



# SECURING FOREST TENURE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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## OVERVIEW

Secure tenure is widely recognized as an essential foundation for achieving a range of rural economic development goals. However, tenure rights remain insecure across forest areas in many low and middle-income countries, undermining development objectives and creating risks of negative impacts on forest-dependent communities (especially, Indigenous Peoples), women, and local livelihoods.

This meeting will introduce a new World Bank, PROFOR knowledge program on Securing Forest Tenure for Rural Development, which aims to contribute methodologies, tools, and knowledge resources that would enable policy makers, civil society actors, and donors—including World Bank operational staff—to identify challenges to tenure security, to build appropriate measures to strengthen forest tenure, and thereby, avoid negative impacts within relevant development projects and initiatives. The 3rd international conference on community land and resource rights offers a significant platform to seek inputs from a range of stakeholders and subject matter experts on the development of an Analytical Framework for understanding and assessing the existing forest tenure frameworks and their effective realization, with a focus on securing tenure of indigenous peoples, local communities, and women.

## MODERATOR

### Malcolm Childress

Co-Executive Director, Land Alliance

## SPEAKERS

### Gerardo Segura Warnholtz

Sr. Natural Resources Management  
Specialist  
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### Jenny Springer

Director, Equator Group



#### Malcolm Childress, Executive Director, Land Alliance

Malcolm Childress is an economist with 30 years of global experience developing land systems and strategies for sustaining places. His work focuses on land policy, real estate markets, property valuation, property registration and cadastral systems, and spatial planning. Before co-founding Land Alliance in 2014, he was a senior land administration specialist for the World Bank, leading policy and investment programs in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Latin America. Prior to joining the World Bank in 2003 he was a senior research scientist at the Land Tenure Center of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



#### Jenny Springer, Director, Equator Group

Jenny Springer is an anthropologist with over 25 years of experience working on land and resource tenure, community-based natural resource management, and rights-based approaches to conservation, including experience across Africa, Asia and Latin America. Prior to setting up the Equator Group, an advisory service, in 2016, she was Director of Global Programs for the Rights and Resources Initiative, overseeing and conducting global analytical and policy work on community land rights. Prior to joining RRI in 2013, she was Senior Director for People and Conservation at WWF-US. She also serves as Chair of the Theme on Governance, Equity and Rights (TGER) for the IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic, and Social Policy (CEESP).



#### Gerardo Segura Warnholtz, Sr. Rural Development and Natural Resources Management Specialist, The World Bank Group

Ph.D. and M.S. in Forest Sciences (University of Washington, USA) (1987 and 1991). B.A. in Biology/Ecology. (Universidad Metropolitana, Mexico) (1984). With the World bank since 2005. Main areas of specialization include community forestry, forests tenure security and forest carbon finance (experience in 13 countries of Latin America and Africa). From 1995 to 2005: Coordinator of the Community Forestry Program (PROCYMAF), Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), and National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR), Mexico. From 1995 to 1997: Technical Secretary of the National Advisory Council on Forestry Affairs (CONAF), Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries (SEMARNAP), Mexico. From 1991–1995: Assistant Professor in forestry, forest ecology, and management of natural resources. Instituto de Ecología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). México.

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