



Priorities and Strategic Initiatives for Securing Forest and Community Land Rights

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Six Key Shifts Underway in the World

- 1) Stronger, more visible, local and IP organizations – more able to protect, protest, advance rights;
- 2) Some “forward-looking” companies recognizing value in securing local land rights
- 3) Rollback on rights and weakening environmental standards in some countries/organizations:
 - *Peru, Mexico, India; World Bank*
- 4) Progress on land rights in some countries:
 - *DRC, Constitutional Ruling in Indonesia*
- 5) NGOs – rethinking/repositioning/searching for opportunities, influence, and scale
- 6) Some substantial shifts in political leadership:
 - *Joko Widodo in Indonesia, Marina Silva in Brazil???*



How, in the world, can ODA respond?

Current Situation:

- Governments and international organizations mixed, chaotic, unclear, uncertain, unstable, unpredictable – few patterns, many dispersed opportunities
- Two trends are stable: global demands for resources; local demands for justice.

Thus:

1. Need strategy, responsiveness, nimbleness, intelligent networks to be able to detect, understand, and then formulate completely tailored responses
2. Engage “upstream” – sources of capital; and “downstream” – with local people

What does this mean in terms of priorities, for RRI?

- 1) Continue to support and connect local and indigenous organizations and networks
- 2) Engage financial institutions
- 3) Engage companies and supply chains
- 4) Scale up investments in implementing tenure reform where there are real opportunities
- 5) Reach out, link-up with “unlikely” partners – coordination, influence and scale



New Initiatives

- 1) The Interlaken “Call to Action” (including working groups, baseline, upcoming conference);
- 2) Interlaken Group - upcoming work on company standards; and
- 3) International Land and Forest Tenure Facility;

Interlaken “Call to Action” – to scale up securing community land rights



Co-Convenors:



Working groups/collaborative groups

- Global Mapping Platform



**Next conference:
Interlaken, 8-9
October 2015**

- Conservation



- Global Processes/SDGs



Private Sector “Interlaken Group”

- Leading companies, financial institutions, NGOs committed to *expanding and leveraging private sector action in securing community land rights*
- 5 priority work streams
 1. Develop operational guidelines
 2. Strategic funding mechanism for tenure
 3. Advance transparency
 4. Strengthen business case
 5. Capacity building and training



The Munden Project



International Land and Forest Tenure Facility (ILFTF)



- **Insecure rights are driving conflicts and undermining progress on food security, poverty alleviation, climate change, justice and sustainable investment**
...and pressure will only increase -- 4 billion more people in middle class by 2050.
- **Interest increasing, but inadequate efforts and commitment to date**
Only 6% of \$900MM World Bank portfolio on land for securing community forest land ... majority for urban and agriculture
- **Serving 2 main functions:**
 1. Funding and technical support for tenure reform projects
 2. A meeting place to coordinate commitments / develop shared strategies to recognize and strengthen collective land rights
- **Multi-stakeholder governance brings together rights-holders, governments, civil society, and investors (public and private).**