

2019

EMENA Regional Assembly Minutes



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Thursday 10 October 2019 – Municipality of Torrecuso

Opening remarks:



The EMENA Assembly was opened by the Mayor of Torrecuso, **Angelino Iannella**, who welcomed the participants to the municipal palace put at the disposal of ILC for the entire event. He proceeded to remark on how the EU calls for partnerships, but often projects are too poorly supported in resources to make a substantial difference. He argued that all public tenders should be aimed at inviting people to stay in rural areas. **Erasmus Mortaruolo**, of the Regione Campania, followed by describing a regional law on small-scale agriculture under discussion in the regional parliament. The law was advanced and influenced by civil society and is similar to other regional laws in Italy

(Tuscany, Abruzzo, etc.) that incentivise local small-scale production and encourage living in rural areas to revert the trend of depopulation. **Raffele Amore**, the director of the GAL – Gruppo di Azione Locale, then highlighted the importance of EU policy and the territorial network for youth. He expected the next iteration of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) to prioritise the internal areas of Italy at present suffering most from emigration and aging populations. He argued that state land (demanio), including forestry areas, should be kept for social agricultural entrepreneurship, that agricultural economies should become “circular” by integrating externalities, especially environmental ones, and lastly, that the next iteration of the CAP should consider agriculture and climate change in concert. Next, **Donato De Marco** shared the story of Lentamente, an organization formed by young women and men who returned to their land. He exhorted ILC members to consider the magnitude of this choice over their next days in Torrecuso. Lastly, **Annalisa Mauro**, who moderated the session, thanked the authorities and Lentamente on behalf of the International Land Coalition and shared the aim of the ILC network, in particular of the newly established Europe, Middle East and North Africa (EMENA) region.

Member participation in the assembly was exceptional, with almost **98%** of the network present. Welcome to Torrecuso!

“Torrecuso faces the complexities of migration along with the rest of Europe. We will show you our welcoming organisations, which help women and youth integrate by providing jobs in agriculture.”

- ANGELINO IANNELLA
MAYOR OF TORRECUSO



Roundtable presentation:

The assembly participants introduced themselves and highlighted relevant news, activities, and updates related to ILC's mission. The ILC secretariat introduced "One team" and the roles and responsibilities of secretariat staff in Rome. A call was made for a **2019 EMENA Declaration Committee** and the following organisations adhered: Sharaka, PARC, ADFM, Community Land Scotland, Icomunales, NFCFPA, Seeds, and Transhumancia y Naturaleza.

ILC Secretariat presentation:



ILC facilities were introduced, with special emphasis on Jai Jagat and LAndEx and SDGs.

Jai Jagat 2020 is a global march for justice and peace that started in New Delhi and will end in one year in Geneva. Winding through 10 countries and joining with separate marches starting from a number of countries around the world, participants will arrive in Geneva for a week (26 September – 2nd October 2020) of workshops, advocacy meetings, and cultural events. The initiative urges the implementation of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a dialogue with UN

agencies. Four Pillars of Advocacy related to the SDGs are at the core of the Jai Jagat campaign. These are: eradication of poverty, social inclusion, climate justice and the nonviolent resolution of conflicts. The march is open to members of EMENA for participation in a multitude of ways.

LANDex and SDGs LANDex is a land monitoring initiative that uses approximately 30 indicators regarding legal frameworks, implementation, and outcomes to assess the state of land governance in countries around the world. The indicators are grouped around ILC's ten commitments, and often likenesses in the UN 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Members are invited to consider both collaborating on compiling LANDex data, as well as using LANDex data for their own purposes of advocating for people-centred land governance in their countries.

Lentamente and Youth for SDGs Lentamente is engaged in a project to diffuse knowledge of the UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) among young people in the region, based on the [Empower - Learn - Lead - Expand: YOUth4SDGs](#) project.

2019 EMENA Reports by members and network accountability:

Member organizations and participants from the ILC Secretariat were invited to give brief updates on the variety of activities and platforms that were active, in development, or completed over the past year.

GLF in Jordan by SEEDS: EMENA will host next the GLF after Asia. SEEDS is teaming up with organisations beyond Jordan and setting up a National Organising Committee. The Government has officially accepted to host. New approaches to the GLF will include GLF Youth and cross-border field visits.

