



How far Land Policies ensure People centred land governance in India – Experiences from grassroots in intersections with policies and practices



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India is a hugely diverse society and it faces enormous challenges in promoting a socially, economically and environmentally just development. Land governance in particular is a complex issue aggravated by a combination of systematic legal and institutional failures: the institutions that govern land, market and societies have fundamental weaknesses and are not able to appropriately address the land and property issues of poor rural women and men, Tribal, and Dalits. The failure of land reform processes are bound to escalate violence and unrest in the country. The intricacies and overlapping nature of laws and policies don't necessarily and automatically ensure access, control and ownership of the people and communities over land and natural resources they depend on for their livelihoods.

Likewise, there is no incentive for policy implementers to identify and specifically target support to landless, homestead less, tenants, single women¹, Tribal (Indigenous), Dalits (lowest in the caste hierarchy and face severe discrimination at all levels) and other such communities who face deprivation and inequality.

The session will focus on analysis of the existing policies relating to land governance from dependent communities' perspective with People Centered Land Governance as the focus. The key areas to cover under each policy discussion are provisions, opportunities, limitations and recommendations.

Session

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Panel 9: How far Land Policies ensure People centred land governance in India – Experiences from grassroots in intersections with policies and practices

10.45 - 12.45 Hrs



Chair *Yonas Mekonen, International Land Coalition*

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Vidhya Bhushan Rawat, SDF

Policy Analysis of First Generation LR laws; policy recommendation using old and new legal tools to enforce first generation LR

Dinesh Rabari, MARAG

Policy Recommendations to ensure sustainability of Pastoralism in India, how it interacts with other existing policies

Barna Baibhav Panda, FES

Does policies and acts ensure people's governance over forest – what lies in future

Mohan Dang, Prayatna Samiti

How Natural Farming Practices help in ensuring PCLG to farming communities, does policies in the favor?

Govind Desai, Jyotsna Tirkey, Purushottam Vankar, Trupti Chaudhry, Kirtida Vora and Anjali Gamit, WGWLO

Influencing Panchayats to ensure women's inheritance rights to land : Case study of AKRSP (India)

¹Single Women includes widows, divorced, separated and unmarried women among others. This is the group which remains excluded from land ownership due to lack of legal frameworks, discriminatory customary practices and social norms.

