

Forest Peoples Programme and Tebtebba
invite you to the roundtable

DEFORESTATION, CLIMATE FINANCE AND THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The cases of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
and the Green Climate Fund

DAY: Mon, 08 Jun 2015

TIME: 13:15-14:45

PLACE Room Bonn II (40)

Speakers: **Francesco Martone**, FPP Senior Policy Advisor; **Rene Ngongo**, OCEAN; **Stanley Kimaren Ole Riamit**, ILEPA; **Galina Angarova**, Tebtebba, **Victoria Tauli-Corpuz**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (via videomessage)

Coordination: **Grace Balawag**, Tebtebba

Participants will share testimonies on the impact of drivers of deforestation on indigenous communities' rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and participate in a discussion on how indigenous peoples can effectively participate in and directly access the Green Climate Fund and Climate Finance for their adaptation and mitigation initiatives.

NOTE: This event occurs while Parties are negotiating the draft text for the Paris Climate Agreement. In this context participants will reiterate the call for urgent and effective commitments by Parties to ensure a rights-based approach to climate actions that will be undertaken before 2020 and under the Paris agreement to be adopted at the upcoming COP21. Likewise the international community will have to effectively target drivers of deforestation (such as expansion of mining, infrastructure, logging, plantations) by ensuring indigenous peoples' rights to land, territories and resources and to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC), as well as providing indigenous peoples direct access to finance to support community based adaptation and mitigation actions. The Green Climate Fund will have to ensure that Indigenous peoples are fully and effectively engaged, that safeguards to protect their rights are in place and direct access to funding is envisaged.

The event will stream live courtesy of IISD (www.iisd.org) and financial support from DFID. 

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