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DAY 2: Land Session

SESSION BY

THE GLOBAL DONOR WORKING GROUP ON LAND

“Redefining and enhancing the quality of finance for sustainable development: How to better reach Indigenous Peoples and local communities”

27 November 2024, 10:00-11:15h CET
Hybrid, IFAD HQ, Rome and online

1. Background

The Global Donor Platform for Rural Development’s Annual General Assembly 2024 has put to the foreground the objective to rethink how the international community can optimize limited official development assistance (ODA) for the revitalization of rural and food systems transformation.

Such exercise cannot be done without rethinking, redefining, and enhancing the quality of finance and ODA. The key issue is not only the amount of finance and aid provided but also how effectively and inclusively it is delivered. Global crises like climate change, conflict, and economic instability are intensifying, making it even more urgent to transform finance and ODA into tools for long-lasting, locally led change in recipient communities.

This panel will aim at responding to the following questions:

- How can finance and ODA be redefined?
- How can we shift the power dynamics towards recipient countries and communities?
- How can we ensure that finance and ODA are used in ways that truly address local needs and priorities?

The panel will do so by shedding light on a number of practical and effective experiences and approaches that can enhance the involvement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in result-based (climate) finance, especially in critical areas such as the application of traditional knowledge in forest management, the realization of land and natural resource rights, and the expansion of practices with regards to biodiversity restoration, conservation and sustainable use – all pillars for the sustainable revitalization of rural and food systems transformation.

2. Provisional agenda

Agenda (1h 15m)
Moderator: Henry Bonsu , Journalist and Broadcaster
Introduction Ward Anseeuw , Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Panel discussion Jenny Lopez and Chris Penrose Buckley , UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) <i>- The COP26/Glasgow Forest Tenure Pledge for Indigenous Peoples and local communities – Structure, Achievements and Challenges</i> Birgitte Feiring , Independent Consultant, Christensen Fund <i>- Enhancing transparency and efficiency of funding flows for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities</i> Ilaria Firmian , International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) <i>- Experiences in Unlocking Direct Funding Opportunities for Indigenous Peoples: The Indigenous Peoples' Assistance Facility (IPAF)</i> Basiru Isa , Secretary General, Network of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for the Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa (REPALEAC)
Discussions and closing Michael Taylor , International Land Coalition (ILC) Ward Anseeuw , FAO