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Scaling up Community and Indigenous Peoples' Land and Resource Rights

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The lack of clarity and recognition of community land and resource rights across the developing world undermines progress on social and economic development, human rights, peace, food security, environmental conservation, and our ability to confront and adapt to climate change. Ownership of roughly one-half of the rural, forest and dryland areas of the developing world is contested, directly affecting the lives and livelihoods of over two billion people. These lands, which contain the soil, water, carbon, and mineral resources that the future of all humanity depends upon, are the primary targets of rapidly expanding investments in industrial agribusiness, mining, oil and gas, and hydro-electric production.

In 2013, nearly 200 individuals came together in the town of Interlaken, Switzerland to devise strategies to strengthen collective efforts to address these challenges and capitalize on current opportunities to scale up community land rights around the world. The conference brought together a wide diversity of stakeholders—including governments, local communities, Indigenous Peoples' organizations, food and resource companies, and conservation groups—and resulted in a number of new collaborations that have made significant gains in advancing the community land rights agenda.

Two years later, it is time to take stock of progress made. Building on its Interlaken predecessor, the Bern Conference is premised on the realization that time has come to move from advocacy and awareness raising to actual implementation. As recent international commitments and pledges have shown, including those made in the New York Declaration on Forests in September 2014, the importance of secure land and resource tenure rights is increasingly a mainstream concern and a global development priority. But the shift from rhetoric to action has yet to take place and in order to effectively advance the community land and resource rights agenda, more attention needs to be paid to the implementation of commitments.

- 01 To make practical progress on opportunities to scale-up implementation at the national level.
- 02 To strengthen current efforts aimed at securing the land rights of communities and Indigenous Peoples.
- 03 To provide a forum for the development of new collaborations and alliances between different actors and interests around community and indigenous land tenure issues.
- 04 To generate information, ideas and strategies to shape investments and policies in ways that better support local land and resource tenure.
- 05 To take stock of global progress on the target of doubling the area of land recognized as owned or controlled by Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

CO-ORGANIZERS

OF THE CONFERENCE



The Rights and Resources Initiative is a coalition of 13 core Partners and 150+ collaborators who conduct work in specific areas of their regional and thematic expertise. Their mission is to support local communities' and Indigenous Peoples' struggles against poverty and marginalization by promoting greater global commitment and action towards policy, market and legal reforms that secure their rights to own, control and benefit from natural resources, especially land and forests. For more, visit www.rightsandresources.org

The International Land Coalition is a global alliance of civil society and intergovernmental organizations working together to promote secure and equitable access to and control over land for poor women and men through advocacy, dialogue, knowledge sharing and capacity building. For more, visit www.landcoalition.org

Oxfam is an international confederation of 17 organizations networked together in more than 90 countries, as part of a global movement for change, to build a future free from the injustice of poverty. They work directly with communities and seek to influence the powerful to ensure that poor people can improve their lives and livelihoods and have a say in decisions that affect them. For more, visit www.oxfam.org

HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation's development projects are designed to improve the living conditions of women and men from disadvantaged communities in a direct and sustainable manner, to build capacities such that they can take control of their lives and to have the skills, resources and opportunities to secure a decent living. For more, visit www.helvetas.org

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Opening PlenaryKursaal Arena

The Opening Plenary will formally kick off the conference. The co-organizers will welcome the audience, set the scene and provide an overview of the conference and its purpose. The Opening Plenary will also feature a keynote address.

Welcome by co-organizers:

Mr. Andy White, Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative

Mr. Michael Taylor, Director, International Land Coalition

Mr. Duncan Pruet, Land Policy Advisor, Oxfam

Mr. Melchior Lengsfeld, Executive Director, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation

Keynote address: Ms. Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

10:00 - 12:00

STRATEGY SESSIONSVivace 1**Community Land Maps and Tenure Security**

There is increasing interest among Indigenous Peoples and local communities (as well as civil society organizations) around the world in mapping the boundaries of their lands. There are many reasons for this surge in mapping, including the importance of maps in developing local land-use management plans, the common requirement of maps to receive formal documentation from the government, the low (and still declining) costs of new mapping technologies (GPS, drones, etc.) and procedures, and new dedicated funds from development assistance agencies to support the costs of mapping of community lands.

