



Fifth RRI Dialogue on Forests, Governance & Climate Change



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KNIGHT CONFERENCE CENTER AT THE NEWSEUM

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The Dialogues on Forests, Governance and Climate Change, organized by the Rights and Resources Initiative, are designed to foster critical reflection and learning on forest governance, the rights of forest communities and Indigenous Peoples, and forest tenure in the context of global action to combat climate change.

At this event, RRI will present new knowledge on the direct and indirect causes of deforestation and explore how REDD+ programs can tackle these drivers. Panelists and participants from around the world will analyze the prospects for the upcoming 16th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Cancun and identify major issues and opportunities to improve REDD governance, protect the rights and interests of local peoples and move towards effective climate mitigation and adaptation.

This upcoming Dialogue is structured around four thematic sessions. Each session will feature a panel of experts and a moderated plenary discussion:

➤ **SESSION ONE - Emerging Architecture, New Partnerships & Global REDD Governance**

The panel will take stock of the decisions taken in the Oslo Climate and Forest Conference, the recent UNFCCC sessions in Bonn, as well as the Cochabamba Summit, and assess their implications for local people, governance, and potential for fairly and effectively dealing with climate change.

What do the decisions in Oslo and Bonn mean for the rights of forest communities and governance of the world's forests?

➤ **SESSION TWO - Implementation: Addressing the Drivers, Costs & Risks**

Here panelists will assess the experience to date of key implementation issues, including identifying and dealing with the drivers of deforestation, the real costs, and the real governance challenges.

What are the major drivers of deforestation and will REDD change the status quo?

➤ **SESSION THREE - Accountability, Standards & Safeguards**

In this session, presenters will review the status of progress towards a coherent framework of standards, safeguards and recourse mechanisms across the REDD arena, and in particular assessing the policy implications of the recommendations from the recent RRI Workshop on Systems of Standards, Safeguards, and Recourse Mechanisms for Forests and Climate.

What are the next steps to create a framework that protects rights and ensures access to redress?

➤ **SESSION FOUR - Looking Forward to COP-16**

The goal of this session is to project political dynamics in the lead-up to COP-16 in Mexico and to identify strategies to ensure that rights of forest communities are upheld at the conference.

What needs to be done to establish global REDD governance and enforceable safeguards?

Panelists will include representatives from:

- Cameroon Ecology
- Climate & REDD Working Group, D.R. Congo (GTCR)
- Civic Response – Ghana
- Forest Trends
- The Government of Norway's International Climate & Forest Initiative, Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of Agric. & Rural Development, Viet Nam [tbc]
- Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia
- National Forestry Commission of Mexico (CONAFOR) [tbc]
- University of Papua New Guinea – Remote Sensing Centre
- Rainforest Foundation – Norway
- Rights and Resources Initiative
- UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- World Bank