



Concept note:

Working to Secure the Land Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Where: Indigenous Peoples Pavilion, Climate Generation Space, COP 21, Paris- Le Bourget

Date: December 4th 2015

Time: 2.30pm – 4.15pm

Spanish and French translation will be available

Background on the Global Call to Action:

The Global Call to Action on Indigenous and Community Land Rights is a worldwide campaign with the aim to **double the area of land recognized as owned or controlled by indigenous peoples and local communities by 2020**.

The Global Call to Action is **a response to the vast amount of communities and indigenous people's – 1.5 billion globally – whose lands are being contested**. This has huge social and economic repercussions, poses additional challenges to climate change, and threatens the livelihoods and basic human dignity of some of the poorest men and women in the world. As a global alliance organizing under this banner, we can **add value to efforts of existing organisations at national level and support each other**.

The Global Call to Action will **launch early 2016**, with the launch of a flagship report in several countries and at the global level. The report will make a persuasive case for a **global strengthening of indigenous and community land rights**. The launch is followed by a campaign involving advocacy, media work and digital campaigning – at various levels.

To achieve its goal, the Global Call to Action aims to **mobilize communities, movements, organizations, governments, the private sector and individuals to support ongoing struggles on the ground and jointly push for change in policy and practice**. To this end, the Steering Group of the Global Call to Action formulated a set of clearly defined **policy asks**. The Global Call to Action is designed to **give groups and organisations that are fighting for land rights a stronger voice internationally**. It will provide platforms for **dialogue and collaboration, technical tools and will enable mobilisation and collective action**.

The Global Call to Action is guided by a [Steering Group](#) comprising leaders and representatives of civil society organisations involved in defending indigenous and community land rights, and technical experts on the issue. A range of [organizations have already joined the call](#) – and recruitment to the call is on-going, to ensure a critical mass by the time of launch in 2016.

Event summary:

Speakers will introduce their own roles in pushing for an increase in the land area owned and controlled by indigenous peoples and/or local communities, and link these roles to the need for a global campaign to support local and national struggles. Speakers from the convening organisations of the Global Call to Action will introduce the global campaign and explain its overarching objective and goal.

Indigenous representatives and representatives from local communities will ground the Call to Action in the lived experiences of the struggles that they are engaged in to retain or exert control and ownership over the customary and traditional lands and resources.

Oxfam International, Rights and Resources Initiative and the International Land Coalition will provide their view of this global campaign and the process towards its formal launch in early 2016. The co-convening organisations of the Global Call will also respond to the experiences shared by indigenous representatives and invite participation from other attendees to the event.

The Government of Indonesia will provide information on the significant steps that the Government has taken in recent years to recognize and ensure protection of the rights to lands and resources of the indigenous peoples of the archipelago. (tentative). The Government of Norway will provide information on their support to indigenous peoples including their efforts to secure their land rights. Both Indonesia and Norway will sit on the Panel and respond to the challenges identified by indigenous representative speakers in addition to discussing their own work towards securing sustained solutions to the crisis of insecure collective tenure regimes.

Facilitator: TBD**Indigenous peoples' representative speakers**

- Robert Guimaraes, Shipibo people and FECONAU: Peru
- Nick and Faye Fredericks, Wapichan people and South Central Peoples Development Association (SCPDA): Guyana
- Joseph Ole Simel, Kenya
- Mina Susana Setra, Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara (AMAN)
- NEEDED – ARCTIC/NORTHERN AMERICA

Panel speakers:

- Mike Taylor, International Land Coalition (confirmed)
- Joan Carling, Vice Chair, representative of the Steering Group of the Global Call to Action, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) (confirmed)
- Luca Miggiano, Oxfam International (TBC)
- Representative of the Government of Norway (confirmed, name TBC)
- Representative of the Government of Indonesia
- Andy/Arvind, Rights and Resources Initiative (TBC)