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FOREST TENURE AND REDD

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Background

Eighty-four percent of the world's forests are under public ownership and in many countries, policy, institutional and legal frameworks are not conducive to forest management by smallholders or communities. New international momentum to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation brings land and forest tenure into the spotlight. Issues such as the availability of data on existing tenure systems, obsolete and contradicting legislation and conflicts related to the use of forest resources will need to be resolved when countries embark on the implementation of programmes to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD).

Objective

The side event facilitated by FAO will provide space for discussion around two main questions:

Can REDD mechanisms succeed without secure tenure of land and forest resources for local people?

If land and forest tenure are fundamental for sustainable forestry and livelihoods, what does this tell us about how REDD initiatives should proceed?

The event will make use of the experience of organizations such as IIED and IUCN by looking at the relation between rights and REDD from different angles: governance of forest tenure; forest dependent peoples' rights and mechanisms for benefit distribution. This will be complemented by country case studies from Nepal and Ghana.

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