



Conference on Forests and Common Lands: Rights, Conflicts, FRA and PESA

18 December 2012 | New Delhi, India

Agenda

9.00	REGISTRATION
9.30	WELCOME AND OVERVIEW SESSION
Chair	Dr. Sudershan Iyengar , <i>Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth</i>
	<p>Welcome Address: Mr. V. B. Eswaran, <i>Chairman, SPWD</i></p> <p>Objectives of the Conference: Ms. Madhu Sarin, <i>Fellow, RRI</i></p> <p>National Overview: B. D. Sharma, <i>Bharat Jan Andolan</i></p> <p>International Overview: Arvind Khare, <i>Executive Director, RRG</i></p>
10.30	TEA
11.00	TECHNICAL SESSION I
Chair	Nitin Desai , <i>Former Under-Secretary General, Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations</i>
	<p>Forest and Common Land Acquisition: Lessons of Case Studies from 8 States, Viren Lobo, <i>Executive Director, SPWD</i></p> <p>Estimated Forecast of Forest and Common Land Acquisition, Dr. Jagdish Purohit, <i>Program Director, SPWD</i></p> <p>Discussant, Mr. Richard Mahapatra, <i>CSE</i></p>
12.30	LUNCH
1.30	TECHNICAL SESSION II
Chair	Pradeep Prabhu , <i>Campaign for Survival and Dignity</i>
	<p>Geographical Dimensions of Land Conflicts, Madhu Sarin</p> <p>Undemocratic and Arbitrary: Control, Regulation and Expropriation of India's Forest and Common Lands, Shankar Gopalakrishnan</p> <p>Discussant, Usha Ramanathan</p>
3.30	TEA
4.00	WAY FORWARD
Chair	Arvind Khare
	<p>Xu Jintao, <i>Professor, Peking University (China)</i></p> <p>Luiz Joels, <i>Former Director, Brazilian Forest Service (Brazil)</i></p> <p>Ministry of Tribal Affairs, India</p>