NES Kosovo by NAPFO “Pyjet e Kosoves”: Kosovo NES is still in the formulation phase. Albania helped advance NES Kosovo. The goal is to launch in November.

NES Moldova by NGO Bios: Issues of access to land and land rights infringement are more widespread in Moldova than expected. NES has comprised a report collecting all cases. Successes include bringing together actors who did not talk with each other before, developing petitions from the platform, and pushing the government to call a meeting and later adopt a resolution.

NES Albania by NFCFPA: In June the NES conducted a contribution analysis and a workshop on developing a new long term strategy. Achievements include the consolidation of the NES platform as a Multi-Stakeholder Platform able to influence policy-formulation and to engage different stakeholders; the NES platform influenced the rejections of a draft law, and the approval of a national forestry policy document.

Women’s Land Rights CBI by NFCFPA: A CBI 4 formulation workshop took place in Albania (January 2019) in which eight members participated. A consultative group was established and composed of Azul, DQLCC, NAPFO, and NFCFPA. The governance of the platform is still under discussion. The draft of the strategy is available. Difficulties in formalizing the CBI came from the lack of a (1) maturity of the process; (2) the limited regional capacity compared to the strong national competency (3) No decision made on the leading organisation and host of the initiative.

Youth CBI by ACAD: Lessons learned: difficulties in formalizing the CBI came from (1) the lack of a common vision; (2) a limited regional capacity compared to strong national competencies (3) borders within EMENA limiting movement in the region.

Commons & the CAP CBI by Icomunales and Transhumancia y Naturaleza: Objectives developed: (1) influence on CAP policies and practices, (2) recognition and support of commons. Activities developed: (1) creation of a digital platform, a directory of all commons in the region, repository of case studies, news and events related to commons. (2) “[Por Otra PAC](#)” report, arguing that the CAP should foster resilient agriculture, contribute to climate objectives of EU, provide local and healthy food, encourage multifunctional territories and cultural landscapes, etc. The platform is nearly ready to enter implementation, in 2020.

UNCCD COP by NGO Bios: Key role played by NGO BIOS in facilitating the CSO committee in [UNCCD at the CoP](#) in New Delhi and the linkage between land tenure and desertification.

Family Farming by NFCFPA: ILC Members contributed to the declaration of the [decade of Family Farming](#), endorsed the campaign, and are actively engaged.

GLTN call in the frame of the [Arab Region Programme](#) on Good Land Governance by ILC Secretariat: GLTN is facilitating the Arab initiative; a call was launched to support projects in several areas related to land governance. Several members applied. One proposal on land monitoring was accepted, for two trainings on land monitoring and an expert group meeting, led by Rasheed TI-Jordan with ILC and UN-ESCWA.

Gender Justice by ILC Secretariat on behalf of Azul: The Gender Justice committee set up an action plan for (1.) *basis*: get the easy things right (eg. 50% participating women in every ILC event. (2.) *beyond the tick-box*: actively spreading learning about gender justice within the network. (3.) *transforming our work*: supporting members to do gender audits, and encouraging participation in Women for Women mentoring programme.

Geneva Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People by ILC Secretariat on behalf of AZUL: representative of Azul attended the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People to give two testimonies and recommendations on actions and demands regarding the rights of Amazigh in Morocco.

"STRATEGY DISCUSSION" | 10 October

ILC Secretariat presented to the assembly the draft of a strategic paper based on previous conversations and proposed activities. Members agreed that the drafted paper was not sufficient as a strategy, and that further discussion was necessary to develop a regional strategy. Members called to verify the general interests, objectives, and priorities of the group, conduct exercises to consolidate the group, and know each other better. Members contended that the group has just been built and it would be important to have a proper strategy with objectives, and activities.

