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Panel: Good Practices leading to People centred land governance – Experiences from different parts of the country

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People Centred Land Governance is the key for responsive and accountable land governance. In India, the land struggles are complex and is a state subject. The panellists in the session have rich experience of working at the grassroots and amplifying the voices from grassroots to global platforms. In this session, the panellists will present the good practices they have developed over the years to ensure people's participation in various contours of land governance. This will range from the active involvement of women, youth, tribal, pastoralists and other marginalized groups. The layer complicates from engaging with bureaucrats to CSOs to community to media to customary leaders. All these will be the area of discussion. The session will trigger the discussion for exchanging the learning from one-another's experiences.

Ms Sunila Singh, SDF, Uttar Pradesh – Engaging with local administration to ensuring homes to homeless. Through narrating a successful story of SDF in village Malwabar in district Deoria, the journey begin with 80 families belonging to Mushahar community living on the river bank. It was a completely isolated and neglected village where just about 4 to 5 houses were pucca and others purely jhuggis. This journey reached to today where the village has one hundred percent pucca houses. Multifarious strategies were adopted from addressing the issues of discrimination against the dalit communities, eroding social taboos against single women to engaging with the bureaucracy for making this change happen. This is the classic story of change at social, cultural and economic level.

Mr Sharat Singh, SPWD, Jharkhand – Learnings from Integrated Farm Based Livelihoods. The case of Jharkhand where the incomes of the small and marginal farmers, especially women were enhanced by introducing integrated farming. The learnings of change in practices can be drawn from closing working with the communities to change the practices, to working at the technological level to working with the revenue department on land tenure ship and lastly to engage with the department to replicate the model.

Mr Dinesh Rabari, MARAG, Gujarat – Mainstreaming youth for ensuring access and use of Commons Land. The case of Gujarat where the pastoral youth are getting away from pastoralism, the traditional source of livelihoods that is dependent on livestock and commons land. The approach of MARAG to generate interest in youth on the commons land. This is a story of transformation from 'gow raksha' (cow protection) to 'gowchar raksha' (pasture land protection) and to transform the diverted interest of youth towards their traditional livelihoods source.

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Mr Mohan Dangi, Prayatna Samiti, Rajasthan – Regenerating the pasture land with collective decision. The good practice deals with the 70 acre of pasture land near the village, which is regenerated and converted from interfile land to the bio-diversified foliage that attracts the wildlife as well. The model becomes sustainable by ensuring communities role in decision making and governance at all stages. This is replicated in other areas in last few years.

Mr Barna Baibhab Panda, FES, Odisha – Multi-pronged Strategies for receiving Management Rights in CFR. The case of Odisha where through intensive ground work coupled with networking with the CSOs and engaging with the departments has earned the community forest rights along with the management rights to the community. The story is layered with sustaining the governance rights of community over forest with a foresightedness of the communities.

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Panellists

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