

# Kilimanjaro Initiative for Women's Land Rights .

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LEVELING THE PODIUM



# Kilimanjaro Campaign

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The Kilimanjaro Initiative was conceived during a meeting of rural women and civil society organisations in 2012, held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

This initiative aims to create space for rural women to be able to participate in decision making processes about issues dear to them.

Mt. Kilimanjaro powerfully symbolises the challenge of their climb, and represents a starting point to spreading a message throughout Africa.

The Kilimanjaro initiative offers a unique window of opportunity to unify and amplify the struggles of rural women in a politically correct climate.

The Kilimanjaro Initiative is a **rural women's mobilisation** from across Africa towards an iconic moment at the foot of Mt Kilimanjaro in October 2016.

With access to and control over land and natural resources as an entry point, **four regional caravans** are expected to depart simultaneously from the **North, South, East and West**, culminating in a **mass African rural women's assembly** and a **symbolic ascent** by a delegation of women.

# Objectives of the Campaign

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- To strengthen the agency and a movement of rural women in claiming and defending their land and natural resource rights in Africa
- To engender political will amongst national governments, donor and regional institutions to implement an all-inclusive African women's charter.
- To mobilise and support the participation of 100,000 rural women in the Kilimanjaro initiative in at least 20 countries in Africa
- To raise awareness on existing frameworks and safeguards around Large scale land based investments and demand for their application in securing legitimate tenure rights of rural women in Africa

# Achievements

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## Country Level

- ❖ Convergence of at least 500 women land Rights activists in Arusha
- ❖ Development of A women land rights Charter – Contained 10 asks
- ❖ At the country level, the rural women's movements have continued with their push on the leaders at local and national levels to honor their demands and secure their land rights with presentation of the charter of demands to government officials.
- ❖ Launch of the implementation Framework
- ❖ Formation of Regional and Country level steering Committees
- ❖ Development of Kilimanjaro Campaign work plans

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- ❖ **Global endorsement of the Rural Women's Demands**

October 2017 will mark one (1) year since 500 women converged in Arusha and consolidated their demands for secure tenure amongst other issues.

- ❖ January 2017 during the AU summit, the AU gender pre-summit endorsed the (Kilimanjaro) Pan African Women's Charter on Land Rights for scaling up continental innovations on Women's land rights.

- ❖ Re convergence - Ndinda & Kitasi to brief.

- ❖ GIMAC – 2019

- ❖ CSW – 2019

- ❖ World Bank Conference - 2019



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