Advocates and practitioners argue that maps increase tenure security, and help Indigenous Peoples and communities protect their lands from outsiders and arbitrary expropriation. There is a growing body of anecdotal evidence and a large number of case studies from Latin America, Africa, and Asia that substantiate the important role maps play in tenure security. This session will convene a panel of four experts to discuss the role of community maps in tenure security.

Each presenter will be asked to speak specifically on how Indigenous Peoples and communities use their maps to protect their lands. Following the panel presentations, the floor will be opened for questions and answers and for discussions. The output of the session will be a list of how communities use maps to secure their lands.

Speakers:

Mr. Joe Eisen, Research and Policy Coordinator, Rainforest Foundation UK

Ms. Ghanimat Azhdari, Senior Expert - Participatory GIS, CENESTA/ UniNOMAD

Mr. Richard Smith, Director, Instituto del Bien Común

Mr. Téodyl Nkuintchua, Programs Coordinator, Centre pour l'Environnement et le Développement (CED)



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Organizers:

World Resources Institute, Instituto del Bien Común, and The Center for Sustainable Development (CENESTA)

** This session will be held in English only.*

Vivace 3**Building Legal Capacity to Secure Community and Indigenous People's Land Rights**

Many rural communities and Indigenous Peoples around the world do not have secure tenure rights to the land they have been living on for generations. As commercial pressures on land increase, communities risk being dispossessed, with adverse impacts on their livelihoods and the realization of their human rights to food or housing.

In many parts of the world, citizens' groups are increasingly taking action to secure community and Indigenous Peoples' land rights. National and international commitments have been made to recognize these rights. Yet, local approaches are yet to be successfully scaled-up and commitments fully implemented.

This session will convene practitioners to share lessons on effective community-based approaches to secure community and indigenous land rights, and discuss how these approaches can be scaled up and replicated. The session will start with a panel of five speakers sharing their first-hand experiences. Following the panel presentations, the floor will be opened for questions and answers and wider discussions.

Moderators:

Ms. Joji Carino, Director, Forest Peoples Programme
Ms. Philippine Sutz, Senior Researcher, International Institute for Environment and Development

Speakers:

Mr. Peter Kitelo, Convener, Kenya Forest Indigenous Peoples Network and Co-Founder, Chepkitale Indigenous People Development Project
Mr. Dico Luckyharto, Project Officer, Forest Peoples Programme
Mr. Bashir Twesigye, Executive Director, Civic Response on Environment & Development
Mr. Issufo Tankar, Technical Coordinator - Land Program, Forestry and Biodiversity, Centro Terra Viva



Organizers:

Forest Peoples Programme and the International Institute for Environment and Development.

** This session will be held in English only.*

Vivace 4

Expanding and Leveraging Private Sector Action to Secure Community Land Rights

There are diverse actors in the private sector: some striving to improve, while others taking advantage of poor tenure governance. The emergence of safeguards, standards, as well as transparency and accountability mechanisms, testifies to—and has

encouraged—a move by leading corporates and investors towards more consideration of communities and their rights to land and resources within business models, supply chains and investment decisions. Not only do such efforts assist companies adhere to their responsibilities as global citizens and contribute to local development, but they also have documented benefits for business. However, this promising behavior is far from mainstreamed and many private sector actors continue to seek out investment opportunities where governance is weak and abuses can occur with little risk of accountability.

The premise of this session is the acknowledgement that the private sector is an increasingly large and determinant force in shaping local land rights, livelihoods and development pathways in rural areas of developing countries. In order to scale-up the recognition of these rights, expanded support by private sector entities investing in or operating land-based businesses, at both national and global levels, is required.

Specific objectives of the session will be to: 1) Report back on products and initiatives of the Interlaken Group to leverage action by companies and investors in favor of community land rights since 2013; 2) Hear from leading companies, investors, donors and CSOs on emerging leading practice and initiatives by the private sector to demonstrate support for local land rights; 3) Chart new directions for expanded private sector action in this regard.