Sub-regional versus regional communalities: EMENA is a diverse platform made of possible sub-regions; members indicated the preference to focus on regional communalities more than sub-regional specificities. The aim of the strategy should be to consolidate the EMENA group with some specificities:

- **CNVP:** Proposal of women as a sub-regional focus in the Balkans. There are a number of women and youth groups, but they are not linked. We could try to establish an appropriate network in southeastern European countries.
- **NFCFPA:** Proposal for family farming to be focused on in the Balkans.
- **NGO Bios:** Proposal to identify both regional and sub-regional priorities. We don't see our priorities highlighted. In Moldova we work on Secure Tenure Rights and Locally Managed Ecosystems.
- **Icomunales:** Preference to focus on what we have in common. Once we start to implement priorities or activities, it will be the choice of each member to choose which ones they want to focus on at the moment of implementation. Certain basic common goals unite us.
- **Lentamente:** for Europe and nearby countries, discussing and focusing on the CAP – Community Agricultural Policy - is a priority.

Working together: ILC director introduced the main pillars of the new ILC Operating Model, the concept of ILC as a coalition of platforms, and the transformational capacity of those platforms to realise people-centred land governance. The importance of member-to member accountability was also highlighted. Recognising that not all the participants of the Torrecuso Assembly have been part of the platform building process since the beginning, Annalisa, as network coordinator, introduced a brief history of the group and some agreements from previous meetings in Dana 2017 and Bandung 2018. She reiterated that there is no urgency to have an EMENA strategy, also considering the fact that development of a new corporate ILC strategy will start in 2020 (the current one will end in 2021) and members will be asked to provide inputs. The EMENA budget for 2020-2021, based on priorities indicated by the network, was consulted and approved virtually at the beginning of 2019. SEEDS, as co-chair, stated the importance of not going beyond the ILC goals, because of our being part of ILC.

Middle East - Fertile Crescent: EMENA Focal Point posed the possibility to consider the term 'West Asia' instead of 'Middle East', given the colonial origins of the term. Sharaka indicated the possibility to consider the term Fertile Crescent, which is used in some contexts. No decision was made in this respect.

Governance: discussion during the session highlighted the need to consolidate the governance of the regional platform, that members should adhere to a code of conduct, and interact among themselves and with ILC secretariat based on procedures. ILC explained the existence of the [ILC Charter](#) where roles and responsibilities of decision-making bodies are described, and that operations are governed by the new Operating Model.

- **PARC:** We need clarity on concepts such as accountability and transparency of secretariat towards members of the ILC.
- **CLS:** Next membership call will change composition of the group.
- **NGO Bios:** Call to focus on governance; we are not satisfied. On CBIs, who will coordinate? Secretariat? Call to decide.

Conclusions of the day:

- The agenda of the Assembly was revisited and time was allocated on Saturday morning to further develop the strategy with three specific sessions on: context, vision and action.
- The EMENA strategic paper will be light and flexible for new corporate strategy development in 2020
- Members indicated the preference to focus on regional communalities more than sub-regional specificities. Nevertheless, members indicated specific sub-regional references in the Balkans for women, youth and family farming and in Europe for EU CAP

LEARNING Field visits and Public Forum | 11 October 2019

The group visited several centres, projects, and enterprises led by local organisations, and parts of networks for social inclusion. In the afternoon, we returned to the Municipality for a rich roundtable discussion.



Field Visits

Diffused Hotel of Campolattaro: The diffused hotel of Campolattaro is a diffused structure that was modelled into a day centre and hotel. Created as part of the Welcome and Welfare project, first financed by the Fondazione Sud, the hotel is coordinated by the staff of the [Consorzio Sale della Terra](#), and employs people in individualized therapeutic rehabilitation projects. The project aims to create business and income for the town while creating employment opportunities for marginalized people. The diffused hotel is also site and centre of organized activities such as 'A Summer at Campolattaro', a summer camp for disabled children, and a twice-a-week theatre workshop.

SPRAR of Pietrelcina and Laboratorio di Trasformazione:

The SPRAR (Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees) of Pietrelcina is a site of 'secondary' reception where migrants and asylum seekers are employed and produce high quality fruit, vegetable, and livestock products. The centre is operated by the Social [Cooperative Il Melograno](#) in collaboration of the City of Pietrelcina, and the

Consorzio Sale della Terra. The structure, intended to accommodate 30 people, currently houses twenty-three from different countries: Nigeria, Gambia, Senegal, Ivory Coast, and Guinea. The agricultural activities aim to promote social cohesion and recover land at risk of marginalization and abandonment. Production is organized in such a way as to achieve maximum biological quality of products and the best possible impact of employment. The practical agricultural laboratories, conducted at the Consortium's companies and cooperatives, actively involve the residents in the agricultural production of fruit, vegetables and livestock.

