

A photograph of a man in a dark shirt speaking into a microphone. He has his right hand raised in a gesture. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. In the background, other people are visible but out of focus.

the **TENURE FACILITY**

Advancing recognition
of Indigenous Peoples'
and local communities' land
and forest rights

Defining territory boundaries in Boca Pariamanu, Peru

The International Land and Forest Tenure Facility is the first and only international, multi-stakeholder institution exclusively focused on securing land and forest rights for Indigenous Peoples and local communities. It provides grants to implement tenure rights under existing law and policy and shares the knowledge, innovations and tools that emerge. Created in 2014, the Tenure Facility is dedicated to scaling up recognition of collective land and forest rights globally. This helps reduce conflict and further the achievement of global human rights, environment, and development goals. The Tenure Facility is an international foundation registered in Sweden.

The Tenure Facility's goal is for Indigenous Peoples and local communities to thrive and expand the sustainable management and protection of their forests and lands across the developing world—for their future generations and a more stable and just world.

The Tenure Facility provides grants and technical assistance directly to Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' organizations to support initiatives that scale up implementation of land and forest tenure policies and legislation and enable governments and communities to test new models, strategies and approaches. It gives priority to areas where local peoples' rights are under threat and where there is a real opportunity to advance local tenure. The Tenure Facility shares innovations, learning and tools that evolve from its projects globally.



Learning to do participatory community mapping in Cameroon



Sharing experiences in using local legislation in Lebak, Indonesia

The Tenure Facility is different because it:

- Focuses exclusively on securing the land and forest rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities
- Celebrates indigenous and local community leadership and directly supports their initiatives
- Moves fast, responding to strategic opportunities for meaningful advances as they arise
- Works with Indigenous Peoples and local communities, governments and private sector to find and test cost-effective solutions that can be implemented at scale
- Anchors catalytic interventions on the ground and defines pathways for scaling nationwide
- Responds to unmet needs and challenges
- Builds partnerships at all levels to tap synergies, share lessons learned and scale-up recognition of land and forest rights
- Supports Indigenous People's, local communities and women's organizations as they build their capacity to engage with government

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