Co-Chairs:

Mr. Andy White, Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative
Mr. Mark Constantine, Chief Strategist for the Global Agribusiness, Manufacturing and Services Department, International Finance Corporation

Speakers:

Mr. Duncan Pollard, Associate Vice President of Stakeholders Engagement, Nestlé
Mr. Chris Anderson, Principal, Yirri Global (formerly with Rio Tinto)
Ms. Iris Krebber, Senior Land Policy Lead, Department for International Development UK
Mr. Lou Munden, Founder, TMP Systems
Ms. Megan MacInnes, Advisor on Land, Global Witness
Mr. Andiko Mancayo, Senior Partner, AsM Law Offices

Mr. David Bledsoe, Senior Director of Program Partnerships, Landesa
 Mr. Ben Bowie, Partner, TMP Systems
 Mr. Avrim Lazar, Independent Consultant
 Mr. Marc Eckstein, Director, Environmental and Social
 Responsibility Group, CDC
 Mr. Arvind Khare, Executive Director, Rights and Resources Initiative



Organizers:
 Rights and Resources Initiative.
 International Finance Corporation (IFC)

** This session will be held in English only.*

Vivace 5

Expanding Engagement of Conservation Actors in Securing Indigenous and Community Land Rights

Global conservation efforts have a major influence on land and resource tenure and use, with wide range of positive and negative interactions with indigenous and community land rights in different contexts. Increasingly, conservation agencies and advocates recognize the need to consistently respect as well as to strengthen the land and resource rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities as part of conservation strategies. However, assessments of the relationship between community land rights and conservation policy and practice at the country level show that much remains to be done to implement this growing recognition in specific national contexts.

This strategy session will focus on national contexts in which there are key opportunities and policy openings to advance community land rights as they relate to conservation, encouraging interactive and action-oriented dialogue among indigenous and community leaders, conservation practitioners, civil society advocates and other experts on these issues. A panel of speakers engaged in advancing land rights and conservation reforms in key national contexts will present on their current opportunities and

challenges, strategies, blockages, and proposed ways forward. Through participant discussions, the session will identify and develop the concrete actions and broader collaborations needed to advance these national-level reforms. The session will conclude with action planning on next steps, including consideration of how international initiatives and policy levers can help promote and scale up conservation engagement in national efforts to secure indigenous and community land rights.

Co-Chairs:
 Ms. Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 Mr. Gonzalo Oviedo, Senior Adviser on Social Policy, IUCN

Speakers:
 Ms. Nonette Royo, Executive Director, Samdhana Institute
 Mr. Tushar Dash, Program Officer, Vasundhara
 Ms. Jenny Springer, Consultant, Rights and Resources Initiative
 Mr. Kanyinke Sena, Leader on REDD+, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee



Organizers:
 Rights and Resources Initiative, International Union for Conservation of Nature and the Indigenous Peoples' International Center for Policy Research and Education (Tebtebba).

** This session will be held in English only.*

Vivace 6

Scaling-Up Women's Land and Resource Rights

Sustainable Development Goal number five calls for the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. Taking place just after the United Nations

summit in September at which the adoption of the SDGs is anticipated, this session of the Bern conference on land and resource rights provides a timely opportunity to consider progress in recognizing women's land rights in both statutory and customary tenure systems. It is a fact that globally, most private land is owned by men, with women's access to such land usually being through the male line—rendering unmarried, divorced or widowed women particularly vulnerable. Under community based systems of forest and land tenure, similar patterns tend to prevail, although the situation is often more nuanced and complex. Rather than focusing on women's land and resource rights per se, and the variety of de facto and de jure examples around the world, this session will instead consider the enabling environment necessary for women to claim their rights to land and—especially—forest resources.

We will discuss the role of different stakeholders, and the practical way in which capacities can be built at community, civil society, private, and government level to ensure that women's rights are known, their importance understood, and that women's voices are heard in decision-making over forest resources on an equal basis with those of men. The session will aim to define ways in which a more conducive environment for women's equal engagement in decision-making over community land use and management can be promoted.

Speakers:

Mr. Herman Wijethunge, Convener, National Fisheries Solidarity Movement
 Ms. Lucila Pautrat, Forestry Engineer, Sociedad Peruana de Ecodesarrollo
 Mr. Duncan Pollard, Associate Vice President - Stakeholders Engagement in Sustainability, Nestlé S.A.
 Mr. Frédéric Djinadja, Executive Director, Rural Self Promotion for Sustainable Development
 Ms. Amina Hajar Zahra, Community Mobilizer on Women's Land Rights
 Ms. Katie Minderhoud, Programme Officer, Solidaridad



Organizers:

Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, Oxfam, International Land Coalition and RECOFTC—The Center for People and Forests.

