

NEW INSTITUTIONS, NEW GOVERNANCE

Stream Leader: Rights and Resources
Initiative

RRI Introduction

- Coalition of 13 partner organizations and more than 150 collaborators
- Rights and Resources Group (RRG) - Secretariat
- Main Mission: To support local communities and IPs to gain rights and jurisdiction over land, forests and other natural resources
- Very late entrant- still provisional based on common interests and resources

Conceptualization “New Institutions, New Governance”

- Transformation in forest linked institutions and Governance
- Driven by two trends, often contradictory
 - drive to democratize forest governance through forest tenure reforms which promote the rights of local forest dependent communities
 - globalize forests into the global circuits of production, consumption and environmental protection.
- Necessarily a political process, fraught with power

Critical Issues Identification

- Substream I: Tenure Reforms (Facilitated by RRI and its networks)
 - Forest Tenure Reforms recognizing community and IP rights over forests as a fundamental transformation
 - Proposed Panels
 - Global Overview/Asia-Pacific Overview: plenary (RRI, partners)
 - South Asia (FECOFUN, MOFN; MOTA, GOI; Vasundhara,)
 - East Asia (SFA, China, Landesa, PKU)
 - South-East Asia (MOEF, Indonesia; Samdhana, AMAN)

Other Potential Sub streams

- Drawn from the list prepared by APFW
- Seek Partners who can frame these issues and organize the panels/events
- For Example:
 - Request Megaflorestais to look at futures of forest agencies

Additional Themes Examples

- Public forests, private Interests: regulating private sector in public forests
- Voluntary and market linked Mechanisms for forest sustainable forest governance
- Rent-seeking and Forestry Institutions
- Putting an end to deforestation: Governance Regimes and institutional arrangements
- Making conservation states: Global Conservation organizations and conservation governance
- Human rights and criminalisation in the forests: forestry regimes, HR and judicial systems



Seek Partners: Tentative Major Themes (Examples)

- Globalized Forests: the emergent institutional and governance regimes
- Supranational regulatory, voluntary or market based instruments for forest Governance
- Inter-sectoral interactions and forest governance
- What future for State Forest Agencies?
- Governing forest knowledge: Institutional arrangements for forestry data base and clearing house mechanisms
- Emerging institutional arrangements (landscape/ecosystem/watershed based) for forest Governance

Critical Issues Identification

- Sub stream 1: Forest Tenure Reforms
 - Shift in legal regimes
 - Linked Governance and Institutional Issues

- Supranational regulatory, voluntary or market based instruments;
- Non-state movements and civil society networks
- Cross-national private sector mobility
- Environmental, conservation and climate change related institutional arrangements and governance.

- Presentation of the concept note
- Types of events to be convened and how many, e.g. workshops, networking events, debates, launching of books/products, etc.
- Plan for Stream 1 plenary session(s), e.g. keynotes, major theme, format, etc.
- Main partners to be involved, i.e. key organizations/projects and programmes
- Anticipated number of participants and how to mobilize them? e.g. which organizations/programmes/project are envisaged will fund them?
- Any other issues