Benevento, Caffé dell'Orto and Orti Sociali: Originally established as a greenhouse and a sales point for training and integrating disabled people, the social gardens of Betania have over ten years become a social centre, café, and garden for experimenting with new crop species, and providing economic opportunities for disadvantaged populations including formerly incarcerated people and addicts. The site is a space for daytime and evening aggregation based on fair trade consumption, alternative entertainment (there is no distribution of spirits other than coffee), and ecological culture (organic production and zero waste), as well as a place of direct sale.

Roundtable Speakers and Discussions

Consorzio Sale della Terra, [Small Communities of Welcome](#): Migration and Agriculture

Angelo Moretti, general director of Consorzio Sale della Terra, supervises working groups for vulnerable populations and manages various projects for social welfare and the integration of migrants, incarcerated

people, and people without stable housing. He was formerly the president of the social cooperative Il Melograno, which manages the Transformation Laboratory of the SPRAR of Pietrelcina. From 2018 he has also been responsible for the project Piccoli Comuni del Welcome. In Europe, Italy is the country with the highest ageing index and fall in the birth-rate, the ageing index in 2016 is the same of the one calculated in 1917, when the First World War mowed down new generations of Italians. In June 2017 President Mattarella stated that in Italy there were 3000 abandoned municipalities; Italian experts said that there are 8 million vacant houses. The agricultural area utilised is decreasing due to social desertification. In the face on an ongoing right-ward shift in Italian and international politics, I Piccoli Comuni del Welcome is an initiative by a network of small rural towns to ensure the survival and welfare of both old and new inhabitants through a commitment to hospitality and welcoming migrants, and ensuring a standard of living for all.

Forum Nazionale Agricoltura Sociale – Land and other communal resources and goods reclaimed and confiscated from the Mafia by Giuliano Ciano. President of the Nuova Cooperazione Oranizzata (NCO), (a play on acronyms of the Nuova Camorra Organizzata, the eminent organised crime group of Campania), Giuliano Ciano is involved in the management of land confiscated from the mafia. The consortium that he operates organises projects such as "facciamo un pacco alla camorra" (let's make a package to the Camorra), an e-commerce venture that promotes 'doubly clean' products, healthy, legal, and produced on lands formerly belonging to the camorra.

Slow Food - Biodiversity, Rural Areas, and Commons - Giancarlo De Luca is trustee and president in Benevento of Slow Food, an international grassroots organization founded in 1989 to prevent the disappearance of local food cultures and traditions, counteract the rise of fast life and combat people's dwindling interest in the food they eat, where it comes from and how our food choices affect the world around us. Slow Food maintains everyone has the right not only to food, but to good food.

Cumpanatico - Ecological agriculture: production and consumption; citizen community organizing - By Carmen Cotronei. Carmen Cotronei is a representative of Cumpanatico, a small-scale experimental project supported by various associations in Campania that aims at restructuring a self-managed supply chain of grains from organic local varieties in the regional territory. The project provides for a partnership between producers, processors, and consumers. The project is an alternative to the dominant agro-industrial system, and deals with production from the seed to the finished product.

Associazione Agia Youth in agriculture and EU policy. Presentation on behalf of Stefano Francia, the newly elected president of AGIA, an association of young agricultural entrepreneurs under the umbrella of CIA, the Italian Farmers Confederation. AGIA-CIA is committed to promoting and disseminating targeted initiatives to ensure income for young farmers and to facilitate their access to land, credit, knowledge, and innovation. Francia took the mantle of AGIA-CIA while the organization is focusing on equity, income, freedom of enterprise, digital agriculture and business democracy with the motto that 'entrepreneurs create jobs, they do not ask for them.'

