

MEGAflorestais

Forest Agency Leaders' Statement

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We, the undersigned, agree that MegaFlorestais has played an important role in accelerating learning and innovation among public forest agency leaders for more than a decade. Our agencies have strengthened our approaches to climate change, tenure reform, and economic development. As the world faces the many challenges climate change brings to our forests and our countries, our need to share ideas and advance understanding is more critical and urgent than ever. We have — over the decade — helped almost 200 future leaders learn essential skills for governing in an ever-more complex world with our Next Generation of Forest Agency Leaders Seminars and Rethinking Forest Regulations Workshops. We have participated in exchanges between countries that have helped us realize the strengths of important policies being contemplated. And we have met informally and learned from one another important ideas and approaches to advancing issues in our home countries. This has been accomplished through frank and open dialogue held annually and facilitated by Rights and Resources Initiative since 2005.

MegaFlorestais was originally conceived in China and, as we gather once again in China a decade later, we want to express our continued support for the work of the MegaFlorestais network and we look forward to its continuation into the next decade.

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