International Conference on Forest Land Tenure, Governance and Enterprise: Experiences and Opportunities in Asia in a Changing Context

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 Proposed Date and Venue: 11-15 July 2011, Lombok, Indonesia

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Organized by

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 In Collaboration With: ITTO-CSAG, ICRAF, RECOFTC, Samdhana Institute, FPP, HuMa, AMAN, GACF, EFI (and TBD)

Origin of the Proposal

 As a follow-up to international conferences held in Acre, Brazil in July 2007, and Yaoundé, Cameroon in May 2009, the Ministry of Forestry-Republic of Indonesia, RRI and ITTO have proposed this conference

 Governments, Community-based Organizations, NGOs, Researchers, International Community

Proposed Outcomes of Conference (1)

- Improved Asian knowledge base and information sharing on innovative forest tenure policies, legislation, institutional arrangements, and other initiatives in the changing context of trade, decentralization and climate change at national, regional and international levels;
- Updated information on trends and development of community forest management with a focus on Asia-Pacific;
- Analytical studies on present constraints in forest tenure and resource rights vis-à-vis the need to enhance sustainable forest management and livelihood improvement of forest dependent communities;

Proposed Outcomes of Conference (2)

- Enhance the use of existing and new mechanisms to promote stakeholders participation and equitable sharing of benefits from the sustainable use and conservation of tropical forest resources with a specific focus on gender equity;
- Understanding the status of reforms and initiatives in selected countries (Indonesia, China, Nepal, Thailand, etc.) so that lessons can be derived from this experience leading to recommendations for the next steps in reforms for consideration at the international, regional and national levels.

Background Studies

- Background paper that synthesizes status of forest land tenure reform in the context of climate change in Asia.
- Updated Analysis of Indonesia tenure reform status and experience of implementation.
- Background paper documenting the role of women in sustainable forest management in the tropics.

Categories of Participants

- Proposed ceiling of about 250 Participants
- Indonesian and Asia region government, civil society, communities, researchers, industry
- International development community
- Selected government and community representatives from other tropical forest regions
- Regional Asia policy bodies (ASEAN, AFP, APFNet, etc.)

Indicative Budget

Total Cost: \$400,000

Fundraising to Date: \$200,000 in approved
ITTO budget

€ 25,000 from EFI Asia FLEGT \$ 50,000 from GOI \$200,000 to be secured