Donne in Campo Women in agriculture and EU policies. By Liana Agostinelli - Liana Agostinelli is the recently elected president of AGIA-CIA Campania, and member of Donne in Campo (Women in the Field). Among the initiatives undertaken by the organization to counter youth unemployment and the depopulation of the inner territories of Campania are land banks to offer young entrepreneur the land that they may need, and the facilitation of access to credit. Donne in Campo is a national association that aims to enhance the entrepreneurship and the leading role of women in agriculture and rural areas, improve the condition of women in agriculture and rural areas, and promote and support all initiatives aimed at achieving equal opportunities between women and men. "Agriculture is still very masculine, unfortunately," said Agostinelli concluding her speech in Torrecuso, "but, women are careful and innovative agricultural entrepreneurs, as demonstrated in recent years."

As a way to enter into a strategic perspective for the region, members and participants were invited to take part in three different sessions: context, vision and action.

1. Building a collective context analysis where ILC network should operate in Europe Middle East and North Africa.



The prevalent **economic system** of our societies is cause of unsustainable food production and consumption and loss of traditional values. **Youth** are going from rural to urban areas and outward **migration** seems to be an un-reversible phenomenon in tandem with the aging of rural communities, loss of recognition of rural environment and a sense of pride. Instead of dealing with its causes, the increase in migrations due to war and inequality is being met with barriers impeding the free movement of people.

Abandoned lands need to be recovered to revert the loss of agricultural land and for **rural regeneration**. Simultaneously, land grabbing concentrates land in the hands of a powerful few, and the **climate crisis** is generating unprecedented extreme weather

conditions and displacement, especially in vulnerable landscapes such as those that sustain pastoral systems. As such, we are witnessing the alarming loss of natural and cultural biodiversity. The lack of **women's rights** is evident in all societies, and women also lack knowledge of their rights. Often citizens are not engaged in policy design. Even when **laws and policies** are progressive and embrace people-centred land governance, they often lack in implementation. The limited implementation of existing laws with no consultation is an obstacle to real grassroots democracy. Specific references to vulnerable ecosystems such as rangelands are missing in most laws. Land governance in the region is currently tangled with high rates of **corruption**.

2. Building a collective vision for ILC EMENA

The EMENA vision is aligned with ILC vision. Special emphasis during the discussion was given to:

- ILC being a **space of solidarity** where members support each other.
- ILC giving attention to **sustainably managed ecosystems** and vulnerable groups such as pastoralists.
- ILC promoting collaboration among stakeholders.
- ILC advancing a movement of transition from industrial agriculture being to the norm, towards ecological agriculture; from growth to **wellbeing**.
- ILC making women and men aware of their rights, and empowering local communities
- ILC not engaging organisations related to the occupation of land in Palestine.

“A consolidated, strengthened regional platform where members in spite of economic, geographical, political, and cultural differences, work together.

“Promote rural values and models for youth, support diversity and traditional values. Unfortunate that urbaneness is associated with ‘coolness’ while rurality is not”.



3. Action: building a common sense of action within the network and among members.

- a) Fostering multi-stakeholder approaches
 - o Need global approach

- Network of rural landscapes
 - Involve many stakeholders and right holders across themes
 - Mobilization and involvement of communities to design and implement laws
 - Involve private sector – driver of development, i.e. contract farming
 - Multi-stakeholder approach to addressing problems
- b) Foster capacity building
- Develop tools to empower civil society and local government
 - Interact, exchange knowledge, learn among each other
 - Capacity building on how to work together
 - Build capacities of rural communities
- c) International Land Coalition - Establish [EMENA 'position'](#)¹ on: Governance; Values; Inclusive participation; Multi-stakeholder approach
- d) Elaborate common products: Mapping baselines and Communication strategy (internal/external)
- e) 2021 & Future (long-term)
- Acting as a group, creating urban=rural linkages for multi-stakeholder interaction
 - Knowledge exchange
 - Solve particular issues of each member
- f) Women and Youth
- Economic integration, empowerment of rural women and youth
 - Including men in the movement to include women
 - Improve conditions of youth and women
 - Youth employment and access to land
- g) Misc
- Focus on refugees and migrants; stop outward migration
 - Improve link between research, data, and reality



Concrete actions:

