and population.
- Access, return and attachment to land are vital concepts that call us out.
- The States must make transparent the data on access to land.
- Intercultural issues, the youth and gender are important axes of the Regional Movement for the Land.
- Access to land is a right for all –it must consider the youth, women, the elderly, the unemployed and others- without affecting indigenous peasant rights.
- It is necessary to change the obsolete concept of peasantry and acknowledge peasants as the driving force and generators of agricultural wealth and food security.



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