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Re: Appreciation for contributing to the Senior Officials Meeting at the Global Land Forum, September 24-27, Bandung

On behalf of the International Land Coalition (ILC), I would personally like to express my most sincere appreciation for your participation in the Global Land Forum, held recently in Bandung, Indonesia.

The location of the forum was not a coincidence. On the contrary, the ILC and its Indonesian partners opted for Bandung because of the powerful memories attached to the historical 1955 Bandung Asia Africa Conference.

It is in this symbolic context, and hosted and chaired by the Office of the President of Indonesia that the Senior Official Meeting "Realizing land Reform - How Political Commitment is Translated into Implementation" took place.

As one of the panelist, your contribution during the plenary was instrumental in making the event a success. The successful examples you presented highlighted both the far reaching impact, as well as the inherent difficulties in achieving people centered land governance.

To overcome these structural constraints, and based on experiences across geographies, and development contexts, the ILC is now supporting the formulation of National Engagement Strategies, and promoting Multi-Stakeholders Platforms to help land stakeholders achieve the most equitable and sustainable outcome, for inclusive growth and shared prosperity.

We would like to reiterate our commitment to continue supporting inclusive land governance process at country level, creating the space to fully involve civil society organizations for beneficial partnership with governments in application of the Voluntary Guidelines for the Governance of Tenures (VGGTs).

Lastly, one concrete follow-up actions emerging from the SOM in Bandung will be to explore the value added to develop a knowledge and learning alliance among progressive policy makers to

enhance capacity and skills against the dynamism of land use and institutional change, aimed at learning from good practices in the field, and further advancing the land reform agenda.

The International Land Coalition remains committed to supporting the work of our members in Tanzania for people-centered land governance and we hope to support the exchange of lessons and experiences between Tanzania and other countries undergoing land reform.

Best regards

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