Eighteenth RRI Dialogue on Forests, Governance & Climate Change

Status of Community Land Rights and the Role of Climate Finance on the Eve of the Paris Agreement

October 26, 2015 | 555 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
The Newseum | Washington D.C., 20001

8:30-9:00 | Registration and coffee

9:00-9:15 | Welcoming Remarks – Andy White, Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative

9:15-10:45 | Session 1: Taking stock of recognition - and agenda for Paris

Chair: Charles Barber, Director, Forest Legality Alliance and Government Relations, Forests Program, World Resources Institute


Panelists:
1. Indigenous Peoples’ proposals and recommendations for Paris – Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Co-Chair, International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change
2. Rights and tenure in the Paris Agreement: Current issues, prospects and critical actions – Niranjali Amerasinghe, Climate Finance Associate, World Resources Institute

10:45-11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 | Session 2: FCPF Carbon Fund: Challenges and opportunities to secure community rights

Chair: Arvind Khare, Senior Advisor, Rights and Resources Initiative

Framing Presentation: Rights and Tenure in the Carbon Fund ER-PINs – Josh Lichtenstein, Independent Consultant

Panelists:
1. Perspective from the Democratic Republic of the Congo – Joseph Bobia Bonkaw, National Coordinator, Réseau Ressources Naturelles (RRN)
2. Perspectives from civil society organizations:
   a. Michael Wolosin, Managing Director of Research and Policy, Climate Advisers
   b. Kate Horner, Director of Forest Campaigns, Environmental Investigation Agency
3. **Perspectives from the FCPF Carbon Fund** – Kennan W. Rapp, Senior Social Development Specialist, Forests & Landscapes Climate Finance Team, The World Bank

12:30-1:30 | **Lunch**

1:30-3:00 | **Session 3: Climate finance and support for tenure recognition**

**Chair:** Luis Felipe Duchicela, Advisor, Indigenous Peoples, The World Bank

**Panelists:**
1. *Economic costs and benefits of securing community forest tenure* – Juan Carlos Altamirano, Senior Economist, World Resources Institute
2. *Demand and supply of support for scaling-up tenure recognition* – Tapani Oksanen, Senior Partner, Indufor
3. *Indigenous Peoples’ proposals for climate financing* – Edwin Vásquez Campos, General Coordinator, COICA
4. *Tenure Facility projects in Panama and general overview* – Ultiminio Cabrera, Assistant Coordinator, COONAPIP

3:00-3:15 | **Coffee Break**

3:15-4:45 | **Session 4: Way forward on tenure rights in climate policy, financing and action**

**Chair:** Andy White, Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative

**Panelists:**
1. Simon Counsell, Executive Director, Rainforest Foundation UK
2. Brandon Wu, Senior Policy Analyst, ActionAid USA
3. Juan Martinez, Senior Social Development Specialist, The World Bank

4:45-5:00 | **Closing Remarks** – Arvind Khare, Senior Advisor, Rights and Resources Initiative

5:00-7:00 | **Reception at The Source restaurant** (575 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC)