



Land Rights for Climate, Forests, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

Monday, 16 April 2018 - 6:15PM - 8:00 PM
Conference Room 8

 Light refreshments will be served

When Indigenous Peoples lack legal recognition of their land rights, they are vulnerable to loss of their territories, identities and livelihoods. By the same token, land rights provide forest-dependent communities with positive incentives to conserve their lands and invest to enhance their potential, increasing agricultural productivity, and contributing to protecting forests and biodiversity, and lessening the harmful impacts of global climate change.

The dynamic side-event will be an opportunity to share examples and good practices of national and global initiatives that are advancing economic development, biodiversity conservation, and reductions in carbon emissions from deforestation, through investments in community land rights. Participants will also discuss how their work contributes to ending deforestation by 2030 and achieving the New York Declaration on Forests.



- **Moderator- Eva Gurria** –Equator Initiative, UNDP
- **Nicole DeSantis**- Coordinator- New York Declaration on Forests Global Platform
- **Lucy Mullenkei** –Indigenous Women & Biodiversity Network
- **Yon Fernandez-de-Larinoa** - Indigenous Peoples Team Leader – FAO
- **Lok Bahadur Poudel Chhetri** – Counsellor – Permanent Mission of Nepal to the UN
- **Grace Balawag**- Indigenous Peoples' Partnership on Climate Change, Forests & Sust. Development, UNREDD Executive Board
- **Christine Halvorson** – Program Director – Rainforest Foundation