

# India Land & Development Conference 2020 Session Concept Notes



## Panel: **Climate Change and Land Rights**

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### **Background**

As the climate change crisis becomes more severe, its impacts are being most acutely experienced by the urban and rural poor, especially those living without secure housing and land tenure, in vulnerable locales. Among those affected, women bear a greater burden of the impacts of climate change and related disasters. The recent Global Climate Risk Index ranks India as the fifth most vulnerable country in the world to climate change. In 2018, India recorded the world's highest number of fatalities and the second highest monetary losses from climate change-related disasters.

Though the urban and rural poor, including indigenous and other local communities, suffer disproportionately from the impacts of climate change while contributing the least to it, they also face additional threats in the form of forced evictions and displacement from climate change-related mitigation and adaptation projects, such as those related to REDD+ and other afforestation measures.

The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Climate Change and Land underscores the importance of secure land rights, especially for indigenous peoples and women, as a means to address climate change and mitigate its impacts.

Given the significance of land to the climate change debate, it is important to discuss and address climate change and its impacts from a human rights lens.

At this panel being organized by Housing and Land Rights Network, independent experts, academics, and affected persons will discuss important issues related to climate change in the context of land rights.

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Panel 28: Climate Change & Land rights

11.00 - 12.30 Hrs



**Moderator**

**Ms. Shivani Chaudhry, Executive Director, Housing and Land Rights Network**

**Panellists**

**Mr Soumya Dutta**, Advisory Board member, UN Climate Technology Centre and Network, and Co-convenor, South Asian People's Action on Climate Crisis (SAPACC)

**Dr Soma K.P.**, National Facilitation Team, Mahila Kisan Adhikar Manch (MAKAAM), and Executive Team, Community Forest Rights Learning Alliance

**Mr Miloon Kothari**, Former UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing, and President, UPR-Info

**Mr Jiten Yumnam**, General Secretary, Centre for Research and Advocacy, Manipur

Date and Time: **13:30 – 15:00 hrs | 3 March 2020**

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