





Session: Art of communication and building capacity

for forest tenure, governance and society diversity

Date: **Tuesday, 8 September, 18:15 – 19:30**

Venue: Meeting room 22DEF

Description

Tenure rights of forests and land is an important aspect for socially diverse groups in local communities. Thus, it is critical to understand how social diversity (includes gender, ethnicity, race, caste, economic status, education, geographical location) and land tenure rights influences the management of individual and collective forests. The evidence-based science does provide analysis of challenges and opportunities related to tenure rights. However, taking the evidence-based science to people who matters is a different piece of art. We would like to propose this panel to examine the art of communication, building capacity and partnership for securing forest tenure, local governance and ensuring equity for socially diverse groups. One of the panel's key objectives is to provide a platform to analyze what we see, hear and listen from policy makers, private enterprises, practitioners, researchers about forest governance and tenure for socially diverse communities and how we act and react (or not). More specifically, the panel aims to comprise of general call from all WFC participants whose work showcase the significance of capacity building, partnership and various modes of communications in understanding the complexities of various factors that influences the tenure rights and governance from different marginal groups including men, women and youths. The panel's strength is in ensuring different perspectives and knowledge on forest governance and tenure is brought under one platform to learn and share the issues of indigenous peoples, gender and diversity. Our purpose of organizing this panel is not just limited in generating the discussion during the WFC, but to make best use of this opportunity to generate an edited book publication (see comment). Thus, the organizing partners includes five representatives from various disciplines (forester, social scientist, gender expert, forest tenure specialist) are from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America.

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