** This session will be held in English only.*

Bellavista 2

Establishing Community and Indigenous Land and Resources Rights as a Global Priority

The session is an opportunity for rights-holders, government representatives, donors, campaigners, policy advisors, and activists to discuss together how to establish community and indigenous land and resource rights as a global priority. The objective is to identify concrete actions to up-scale collaboration in the coming months. Structured as an interactive and participatory session, we will hear updates from the most recent policy developments, including the new World Bank's Safeguards, the Post-2015 negotiations and the upcoming UNFCCC COP 21. We will also discuss the status of VGGT and F&G implementation, and how to enhance political support to realize them; and we will track progress on global and country-level awareness on these issues. We will then jointly identify solutions and concrete actions that are needed to promote a shift in both awareness and policies. The session will build on the positive collaborations developed since the previous 2013 Conference in Interlaken, learn from mistakes and successes, and strengthen a community of actors that shares a common objective. Participants will get a clearer understanding of the available policy opportunities, will build new alliances, and discuss as concretely as possible individual and collective actions points, including towards the January 2016 launch of the Global Call to Action on Indigenous Peoples and Community Land Rights.

Speakers:

Ms. Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 Mr. Joseph Simel, Executive Director, Manyoito Pastoralist

Integrated Development Organization
 Mr. Duncan Pruett, Land Rights Policy Advisor, Oxfam
 Ms. Joan Carling, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) and Executive Director of the Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)
 Mr. Samuel Nguiffo, Executive Director, Centre pour l'Environnement et le Développement (CED)



Organizers:
 Oxfam, Centre pour l'Environnement et le Développement and the Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact.

** This session will be held in English only.*

12:00 - 13:30

SIDE EVENTS

Vivace 1

Launch of the Territories of Life Video Toolkit and Talk on Plan de Vida: A Long-term Approach to Securing Indigenous Territories

Recognizing Indigenous People's rights to their ancestral territories is essential, but recognition alone is rarely enough. Too many Indigenous Peoples whose rights to their territories have been recognized are still being forced into a defensive, fire-fighting mode to protect their territories, resources, and cultures from external threats.

This side event is an opportunity to hear about Plan de Vida (Life Plan), a powerful approach to self-determined development in indigenous territories.

The event will be co-hosted by Jeremias Tunubala and Liliana Muelas, the leaders of the Cabildo Misak in the Colombian Cauca. The Misak first developed the Plan de Vida (Life Plan) approach that has since been taken up by hundreds of Indigenous Peoples across South America. When done well, the Plan de Vida has

resulted in stronger governance and defence of indigenous territories on the basis of self-determined development.

Plan de Vida changes the rules of engagement. Instead of Indigenous Peoples having to prove their right to exist in the face of unprecedented change, Indigenous Peoples propose and implement their own long-term visions of the future. Thus despite facing great imbalances and injustices, Indigenous Peoples can make sure that the starting point of their conversations with governments and corporations is where they have come from, where they are at today, and where they want to go in the future.

The side event is also the European launch of LifeMosaic's Territories of Life video toolkit, a series of 10 videos that shares stories of resistance, resilience, and hope from Latin America, Africa, and South-East Asia, with communities on the frontline of the global rush for land. The aim of the toolkit is to share stories, experiences, and ideas between communities, to help spark discussion and new visions for the future, and to support Indigenous Peoples' struggles to defend their rights, territories, and cultures.

Organizers: Cabildo Misak and LifeMosaic

** This side event will be held in English and Spanish.*

Vivace 3

Strengthening Partnerships for Improved Civil Society Capacity in African Natural Resource Governance

Committed, innovative, and effective civil society organizations (CSOs) play a critical role in social and institutional processes that can bring about lasting change to community land rights and natural resource governance. As such, the capacity and performance of CSOs is a central issue in global efforts designed to strengthen and scale up community and indigenous land and resource rights.

A range of key issues and trends frequently constrain organizations' impact, capacity, and sustainability. The last five years have witnessed growing pressures on CSOs from national

governments in many countries, including through new laws that restrict information, funding, and basic organizational rights. At the same time, many struggle with core organizational challenges related to human and financial resources, technical skills, strategy, board governance, constituent accountability, and leadership. External funding and international partnerships provide critical resources and networks to CSOs, but can also impose constraints in terms of the way support is designed and provided. These constraints include limitations on core organizational funding, demanding compliance and reporting requirements, short-term project-based support, and inappropriately designed and delivered forms of 'capacity building.' Although the long-term development and fostering of vital and impactful CSOs is a critical strategic priority in the land and resource rights arena, significant challenges exist in terms of how effective external relationships and partnerships are facilitating this aim.

