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Scoping Dialogue on Land and Forest Tenure Reform
27-28 February 2018 – Yale University, New Haven, USA

Dialogue Venues

- Greenberg Conference Center (27th)
- Bowers Auditorium, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (28th)

Objectives

- Share understanding of the background of land tenure reform among various stakeholders including indigenous peoples, forestry companies, agricultural companies, development agencies and relevant government bodies;
- Examine and learn lessons from concrete situations where land tenure reforms have been, or are being, used;
- Identify key fracture lines within land tenure reform with opportunity for improvement and collaboration across stakeholders.

Dialogue Co-Chairs

- Marcus Colchester – Forest Peoples Programme
- Amity Doolittle – Yale University, F&ES
- Jo Ann Guillao – Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (TBC)
- Ivone Namikawa – Klinb
- Christopher Stewart – Olam

Agenda

Tuesday, 27 February (full-day)

8:00 Leave hotel for Greenberg Center, Yale University
8:30 Breakfast
9:00 Plenary Presentations: Introductions
- Participant introductions and Agenda Overview - Co-Chairs
- TFD and Initiative Background - Gary Dunning
- Dialogue Ground rules – Gary Dunning
9:15 Presentation of Scoping Paper – Marcus Colchester

Morning Session

9:45 Plenary Discussion: Issues Identification / Stakeholder Perspectives
- Community/Rights holders
- Private Sector
- Land Reform implementer
- Research
10:45 Break
11:00 Plenary Discussion: Key Issue Synthesis and Prioritization
12:30 Lunch
Afternoon Session

13:30   Plenary Discussion: Prioritize discussion topics
14:00   Breakout Group Discussion: Scoping the Issue

Possible Breakout Group Topics (to be decided during Plenary Discussion):
➤  What are the main obstacles to devolving tenure to local communities and indigenous peoples?
➤  Are governance failures or vested interests blocking land transfers and the recognition of rights?
➤  What are the outcomes for community livelihoods and welfare?

15:30   Break
16:00   Plenary Discussion: Breakout Groups Report Back
17:00   Adjourn for day
17:00   Regional Student Interest Group Happy Hour
19:00   Group Dinner

Wednesday 28 February (part-day)

8:00   Leave Hotel for Bowers Auditorium, F&ES
8:30   Breakfast

Morning Session

9:00   Plenary Discussion: Summary of Day 1
9:30   Breakout Group Discussion: Identify solutions, actions, and actors

Possible Breakout Group Topics (to be decided during Plenary Discussion):
➤  What role, if any, should the private sector play in land and forest tenure reform?
➤  What can be done to break the deadlocks of land transfers and recognition of rights?
➤  How can investors and business get enough security to avoid risk and get enough benefit?
➤  Once lands are transferred what institutional and technical incentives are needed to encourage sustainable land use?

11:00  Plenary Discussion: Breakout Group Report back
12:00  Lunch

Afternoon Session

13:00  Plenary Discussion: Initiative going forward including possible next field dialogues
➤  Indonesia
➤  Guyana
➤  Cameroon

14:00  Adjourn
16:00  Yale FES Land Tenure Reform Public Forum
17:30  Land Tenure Forum Reception