	Area of work	What is next	By whom
1	NES/National Multi-stakeholder platforms	Follow up support to Albania, Moldova, Kosovo and Jordan (in the frame of the GLF)	
2	Commons & Rangeland & Ecosystems	Commons – launch of the initiative with special focus on Rangeland and Ecosystems	Icomunales, TyN, Slow Food, CLS, NGO Bios, NCFPA with ILC secretariat support
3	Women Land Rights	Advance consensus building on next step. In a side meeting, CNVP volunteered to engage with the platform and expressed interest in coordinating aspects of economic empowerment and facilitating a network of	CBI platform and ILC secretariat

¹ At the end of the Assembly the first EMENA declaration was approved

		rural women and land. Follow up by the platform if the offer can match with platform expectations.	
4	Youth & Fellowship & Exchange	Confirmed interest on youth and excitement about the idea of the youth exchange. Link it to research and documenting good practices. Exchange can also inform LANDex and baseline building. Youth exchange program built in consultation with members on wants, needs, capacities. Emphasis on youth leadership based on other similar regional initiatives. Development of project proposal and submission to ERASMUS+	Christopher Wedeman - EMENA Focal Point with Carla in consultation with members to be submitted to Erasmus+ by Feb 2020. NGO Bios and TyN proposal on the research component of the exchange to be shared with ILC secretariat.
5	Institutional Strengthening and Leadership Facility	Focus on sustainability and effectiveness of <i>team</i> in CSOs and resource mobilisation.	Christopher Wedeman - EMENA Focal Point. Explore possibility with https://www.civilsocietyacademy.org/
6	Regional Advocacy and Spaces of Influence	CAP in Europe, CEDAW, Rio Conventions and international Agreements (UNCCD, CBD, etc...) – conservation by people – African Union in North Africa, South East European countries Balkans – EU Consultation. European Agreements with North Africa. International organisations to address the Palestinian case. MCC Morocco for irrigated land affecting collective rights with women exclusion. Arab League even if weak.	Christopher creating a matrix with topics and events relevant to regional processes events/topics
7	Data Evidences, Alternative Reporting and SDGs	LANDex implementation in Jordan to be coordinated with SEEDs, with the goal of starting next year. GLTN-LANDex: Work with EMENA members to identify participants for GLTN land monitoring trainings and expert meeting scheduled next year. Keep in mind needs expressed by members to have regional toolkits and know more about each other challenges through knowledge exchanges	Eva Hershaw, Christopher Wedeman – ILC Secretariat
8	Protection Mechanism and Land Defenders	Build EMENA platform as a solidarity network Establishment of a land defenders fund for the legal protection of land defenders who are threatened while protecting land	Establish a WhatsApp group for immediate action by Christopher Christopher will map the existence of protection funds active in the region and explore possible areas of collaboration to take advantage of installed capital and existing institutional capacity

Conclusion of the session:

- ILC Secretariat will draft the EMENA strategic paper for members to comment and validate

GLF 2021

The first meeting of the National Organizing Committee is set for November 2019. SEEDS and ILC Secretariat will reach out to members to gather interest on field visits.

Themes on the table

National level issues: migration, climate change, conflict, mobility for refugees

International issues: youth opportunities in rural areas, migration, food systems; land, forestry, natural resource management; customary vs state systems: pastoralism, rangelands, the commons; women and inheritance rights; land concentration and transparency

Other issues proposed: all topics mentioned in the morning;

What are the expectations and impacts for ILC members?

- Opportunity to highlight issues in the world: climate change, refugees, and conflicts
- Spotlight on the Middle East, place to discuss and share
- Jordan civil society to make requests to the government
- Field visit in Jordan, Palestine, other countries. Expressions of interest welcome; inviting a delegation of 20-30 members requires covering some of the costs



Experience of Albania:

Change: Albania got a big change after the GLF, highlight on discussions on forests

Support: Albania offers support in organising the event

Suggestion: Good to identify members leading thematic sessions

Innovation in GLF 2021

- Field visits crossing borders
- Renewed format for ILC Award
- Global Land Youth Forum, bringing voice of youth to the panel → call to involve youth from EMENA members

Suggestion from Morocco: Gender equality. Invite women farmers, 1-2 per country, to get authentic testimonies beyond NGOs.