These internal and external challenges are particularly pronounced for CSOs in many African countries, as a result of both the social and political context as well as technical, financial, and human resource availability. This side event will explore these issues with a focus on identifying opportunities for improved partnerships that better enable African CSOs to achieve impact and sustainability. The event will draw on recently published research carried out by Maliasili Initiatives and Well Grounded, as well as previous discussions on these issues at events earlier in the year, including the Global Land Forum in Senegal that took place in May and the conference on Building Capacity for Conservation Africa in Kenya held in July.

Organizers: Maliasili Initiatives and Well Grounded

** This side event will be held in English only.*

Vivace 4

The Mekong Region Land Governance Customary Tenure Initiatives

This side event will share with participants the framework of the Mekong Region Land Governance Project (MRLG) funded by SDC, BMZ, and GIZ. Of the core activities MRLG focuses on, the event will showcase the situation of customary tenure in Cambodia,

Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam, along with specific initiatives at the country and regional level geared towards encouraging the recognition of customary tenure in accordance with the VGGTs. The efforts of MRLG for the regional activity are coordinated with FAO.

Organizer: Land Equity International

** This side event will be held in English only.*

Vivace 5

Conflict Sensitivity: A Priority for Natural Resource Rights Organizations

This event addresses the priorities and approaches for ensuring that programs on natural resource governance and rights issues are 'conflict sensitive.' Experience shows that many well-intentioned projects in fragile or conflict prone areas in practice add to risks of violent conflict or insecurity. This is a particular risk for contested issue areas such as land and natural resource rights and governance. Yet, many otherwise good organizations working in this area do not yet have sufficient awareness, policies, capacities, and systems to ensure adequate conflict sensitivity.

In this event, two international experts on conflict sensitivity with experience in natural resource governance and rights issues will present: the risks of doing unintentional harm; the key concepts, aims and principles of ensuring conflict sensitive programs; and the guidelines and systems that need to be in place to achieve this. They will introduce what needs to be done to ensure conflict sensitivity in program design and program implementation as a basis for further plenary discussion. This event is sponsored by the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) and organized by experts from Sida's Helpdesk on Human Security in consultation with RRI and ILC.

The two speakers are: Professor Owen Greene, Coordinator of the Sida Helpdesk on Human Security and Professor of International Security and Development at the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, UK; and Hesta Groenewald, Sida Helpdesk and Senior Advisor (previously Programme Manager for East Africa) at the NGO Saferworld. Both have more than 15 years of experience working on issues of conflict sensitivity and on design,

implementation, and review of policies and programs in fragile and conflict-affected states.

Organizer: Sida Helpdesk on Human Security

** This side event will be held in English only.*

Vivace 6

Building Momentum towards the Global Call for Action on Indigenous and Community Land Rights

This session will enable participants to ask questions on how the Global Call for Action on Indigenous and Community Land Rights is building momentum towards its official launch in 2016. Members of the Steering Group of the Global Call will talk about their involvement and what they see as the contribution of the Global Call to their struggles and advocacy efforts in their own countries. In this session, participants will also learn about how national level struggles and actions are being linked to build a global movement that has the potential to dramatically increase the recognition of indigenous and community land rights across the world. Come and learn how you can get involved and contribute to this Global Call!

Organizer: Call to Action Steering Group

** This side event will be held in English only.*

17:00-18:00 **Reporting Back Plenary**

Kursaal Arena

09:00-10:30

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PANEL

Kursaal Arena

Strategies to Advance Indigenous Land Rights and Governance in Climate Change Initiatives

By the end of the year, a new global climate agreement should be signed in Paris and more details will be provided on REDD+ funding frameworks, as well as mitigation and adaptation measures. It is expected that some of these processes will have significant implications for indigenous tenure rights for years to come. The recent developments, including the new draft of the World Bank environmental and social safeguards, are raising great concerns among local and civil society groups. In that context, many indigenous organizations have established plans to make sure their concerns are taken into account and addressed. This panel will be the opportunity to hear what plans indigenous groups have made to strengthen their position in climate policies and programs and what are their proposals to scale up recognition of their rights. Leading to Paris, these groups will also share what their specific asks are for the climate agreement and negotiations.

