



Global South CLT Initiative

A collaborative effort to expand housing justice across the Global South

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About the International Center for Community Land Trusts



Mission: Support and expand the use of CLTs across regions of the Global South, ensuring secure land tenure, permanent affordability, and community-led development.



Background: Launched in 2023 by the International Center for Community Land Trusts (CLT Center), the Global South CLT Initiative builds on the leadership of Catalytic Communities in Brazil and the Caño Martín Peña CLT in Puerto Rico. In its first year, the initiative mapped more than 200 grassroots organizations across Latin America and the Caribbean, laying the foundation for regional collaboration. Building on this groundwork, the initiative is now expanding into Africa, South Asia, and beyond.



What We Do:

- **Education:** Monthly training sessions, workshops, and peer exchanges
- **Direct Support:** Mentoring groups exploring CLTs in their territories
- **Knowledge Production:** Accessible materials, case studies, and translations
- **Networking:** Building horizontal connections across regions



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What is a Community Land Trust? A Community Land Trust (CLT) is a model of collective land stewardship. The land is owned by the community in perpetuity, while the homes or buildings are owned or rented by residents:

Structures owned or rented by residents



Community-owned land in perpetuity

Benefits:

- Long-term rights of use and occupancy
- Homes stay permanently affordable
- Protection from speculation and gentrification
- Community governance
- Development led by and for residents
- Community empowerment
- Supports local businesses, farming, and social spaces
- Works in both urban and rural settings
- Applies to many housing types



**CLT Map
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Global Reach: CLTs are recognized by the UN in the New Urban Agenda. Mostly consolidated in the Global North, CLTs are now gaining strength in the Global South.



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