Towards GLF 2021

- Terra Madre October 2020, divided in landscapes, opportunity to give visibility to the work of EMENA
- Good to take advantage of events along the way
- First results of fellowship could be celebrated along the way

Suggestion on Rangelands

- Hima Project in Jordan allowing people to have custody of the land for an amount of time
- Interesting to replicate this in other countries of the region
- Secretariat visited Hima in April and they are interested in being part of GLF
- Study from University of Cambridge on changing roles and values of Bedouin women over multiple generations - Would be good if by 2021 there were more funds to support these kinds of studies...

Membership Expansion

A new membership committee will be established in January 2020, with the new council. ILC issues a call to expand membership. In 2020 there will be a new call for membership expansion. There will be consultation along the process with EMENA members to discuss what type of expansion and composition we want.

SEEDS – membership expansion: need quality over quantity. Good to include new countries from EMENA.

Assembly of Members 2020

EMENA members can express interest to host Regional Assembly, and be ready to respond to call when announced.

EMENA Whatsapp Group

Members will be asked if they want to join or not. The Mailing List is the main tool to communicate officially. WhatsApp communication is for common meetings, solidarity actions, quick actions.

Approval of the Torrecuso Declaration

[The Torrecuso declaration](#) will be spread as an EMENA common position.



Annex 1

LAND AND TERRITOIRES DIVERSE MOVEMENTS, COMMON FUTURES

Objectives:

1. **Strategy** - Consolidate the ILC Europe Middle East and North Africa EMENA network and explore common ground of action for realising a long term strategy on common themes for people-centered land governance.
2. **Learning** - Opening up the rural areas of the south of Italy to the international debate, recentring rural lands in the international discussion on agriculture and land. Learning from each other through thematic dialectical discussions, storytelling, experts, and field visits to communities of youth returned to land living from agriculture while revitalising rural landscapes.
3. **Operations** - Develop concrete actions and engage opportunities (ERASMUS +). Operational plans, collaborations and partnerships.

AGENDA

Day 1: Thursday 10 October 2019

Strategy

EMENA Assembly closed to members and chaired by Raed Gharib – ILC Council Representatives

8:30	Welcome remarks by local authorities and ILC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lentamente – Donato De Marco• Sindaco – Angelino Iannella• GAL – Raffele Amore• Consigliere Regionale – Erasmo Mortaruolo• International Land Coalition – Annalisa Mauro <p>Presentation of the regional law on peasant agriculture for the region of Campania, modelled after Abruzzo, Trentino Alto Adige and Tuscany</p>	Sala Consiliare, Piazza Piano di Corte, Torrecuso
9:30	Round-group meeting: Presentations of each organization. <i>We are in many experiments. Name the practices have you gathered and developed over many months.</i>	
10:30	ILC One Team intro – who we are and what we do Constitution of the EMENA 2019 Declaration Committee by Tina	
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30	ILC Facilities - Sustainable Development Goals and land monitoring – SDGs and LANDEX, Jai Jagat March SDG's and Youth	by Eva Hershaw and Monica Acevedo Gallegos by Donato De Marco and Lentamente
12:30	EMENA Reports (5 minutes each) by members: learning from one year of collaborative efforts to realise people-centered land governance Report on 2019 successes and lessons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EMENA Governance by Raed (GLF) and Christopher (Gender justice)• NES Albania, Kosovo, Moldova by Albora, Valentin, and Saed• Family Farming by Albora• Women's Land Rights by Albora• Youth by Tha'er• Commons by Concha and Rangelands by Khalid	
13:30	Lunch	

- 14:30 EMENA Strategy and Operations** discussion: Facilitated by Christopher Wedeman
1. Inputs on land governance trends from EMENA Regions – Looking at people-centred land governance: Challenges and Opportunities - 5 minutes each:
 - a. North Africa
 - b. Middle East
 - c. Balkans
 - d. Europe
 2. Governance of the Platform
 3. What ILC does and operating model by Mike
 4. Presentation on drafted EMENA Strategy for its validation by members. How different aspects (operations, facilities) feed into one another. (Christopher)
 5. Barriers in operations?