Chair: Ms. Penny Davies, Program Officer, Ford Foundation

Speakers:

Ms. Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Mr. Cándido Mezua Salazar, Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests (AMPB)

Mr. Edwin Vásquez, General Coordinator, Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon River Basin (COICA)

Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Sahel Region Representative, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC)

Ms. Rukka Sombolinggi, Deputy Secretary General, Indigenous Peoples' Alliance of the Archipelago (AMAN)

11:00-12:30

PLENARY

Kursaal Arena**Towards Full Recognition of Tenure Rights in Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities in the Context of Colombia and Peru as New Emerging Economies**

Latin America has the highest percentage of indigenous, Afro-descendant, and community forests under formal recognition, at 39% of all forest land. Over the last 30 years, most Latin American countries have enacted laws and policies to advance community land rights, with some countries undertaking major reforms. Recognition of these rights has often been the product of sustained pressure and advocacy, as well as the mediation of long-term conflicts between communities, civil society, and the government. Despite these advances, tenure insecurity and rollback is growing across the region, and the implementation of existing laws has been restricted by a number of constraints including lack of resources, capacity, and political will. Increasing global demand for natural resources puts pressures on community lands, while countries are weakening laws and protections to attract foreign investments in the extractive industry sector. Looking at cases in Peru and Colombia, this panel will assess and learn from the factors that have impeded the realization of collective rights, and will examine new opportunities to accelerate the full implementation of land rights for indigenous, Afro-descendant, and local communities.

Chair: Ms. Leticia Merino, Founder, International Association for the Study of the Commons, Mexico

Moderator:

Ms. Omaira Bolaños, Regional Director, Latin America, Rights and Resources Initiative

Speakers:

Ms. Johana Herrera, Professor and Researcher, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia

Ms. Leonor Zalabata, Indigenous Leader Arhuaca, Human Rights Commissioner, Indigenous Confederation of Tayrona, Colombia

Mr. Humberto Campodonico, Head of the Economics Department, Universidad Mayor Nacional de San Marcos, Peru

Mr. Klaus Quicque, President, Native Federation of the Madre de Dios River and Tributaries, Peru

13:00-14:00

SIDE EVENTS

Vivace 1**Land Deal Transparency: Previewing OpenLandContracts.org (Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment)**

OpenLandContracts.org is the first searchable online repository of publicly available investment contracts for large-scale land, agriculture, and forestry projects from around the world. Such projects can have serious implications for land users and local communities, as well as for host governments' sustainable development efforts, while the contracts that govern them affect a range of social and environmental issues and define the responsibilities of the governments and investors involved. To date, a general lack of contract transparency, combined with limited capacity to analyze and compare agreements, has resulted in a critical knowledge gap for citizens, host governments, and other stakeholders. OpenLandContracts.org, which is a joint project of the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI) and the World Bank, aims to fill that gap.

In advance of the repository's formal launch on October 7 in New York, CCSI will provide an exclusive preview of this website for conference participants. This side event will highlight features of the land contracts database, which makes contracts available; provides plain language summaries of each contract's key social, human rights, environmental, fiscal, and operational provisions; and hosts tools for understanding and comparing contracts. In addition, this side event will feature a short discussion on the state of efforts to advance contract transparency for land, agriculture, and forestry investments.

Organizer: Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment.

** This side event will be held in English only.*

Vivace 4**The Open Data Revolution: Transforming the Landscape for Community Land Rights**

Although there is an enormous amount of information and data online about land governance, much of this content is difficult

to find, and much of it is subject to copyrights, which restricts its dissemination and reuse. Grassroots knowledge from key stakeholder groups can be particularly difficult to find or may not be available at all, and often the data and information that is available is presented in ways that are inaccessible to local communities, the media, and NGOs. The Land Portal and its partners are actively working to bring information together, eliminating the gaps, and providing multiple ways for information to be accessed and shared. In this way the Portal aims to dramatically increase the opportunity to use available information; in the process it is also making the information itself more useful. The Land Portal is a pioneering hub for 'linked open data' on land uses semantic tools to share and connect data, information, and knowledge. This enables the Land Portal to publish structured data in machine readable, standardized formats under open licenses that can be reused by anyone. This is helping to increase more effective use of data, better monitor land issues, and holds great promise for adopting and scaling up best practices and promising innovations. The ultimate goal of the Land Portal is to improve land governance.

