Twelfth Dialogue on **Forests, Governance & Climate Change:**

Scaling-Up Strategies to Reduce Emissions and Advance Development in Forest Areas

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

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It is now widely recognized that the global framework and financing mechanisms for reducing emissions from deforestation have not emerged as anticipated and will not be established in time to substantially diminish forests' role in driving climate change. Over the last year attention has shifted to identifying "what works" and returning to proven approaches, and to identifying new, and more promising initiatives to leverage greater private and public commitments to stopping deforestation and promoting forest tenure and governance reforms in forest areas.

The Twelfth Dialogue will take stock of the most encouraging, and proven strategies to reduce emissions, assess the potential for expanding and becoming even more effective, consider promising initiatives to address the major drivers of deforestation and degradation, and make better progress on the long-standing constraints of limited rights and weak governance. Many of these demonstrated strategies have been in practice for a number of years, including corporate and government commitments to suspend the promotion of deforestation via their supply chains, using trade levers to promote the trade of legal and sustainably products, and tenure reforms to recognize or strengthen the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities to manage their forests. These initiatives have been effective in some areas and less so in others. And, of course, the world is changing rapidly, and reasons for success in the past may not hold in the future.

"Scaling-up" is thus not just a question of providing more funding to these proven and promising initiatives. Rather, there is a need for an up-to-date, expert assessment of lessons learned from past and ongoing work, identification of the major emerging threats to forests and adjusting proven strategies to fit new political, economic, and environmental conditions. A clear-eyed assessment of the approaches to engage the private sector is vital to understand how they can become stronger allies in the reduction of forest emissions and the promotion of just and sustainable development in forest areas.

This Dialogue will include four expert panels. Each panel will engage participants in a discussion of the current status of promising initiatives, what lessons should be learned from past and ongoing efforts, and what options should be considered to rapidly scale-up, and enhance the effectiveness and impact of the different approaches.

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Agenda

8.00-8:30 | **Registration and coffee**

8.30-9:00 | **Welcoming Remarks and Background Presentation**

Welcoming Remarks: Andy White, Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)
Setting the Scene – Background Presentation: Arvind Khare, Executive Director, RRI

9.00-10.30 | **Session 1: Expanding Adoption of Sustainable Supply Chains in the Forestry and Agribusiness Sectors**

To what extent do global commodity supply chains drive deforestation? What are the barriers to adoption and implementation of social and environmental commitments by commodity producers, traders, investors, and consumer-facing companies? How can those barriers be overcome? How can governments and civil society organizations help foster market transformations and business models that promote sustainability, including recognizing the rights of local people?

Chair: Daniel Zarin, Director of Programs, Climate and Land-Use Alliance (CLUA)

Panelists:

1. Scott Poynton, Executive Director, Tropical Forest Trust
2. Alfred Lahai Brownell, Executive Director, Green Advocates, Liberia
3. Steven Gretzinger, Global Forestry Specialist, International Finance Corporation
4. Greg Fishbein, Managing Director of the Forest and Climate Program, The Nature Conservancy
5. Thomas Langan, External Affairs Director – North America, Unilever

10.30-11.00 | Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 | **Session 2: Lessons Learned from the Extractive and Infrastructure Sectors in Promoting Forest Conservation, Tenure and Governance Reforms, and Community Benefits**

What is the current and projected impact of the extractive and infrastructure sectors on forests? What can be learned from past efforts to adopt social and environmental standards and enhance contributions to local tenure and governance reforms and community development? What can be done to scale-up adoption and leverage greater positive roles across the forest landscape?

Chair: John Hudson, Former Senior Forestry Advisor, UK Department for International Development

Panelists:

1. Emily Greenspan, Senior Policy Advisor, Oxfam America
2. Richard Smith, Executive Director, Instituto del Bien Común, Peru
3. Samuel Nguiffo, Secretary General, Center for Environment and Development, Cameroon
4. Dr. Chris Anderson, Americas Director, Communities & Social Performance, Rio Tinto Limited
5. Patty Miller, Manager of Environmental, Social and Governance Department, International Finance Corporation

12.30-13.15 | Lunch

13.15-14.45 | **Session 3: Innovative Approaches to Leverage Finance and Investment for Tenure and Governance Reforms in Forest Areas**

Private investments in agribusiness, infrastructure and extractive industries will transform many forest areas in the coming decades. These investments, the policy and preparation for those investments by governments will determine the extent to which they cause deforestation and whether they contribute to or undermine progress on tenure and governance. Shaping future flows of public and private finance will be essential to achieve our goals towards a reduction of carbon emissions and the respect of human rights.

Chair: Benoît Bosquet, Coordinator of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, World Bank
Background Presentation: *The Financial and Climate Risks of Insecure Tenure: An Investor Perspective* – Lou Munden, Chairman, The Munden Project

New Approaches:

1. *Paying for More than Carbon, a Proposal to the UNFCCC* – Nils Hermann Ranum, Head of Policy and Campaign Division, Rainforest Foundation Norway
2. *The International Forest Tenure Facility* – Jeffrey Hatcher, Director of Global Programs, Rights and Resources Initiative

Panelists:

1. Arjun Bhalla, Operations Officer, International Finance Corporation
2. Roberto Espinoza Llanos, Coordinator of the Climate Change Progam and Indigenous Redd+, Asociación Interétnica de Desarrollo de la Selva Peruana (AIDESEP), Peru
3. Don Roberts, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, CIBC World Markets Inc.

14.45-15.15 | Coffee Break

15.15-16:45 | **Session 4: Summary Analysis of Day's Discussions and Next Steps – Scaling-Up Strategies to Reduce Emissions and Advance Development in Forest Areas**

Chair: Arvind Khare, Executive Director, RRI

Panelists:

1. Andreas Dahl-Jorgensen, Adviser, International Climate and Forest Initiative, Norway
2. Myrna Safitri, Executive Director, Epistema Institute, Indonesia
3. Gina Cosentino, Director of Indigenous & Communal Conservation, The Nature Conservancy
4. Hugh Speechly, Senior Advisor on Forest Governance and Markets, UK Department for International Development

16.45-17.00 | **Closing Remarks**

17.00-18.30 | **Reception at The Source** (575 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001)

The Rights and Resources Initiative

RRI is a global coalition of 14 Partners and over 120 international, regional, and community organizations advancing forest tenure, policy and market reforms. RRI leverages the strategic collaboration and investment of its Partners and Collaborators around the world by working together on research, advocacy and convening strategic actors to catalyze change on the ground.

RRI is coordinated by the Rights and Resources Group, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. For more information, please visit **www.rightsandresources.org**.

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