Bonus activity?
 Ideas, visions, dreams, proposals, personal for the group.
 What are the root problems in my community, and what do deep foundational rooted solutions look like?

- 16:00 Coffee Break**
- 16:30** Fixing session: Facilitated group discussions and addressing problems in operations
 Sharing of thoughts in circle and confirmation of agreement and reflections
- 17:30** Closing of the day
- 19:30** Dinner – Concert

Day 2: Friday 11 October 2019

Learning

Field Visit Open to no ILC members

- 8:00** Departure from Piazza Antonio Mellusi di Torrecuso by Angelo Moretti and Donato De Marco
- 8:30/9:00** **Town of Campolattaro** – Visits of diffused hotel structures
- 10:30** **SPRAR of Pietrelcina and Laboratorio di Trasformazione** – A network of local communities and villages cooperating to implement several projects related to the reception of refugees and migrants (“accoglienza integrate”). They are united by the manifesto of ‘Small Communities of Welcome’ based on the primacy of “human and ecological solidarity”.
- 11:00** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30** **Caffé dell’Orto and Orti Sociali** – Lentamente Società Cooperativa Agricola promotes the re-use in a social perspective of a common good abandoned and recovered. 40 vegetable gardens of families and associations are born, including young people, the elderly, migrants and families. In collaboration with Slow Food Benevento, which deals with the conservation of native vegetable varieties.

Packed Lunch at Alimenta Benevento – “Welcome Social Food” Initiative

- 14:30** Return to Torrecuso
- 16:00** Interactive roundtable discussion with local community and administrative officials
- **Consorzio Sale della Terra and Small Communities of Welcome:** Migration and Agriculture By Angelo Moretti
 - **Forum Nazionale Agricoltura Sociale** – Land and other communal resources and goods reclaimed and confiscated from the Mafia By Giuliano Ciano
 - **Slow Food** - Biodiversity, Rural Areas, and Commons - By Giancarlo De Luca
 - **Cumpanatico** - Ecological agriculture: production and consumption; citizen community organizing - By Carmen Cotronei
- Torrecuso Sala Consiliare, Piazza Piano di Corte
- Moderated by Annalisa Mauro

- **Associazione Agia** Youth in agriculture and EU policy. By Stefano Francia
- **Donne in Campo** Women in agriculture and EU policies. By Liana Agostinelli

19:30 Dinner in Torrecuso

Day 3: Saturday 12 October Open to non-ILC members

Operations

Open Roundtables discussion

8:30	Morning, Greeting, and Methodology: introductory kick-off by resource people, succinct and in depth contribution by participants, writing down key areas and group clustering of the main elements of the discussion. Special consideration to Global Land Forum in Jordan in 2021	Torrecuso Sala Consiliare
9:00	Kick Off Session in plenary: Let's get into... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Land Lindsay Chalmers, Palestine TBD • Commons and Rangelands Concha Salguero/Sergio Couto • Migration and open societies Angelo Morelli • Youth in Agriculture Stefano Francia and TBD • Environment in Ecosystems and Agriculture Valentin Ciubotaro and Giancarlo de Luca • Women's Land Rights and Gender Justice 	Coffee served during working sessions
10:00	Self-organised roundtables and flexible mechanism for group discussions for fine tuning ILC operations toward 2021	
12:00	Report in plenary, conclusions of thematic roundtables and 2019 EMENA Declaration	
13:00	Press conference	

13:30 Lunch

Closed ILC Assembly for members chaired by Amina Amharech and Raed Gharib – ILC Council Representatives

14:30	Preparing for the 2021 Global Land Forum in Jordan and ILC EMENA membership expansion	By Raed Gharib
15:30	Consolidation of EMENA Strategy and plan of work and resource allocation	Facilitated by Christopher Wedeman
16:30	Final reflections on 2019 EMENA Assembly <i>What practices are we taking back into our work and institutions and how are we working with new collective actions? What are you taking home? What are the next steps people in the room are willing to commit to?</i>	
17:00	Closing remarks	By Chairs, ILC Director Mike Taylor and Donato De Marco

19:30 Party, Food, and Drink in Piazza Mellusi with the Torrecuso Famers' Association

Annex 2

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