



## LANDOWNERS OR LABORERS?

*A panel on the rural development choices facing leaders of developing countries*

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### Agenda

**The Royal Society, Kohn Center**

**Tuesday, 5 February 2012**

09:30-10:00 | **Registration and refreshments**

10:00-10:05 | **Welcome**

Tom Griffiths, *Forest Peoples Programme, UK*

10:05-10:15 | **Findings and implications from *Landowners or Laborers: What choice will developing countries make?***

Andy White, *Rights and Resources Initiative, USA*

10:15-11:00 | **Introduction of panelists and perspectives on the big questions of 2013**

Moderator (with opening remarks): **Fred Pearce**, journalist and author of [The Land Grabbers](#)

1. The race to catch-up and get rich in Africa: What kind of “development” will governments choose, and what does it mean for local people?  
**Samuel Nguiffo**, *Director, Center for Environment and Development, Cameroon*
2. What is the best (and worst) case scenario for the future of the Voluntary Partnership Agreements in 2013?  
**Saskia Ozinga**, *Campaign Coordinator, FERN, UK*
3. Are India and China leaders in land grabs or models for reform at home?  
**Li Ping**, *Senior Attorney, Landesa, China*
4. Can Myanmar open up to the world without the world grabbing it’s resources?  
**Maung Maung Than**, *Project Coordinator/Consultant (Capacity Building Program for Community Forestry in Myanmar), RECOFTC-The Center for People and Forests*
5. What are the Indigenous Peoples’ priorities and preoccupations in 2013?  
**Joji Cariño**, *Coordinator of the IIFB Working Group on Indicators, Tebtebba*

11:00-11:30 | **Panel Discussion** Moderated by Fred Pearce

11:30-11:50 | **Q&A**

11:50-12:00 | **Closing Remarks**

Jeffrey Hatcher, *Rights and Resources Initiative, USA*