Organizer: Land Portal

** This side event will be held in English only.*

Vivace 6

Share Fair

The Share Fair is a buzzing, interactive, and collaborative event where participants will showcase and discuss their individual work from around the world in an informal and open manner. The Share Fair allows conference participants the chance to exchange ideas, experiences, knowledge, and solution-oriented tools and approaches, giving space and visibility to those experiences in a way that is not otherwise possible during the conference as a whole. The objective of the Share Fair is to facilitate dialogue and learning in a highly interactive and comfortable setting.

The room will be set-up as an open space with tables set against the wall. Each contributing person/organization will be allotted a half table 'workstation' to display material and interact with conference guests. There will be no structured format or presentations; guests will be able to visit the room and discuss with presenters on an 'as-interested' and rotating basis.

The Share Fair is an opportunity to learn from a number of different organizations what they are doing to advance the recognition and implementation of indigenous and community land rights around the world. Come learn from others, participate in lively discussions, exchange ideas, and network with conference participants.

Organizer: International Land Coalition

14:00 - 15:30

PLENARY

Kursaal Arena

A Watershed Moment in Africa: How Do We Make Land Rights a Reality?

African countries are now reforming the colonial legal frameworks that put the majority of forest land in government hands. This session will share lessons learned from forested countries in West and Central Africa that are currently undertaking community tenure reform processes, including Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and Liberia. A diverse range of actors are shaping these reform processes to secure the rights of local communities, women, and Indigenous Peoples. This panel will bring together these strategic allies, which include civil society organizations, traditional chiefs, parliamentarians, Indigenous Peoples, women, and national institutions leading the reforms, to leverage different perspectives on challenges and opportunities for these countries and on strategies to advance tenure reforms that achieve sustainable development and social justice objectives.

Chair: Honorable Jean-Jacques Zam, National Coordinator, Network of Parliamentarians for the Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa (REPAR)

Moderator: Ms. Solange Bandiaky-Badji, Regional Director, Africa, Rights and Resources Initiative

Speakers:

Chief Robinson Tanyi, Traditional Ruler and Country Coordinator, Network of Traditional Chiefs for the Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa (ReCTRAD)
Ms. Nora Bowier, Coordinator, Sustainable Development Institute (SDI), Liberia

15:30 - 17:00

Kursaal Arena

Realizing Unmet Potential in Asia: Accelerating Community Land Tenure Recognition in two of the World's Largest Democracies

Asia is home to the largest number of forest dependent and indigenous communities. Community tenure reforms in Asia can benefit more than 400 million people. However, the potential remains largely unmet, even though there have been exciting developments in the last decade. In this panel, we will focus on community tenure reform processes in two of the world's greatest democracies, India and Indonesia. Speakers will explore the vast unmet potential for community and indigenous forest tenure opened up by the 2013 Constitutional Court order in Indonesia and the enactment of the landmark Forest Rights Act in India. Estimates show that more than 80 million ha of land can come under the jurisdiction of communities in the two countries, benefiting more than 250 million forest dwellers and indigenous peoples. Speakers from both countries will discuss how the potential for community rights are sought to be actualized and ongoing obstacles and bottlenecks being faced in the process. They will discuss the need for global, regional and national support to bring about this transformation which will lead to better outcomes for conservation, sustainable development, poverty alleviation and climate resilience in the forested landscapes of India and Indonesia.

Chair: Ms. Nonette Royo, Executive Director, Samdhana Institute

Moderator: Mr. Kundan Kumar, Regional Director, Asia, Rights and Resources Initiative

Speakers:

Ms. Rukka Sombolinggi, Deputy Secretary General, Indigenous Peoples' Alliance of the Archipelago (AMAN), Indonesia

Ms. Sandra Moniaga, Commissioner, National Commission on Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia (Komnas HAM)

Dr. Tajamul Haque, Director, Council for Social Development, India

Mr. Tushar Dash, Program Officer, Vasundhara, India

17:00 - 18:00

Kursaal Arena

Closing Plenary: Wrap-up and Closing Statements

18:30 - 21:00

WORKSHOP

Vivace 6

Ensuring Conflict Sensitivity in Natural Resource Rights Organizations: Developing Institutional Policies, Capacities, and Systems

