

Securing Forest and Community Land Rights

Challenges, trends and ways forward



Seminar with land rights experts from Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)

When: 10am - 4pm September 10, 2014

Where: University of Gothenburg, in the main university building at "Vasaplatsen"

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This one-day seminar will focus on forests and other off-farm areas that constitute vital resources for the food security and livelihoods of the rural poor in many developing countries. These lands are often used in integrated ways by local communities under communal customary arrangements while often formally owned by the state. Unclear land rights make these resources and associated livelihoods particularly vulnerable in the current context of increased demand for land; this needs to be better recognized and articulated in discussions on land rights and responsible land investments.

Several land rights experts from RRI will present at the seminar and elaborate on the issues with representatives from Sida, civil society organizations, the academia and the private sector in open discussions with seminar participants. RRI is a global coalition of 14 Partners and over 140 international, regional and community organizations advancing forest tenure, policy and market reforms. **Take the opportunity to learn from and discuss with land rights experts from many different backgrounds.**

The event aims to contribute to knowledge sharing around forests and community land rights and discuss ways forward and concrete roles that different actors can play to advance those rights.

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Live Webcast:

www.siani.se/news/stream/landrights
from CET 10:00

Organized by:

This one-day seminar is co-organized by LARRI (Land Rights Research Initiative) at the University of Gothenburg, RRI (Rights and Resources Initiative), the "Forests, Landscapes and Food Security Theme", a collaboration between SIANI (Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative) and Focali (Forest, Climate and Livelihood research network) and Sida (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency).



9.45 – 10.00 Coffee and registration

Opening Plenary:

Arne Bigsten Senior Professor, Director of Gothenburg Centre of Globalization and Development (GCGD), University of Gothenburg

Andy White Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)

Marie Ottosson Head of Department, International Organizations and Thematic Support, Sida/INTEM

10.15 – 12.30 Session 1: Forest and community land rights in the current development conjuncture

Presentations

GLOBAL FOREST AND COMMUNITY TENURE CHALLENGES

Jenny Springer Director of Global Programs, Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)

THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY FORESTS AND COMMUNITY LANDS IN ACHIEVING THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS

David Bray Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, Florida International University, Director Institute for Sustainability Science in the Latin American and Caribbean Center at FIU

TENURE TRENDS AND PRESSURES ON FOREST COMMUNITIES IN CAMEROON

Samuel Nguiffo Secretary General, Centre for Environment and Development (CED)

Panel discussion

Susanne von Walter Senior adviser Department for Rural and Urban Development at Swedish University of Agricultural Science (SLU)

Gunnar Köhlin Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Director of Environment for Development (EfD), University of Gothenburg

Sten Nilsson Guest Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.30 Session 2: Concrete actions for the advancement of forest and community land rights

Presentations

PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FOR SECURING FOREST AND COMMUNITY LAND RIGHTS

Andy White Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)

INTEGRATING TENURE RISKS IN INVESTMENT DECISIONS

Lou Munden Founder, The Munden Project

Panel discussion

Vicky Tauli-Corpuz Executive Director, Tebtebba and UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Mark Constantine Chief Strategist, Global Manufacturing and Services Department, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Margareta Nilsson Senior Programme Manager, Department for International Organizations and Thematic Support, Sida/INTEM/Global Programmes

Christina Olivecrona Analyst Sustainability, Second Swedish National Pension Fund (AP2)

Concluding remarks:

Marie Ottosson Head of Department, International Organizations and Thematic Support, Sida/INTEM

Lasse Krantz Project Leader, Land Rights Research Initiative (LARRI)

15.30 Mingle and snacks

Live webcast:

A stream will appear on www.siani.se/news/stream/landrights at CET 10:00

Please contact project coordinator Kristina Fermskog at kristina.fermskog@gu.se for questions.

