

Environmental
defenders are
not threats.

*They are essential actors
in global governance*

Together, through
shared commitment
and coordinated
action, we can
ensure **no defender
stands alone.**

Join the Movement

LEAD welcomes defenders, civil
society, institutions, and states to:

- **Build** solidarity
- **Push** for accountability
- **Strengthen** grassroots
movements

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Between 2012 and 2022, over

1,733 defenders *were killed*

Thousands more have experienced and continue to experience harassment, abductions, and other forms of attacks

This crisis calls for a **coordinated global response.**

What is LEAD?

The **Leaders Network for Environmental Activists and Defenders** (LEAD) is a multilateral initiative committed to enhancing the recognition, protection, and participation of environmental human rights defenders.

Since 2023, LEAD has convened **over 300 defenders and stakeholders** through consultations and high-level events across key spaces.

What LEAD Aims to Do

- **Recognize, protect, and amplify** the voices of environmental human rights defenders
- **Facilitate dialogue and collaboration** among defenders, civil society, governments, and UN agencies
- **Strengthen participation** of defenders in global environmental and human rights decision-making
- **Coordinate multilateral action** to address threats and uphold human rights obligations

LEAD is a global initiative that brings together defenders, civil society, and governments to strengthen the recognition, protection, and participation of environmental human rights defenders.

We envision a world where environmental defenders are recognized as essential actors in global governance, not as threats or targets.

How LEAD Works

LEAD advances its vision through four core strategies:



high-level political engagement



capacity strengthening of defenders



multi-lateral cooperation



monitoring of state obligations