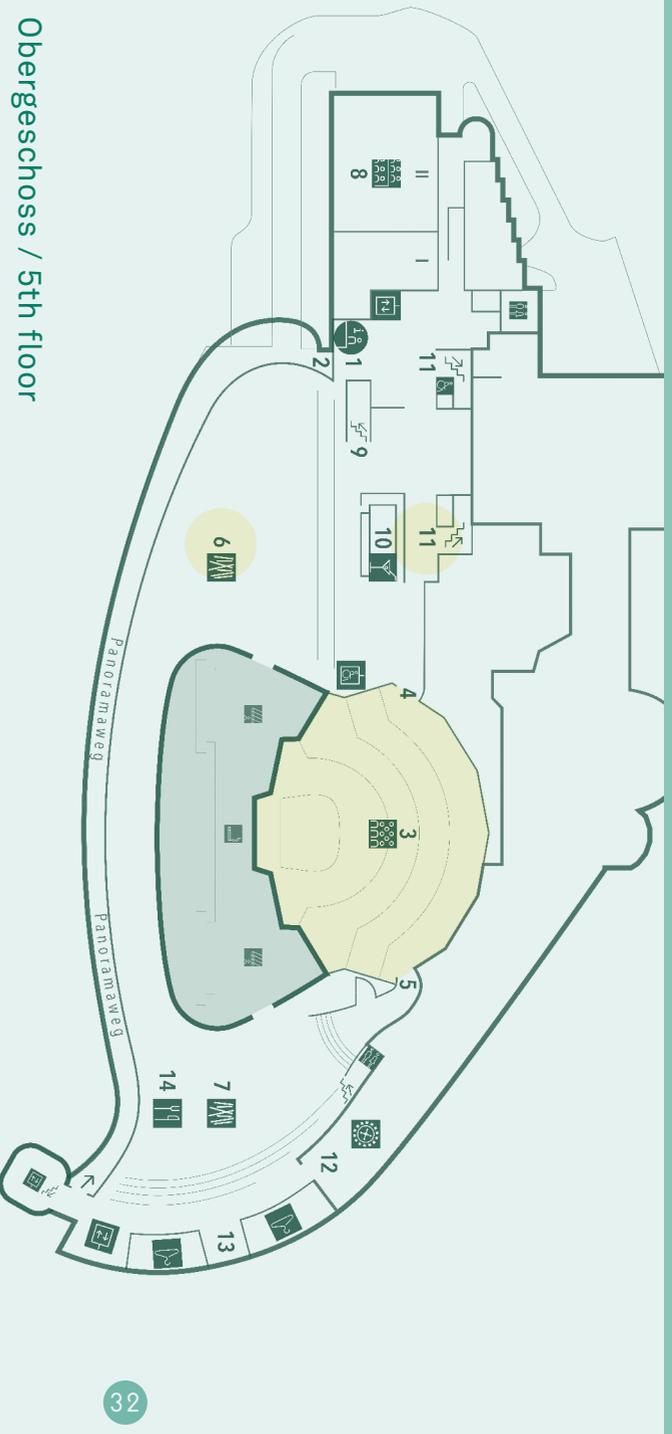
This workshop aims to provide introductory education and training on: (i) the principles and priorities for ensuring that programs on natural resource governance and rights issues are 'conflict sensitive' and (ii) priorities, systems, and guidelines for organizations to ensure that their programs and activities in these issue areas are both designed and implemented in ways that ensure adequate conflict sensitivity.

The relevant generic conflict sensitivity concepts, principles, methods, and guidelines will be introduced. However, the workshop will be specifically customized and focused on conflict sensitivity issues as they relate to organizations and programs concerned with land and other natural resource governance and rights issues, and which work in fragile or insecure countries. In this context, the workshop is short, and necessarily has limited aims. These aims are to develop and ensure all participants' awareness and knowledge of conflict sensitivity to the extent that they are in a position to: (i) participate effectively in discussions and critical assessments of the extent to which existing or proposed programs fulfil the basic requirements for conflict sensitivity; (ii) contribute effectively to discussions to develop strategies and plans to enhance the levels of awareness, capacities, policies, and systems for conflict sensitivity in an organization or program with which they are involved; and (iii) identify their needs for further training and development of skills and capacities on conflict sensitivity. In this way, the workshop is designed to be of direct benefit not only for those who are relatively unfamiliar with conflict sensitivity issues but also for those concerned with developing specific capacities, systems, and guidelines to ensure conflict sensitivity in their own organizations and programs.



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