

# The International Land and Forest Tenure Facility

*Securing rights, protecting the world's land and forests*

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# OUTLINE

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3. Collaboration between government and civil society in implementing reforms
4. Key lessons learned

# What is the Tenure Facility?


The International Land and Forest Tenure Facility (*“the Tenure Facility”*) is **a unique new institution that provides grants** to advance land and forest tenure security and the rights and livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

The Tenure Facility is being incubated by RRI.

# Objectives



**Provide funding and technical support for strategic projects to implement tenure reforms.**



**Create a convening space to coordinate commitments and develop shared strategies on implementation of tenure reform (public, community, private).**

# Tenure Facility Pilot Projects (1)

Country	Project Title
Cameroon	Development of a Common Community Mapping Protocol in Cameroon
Indonesia	Contribution to the Legal Recognition and Tenure Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Indonesia
Liberia	Protection of Customary Collective Community Land and Nature Resource Tenure in Liberia
Mali	Implementation of Land Policy for Decentralized and Peaceful Management of Natural Resources in Mali
Peru	Contribution to the Legal Security of the Communities of Madre de Dios and Cusco in Peru
Panama	Consolidation and Protection of Collective Territorial Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Panama

## Tenure Facility Pilot Projects (2)

- All are ≤ \$750,000, 1 year term
- First donors: Sweden (\$14 M); Acacia Foundation (\$.7 M)
- Designed to catalyze scaling-up
- Strategic and complementary to existing instruments of government, international institutions (REDD+, FIP)
- Independent, *multistakeholder governance*: Civil Society (IPs, communities, NGOs), international institutions, and private sector
- None are directly funding governments – but all have some *support/endorsement from relevant government agencies*



Connecting local IP/LC energy into national government power grids to turn on the lights for brighter tenure security!

# Collaboration between government and IP/CSOs

## Cameroon

- Forest and land reforms
- request from Megaforestais 2014
- Protocols on participatory mapping
- Ministries of forest, land affairs, land use planning, NGOs, international organizations

## Liberia

- Land Policy (2013): elevates customary rights at the same level as statutory rights; Land Rights Act (soon to be enacted)
- Self identification of community lands
- NGOs: SDI and CSO partners
- The Land Commission

## Mali

- Agricultural land law passed in 2006 and Policy approved in 2013
- Implementation of local land commissions (COFOs)
- National council of peasants organizations (CNOP)
- Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation (HIS)
- strategic coordination (ministries of rural development, land affairs, and environment, local elected officials)



# Collaboration between government and IP/CSOs

## Panama

- National policy commitment to protect the rights of IPs
- Achieved government agencies' responsiveness to fulfill their duties

## Peru

- National government commitment to recognize IP land rights
- Geo-referencing for titling has begun in 3 communities with regional government, SPDA and FENAMAD collaboration

## Indonesia

- Constitutional Court decision (2013) recognizing IP rights to forest
- new government (2014) commits to forest tenure reform
- AMAN, testing protocols for mapping/registering land rights with local governments

# Lessons learned

- The Tenure Facility: *filling the gap* -- tenure reform is complicated, risky for government, not straightforward, not many donors!!!!
- Governments see *value of results* without covering costs: low cost and low risk to get progress
- The Tenure Facility seen as *a tool* (not to be afraid of!)
- *Capacity of Indigenous People and local communities* organizations to manage funds + sense of ownership



**Thank You!**

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