



# Africa Regional Dialogue on Forests, Governance & Climate Change

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CO-ORGANIZED BY THE ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE (EDRI) AND THE RIGHTS AND RESOURCES INITIATIVE (RRI)  
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## Agenda

**Monday, 11 October 2010**

9.30 Registration

*This meeting will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation provided for French speakers.*

10.00 **OPENING SESSION**

Welcome: Josue Dione, Director, Food Security and Sustainable Development Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Objectives, Scope and Structure of Dialogue: Andy White, Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative & Alemu Mekonnen, Coordinator, Environmental Economics Policy Forum for Ethiopia

Setting the scene: Kyeretwie Opoku, Director, Civic Response - Ghana

10.30 Coffee

10.40 **SESSION ONE**

**Africa and the climate: The state of play**

*Outcomes: Participants will have a common understanding of Africa's position in the negotiations on climate change and forests, along with a clearer idea of the challenges facing Africa due to climate change. Issues that might be discussed: the negotiations on REDD+, African negotiating positions, climate change adaptation, and climate vulnerability in Africa.*

Chair: Hon. Gershon Gbediame, Member of Parliament, Ghana (TBC)

Presentation: "Africa's Forests and the Global Negotiations on Climate Change" – Solange Bandiaky, Africa Program Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative

Panelists:

1. Cécile Ndjébet, Director, Cameroon Ecology
2. Kanyinke Sena, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee
3. Hon. Mohammed Adideye, Member of Parliament, Mali

11.20 Discussion

12.30 Lunch

1.30 **SESSION TWO**

**Tenure and climate change: Secure tenure in forest landscapes to mitigate and adapt to climate change**

*Outcomes: The links between securing forest tenure rights and achieving climate resilience, while harnessing new mitigation opportunities, will be clear to all participants. Issues that might be discussed: land grabs, climate resilience, poverty.*

Chair: Prosper Sitasendua Ngetele, Community Forestry Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, DRC

Presentation: "Securing tenure, securing livelihoods under threat" – Hubert Ouédraogo, AU/UNECA/AfDB Land Policy Initiative

Panelists:

1. Othello Brandy, Chair, Land Commission, Government of Liberia
2. Koffi Alinon, Coordinator, Landnet West Africa
3. Richard Odingo, University of Nairobi; former Vice-Chair of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

2.10 Discussion

3.10 Coffee

3.20 **SESSION THREE**

**The governance dimensions of forest landscapes and climate change**

*Outcomes: Participants will expand the discussion of climate responses to the overall governance requirements to ensure forest-based climate change mitigation and adaptation responses are equitable and effective.*

Chair: Raymond Mbitikon, Executive Secretary, Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC)

Presentation: "Principles for sound governance in a system under stress" – Augustin Mpoyi, Director, Conseil pour la Défense Environnementale par la Légalité et la Traçabilité (CODELT)

Panelists:

1. Abera Tola, Regional Director - Horn of Africa, Oxfam (TBC)
2. Felician Kilahama, Director of Forestry and Beekeeping Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania (TBC)
3. Alfred Brownell, Executive Director, Green Advocates - Liberia
4. Jane Tarh Takang, West and Central Africa Director, Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN)
5. Hon. Samuel Bokwe, Member of Parliament, Cameroon

4.00 Discussion

5.00 **Wrap up of meeting and capturing of day's key messages**

5.30 Close

9.00 Coffee and sign-up for breakout groups

9.30 Introductory presentation and agenda overview, with explanation of the African Development Forum

9.45 **SESSION FOUR**  
**Breakout groups** (coffee break at 11.00)

<b>GROUP 1: GOVERNANCE (WITH TRANSLATION)</b>	<b>GROUP 2: TENURE REFORM (FRENCH OR ENGLISH ONLY)</b>
<p>GROUP PARTICIPANTS WILL FOCUS ON THE QUESTIONS: What are the necessary foundations for equitable forest and climate policy in Africa? How can they be put in place?</p>	<p>GROUP PARTICIPANTS WILL FOCUS ON THE QUESTIONS: What are the specific links between adapting to and mitigating climate change? How can they be addressed to ensure livelihoods, rights, development and equity in the context of climate change?</p>
<p><u>Chair</u>: Mine Pabari, Regional Program Manager, IUCN – East Africa 2 facilitators per group; group will nominate a rapporteur.</p>	<p><u>Chair</u>: Kassim Kasanga, University of Kumasi; former Minister of Lands and Forestry, Ghana 2 facilitators per group; group will nominate a rapporteur.</p>

12.30 Lunch

1.30 **SESSION FIVE**  
**The way forward: Governance, tenure and communities in building equitable forest, tenure and climate change policies for Africa**

*Outcome: Dialogue participants will discuss key points and issues raised during the Dialogue, and develop conclusions and recommendations for consideration by the heads of state and other Africa Development Forum participants.*

Chair: Kyeretwie Opoku, Civic Response - Ghana

Rapporteur: Jeffrey Hatcher, Global Programs Manager, Rights and Resources Initiative

1. Presentations from Groups 1 and 2
2. Discussion of recommendations emerging from groups

3.00 Coffee

3.30 Continued discussion of Dialogue conclusions and recommendations

4.30 **CLOSING SESSION**  
**Final remarks from Rights and Resources Initiative, Environmental Economics Policy Forum for Ethiopia & UN Economic Commission for Africa**

5.00 Close