State of Rights and Resources 2016-2017
From Risk and Conflict to Peace and Prosperity in Africa
9 FEBRUARY 2017
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Objective: Official launch of RRI’s annual review on the state of land rights and natural resources in Africa and in the world. This global event, previously organized at the Royal Society in London, is being held for the very first time in Africa.

Organizers: The Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI), the National Land Commission of Senegal (CNRF), the think tank Agricultural and Rural Initiative (IPAR), and the National Council for Rural Consultation and Cooperation (CNCR)

Communication: National and international press

Facilitators: Dr. Solange Bandiaky-Badji – Director, Africa Program, RRI
Dr. Alain Diouf – Consultant and RRI Fellow

Radisson Blu, Dakar              Thursday, February 9, 2017
9h00 – 10h00 | Opening Remarks
Speakers:
Prime Minister of the Republic of Senegal and / or Minister
Andy White – President, Rights and Resources Initiative
Moustapha Sourang – President, National Land Commission of Senegal (CNRF)
Babacar Diop – Member, National Council for Rural Consultation and Cooperation (CNCR)
Cheikh Oumar Ba – Executive Director, Agricultural and Rural Initiative (IPAR)

10h00 – 10h30 | Keynote
Lou Munden – Founder, TMP Systems
Presentation – Tenure and Investment Risk in Africa

10h30 – 11h00 | Coffee break and photo

11h00 – 12h00 | Panel: From Risk and Conflict to Peace and Prosperity in Africa
Moderator:
Fred Pearce – Journalist
Panelists:
Suleiman Kiggundu – Regional Director for Africa, CDC Group
Lou Munden – Founder, TMP Systems
Mali Ole Kaunga – Director, Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation (IMPACT), Kenya
Maminah Carr – Head of Secretariat, Natural Resources Women’s Platform (NRWP), Liberia
Alioune Guèye – President, Federation of Peasant Landowners, Member of CNCR, Senegal
12h00 – 12h30 | Questions from the audience

12h30 – 13h30 | Lunch

13h30 – 14h30 | Panel: Land Reform Processes in Africa – Challenges and Opportunities for Maintaining Peace and Sustainable Investment

   Moderator: Bara Gueye – Director, Innovation for Environment and Development Africa (IED Afrique)

   Keynote Speaker: Samuel Nguiffo – Executive Director, Center for Environment and Development (CED), Cameroon

   Presentation – The state of community land rights in Africa: African states can better protect community land rights

   Panelists: James Yarsiah – Executive Director, Rights and Rice Foundation, Liberia
               Saydou Koudougou – Executive Director, Research and Action Group on Land (GRAF), Burkina Faso
               Ibrahima Coulibaly – President, National Council of Peasant Organizations (CNOP), Mali
               Ode Oyama – Executive Director, Rainforest Resource and Development Centre (RRDC), Nigeria

14h30 – 15h00 | Questions from the audience

15h00 – 15h30 | Coffee break

15h30 – 16h30 | Panel: Land Reform Processes in Africa – The Role of National Land Commissions

   Moderator: David Abouem – TITLE

   Panelists: Stanley Toe – Acting Director, Land Authority, Liberia
               Fibian Lukalo – Director of Research, National Land Commission, Kenya
               Jones Ofori-Boadu – Deputy Executive Secretary, Lands Commission, Ghana

16h30 – 17h00 | Questions from the audience

17h00 – 18h00 | Closing Panel: Lessons and Ways Forward for Land Reform in Senegal

   Moderator: Célestin Dembélé – Deputy Director, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, Mali

   Panelists: Moustapha Sourang – President, National Land Commission (CNRF), Senegal
              Mariam Sow – Coordinator, ENDA PRONAT, Senegal