



Overview of the launch events

On March 2, the launch of our flagship report *Common Ground* marks the start of the Global Call to Action. To raise awareness and mobilize support, several events are organized across the globe here is an overview of what is organized.

Calendar of launch events

2 March, **Cameroon** - Press conference

What: Press conference
Who: Center for Environment and Development (CED), Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA), International Land Coalition (ILC)
Contact: Samuel Nguiffo, snguiffo@yahoo.fr, Director of the Center for Environment and Development, Cameroon.

March 2-9, **Liberia** - Sit ins and student and youth forums

What: "Sit-ins" at 4 Major Junctions in and around Monrovia, and a rally at the Capital Building led by the Women Non-Governmental Organization Secretarial of Liberia (WONGOSOL). Students and Youth Forums: Series of youth forums will be held in Monrovia over a three weeks period, bringing together various student and youth organizations and influential youth leaders.
Who: Sustainable Development Institute, Namati.
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4 March, **Guyana** - Event

What: The Wapichan people are seeking legal title to 2.8 million Ha, including 1.6 million Ha of community conserved forest over old growth tropical forest in the Upper Essequibo Basin. In 2015 the Wapichan called on the State of Guyana to enter into formal talks on their land and territorial claim that has been pending and unresolved for 50 years since independence from Britain. The President of Guyana has agreed to start talks, but has so far delayed and this event on 4 March aims at highlighting these issues and at keeping up momentum nationally and globally.
Who: Wachipan people and FPP
Contact: Tom Griffith, tom@forestpeoples.org

5-14 March, **Kenya** - 2 events related to Ogiek and Sengwer communities plight

What: Two events: (1) at Chepkitale, Mt Elgon, highlighting the benefits of community

Who	ownership, collaboration between Ogiek community and conservation bodies in the protection of the forest and the elephants, and highlighting the need to secure more community lands to stop forest destruction and (2) at Embobut, highlighting the terrible toll eviction has had on the Sengwer community - particularly women and children - and on the need to secure their land rights for the benefit of the while community, the forest, and therefore the nation FPIN, Forest Indigenous Peoples Network CIPDP, Chepkitale Indigenous Peoples Development Project [= Mt Elgon Ogiek] SIPP, Sengwer Indigenous Peoples Programme [= Sengwer of Embobut]
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2 March, Indonesia - Press conference	
What	Press conference.
Who	Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact
Contact:	Joan Carling, joan@aippnet.org ; patricia@aippnet.org
9 March, Rome, Italy - Film screening and presentation of the report	
What:	Film screening related to the presentation of campaign report. Next to that, the LandMark project is launched. IFAD's work on Indigenous Peoples as well as FAO's work on Indigenous Peoples is being highlighted. The event can be followed via livecast: http://webcasting.ifad.org/landrightsnow .
Who	International Land Coalition
Contact:	Sabine Pallas, s.pallas@landcoalition.org
Date to be confirmed, Myanmar - Workshop	
What	Workshop Forum of CSOs and IPs in Myanmar on March 5 to discuss the newly adopted National Land Use Policy. The workshop focuses on opportunities and challenges, as well as on policy engagement with the new government under the NLD.
Who	Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact
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8 March, the Netherlands - Event and press conference	
What	Event and press conference
Who	Oxfam, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Landmark, FPP
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Date to be confirmed, Suriname - Krutu	
What	A Krutu with the chiefs of the Lower Marowijne regions, and with the paramount chiefs of the Maroons, to discuss the implementation of the recently issued judgment of the IA-Court in the Kali'na and Lokono case. In these cases, Suriname has been

	<p>ordered to adopt national legislation recognizing collective land rights within three years, among others. Involved are indigenous peoples captains (chiefs) and the paramount chiefs of the maroons, who have been working to get implementation of the Saramaka v Suriname judgement from 2007.</p>
Who	VIDS (the Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname)
Contact:	Max Ooft, ooftmax@sr.net
Date to be confirmed, Thailand - Workshop	
What	Workshop Forum of CSOs and IPs on land Rights and the draft Constitution of Thailand. The event brings together key actors on land issues in Thailand, including the land reform group to have a discussion on the draft constitution focusing on provisions related to land; its initial review already indicates the weakening of community land rights, additional demarcation of land for national parks in IP areas. The workshop focuses on developing advocacy on land rights in the new constitution.
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8 March (coinciding with International Women's Day), Uganda - Meeting of Lango national land policy regional implementation committee	
What	The launch is situated at a meeting of the Lango national land policy regional implementation committee, comprised of the state, 158 clan heads, traditional and faith-based leaders and the paramount chief.
Who	Land and Equity Movement of Uganda
Contact:	David Arach: davidarach@land-in-uganda.org
2-17 March, Peru - presentation and event, assembly	
What	The Secure Community Territories Campaign in Peru will be presenting our semi-annual Report on the communities of Peru, titled <i>TIERRAS COMUNALES: MÁS QUE PRESERVAR EL PASADO ES ASEGURAR EL FUTURO; El estado de las comunidades indígenas en el Perú Informe 2016</i> . The event involves a panel with Indigenous representatives, candidates and advisers, and others.
Who	IBC Peru and the Secure Community Territories Campaign in Peru
Contact	Richard Smith, rsmith@ibcperu.org
What	An assembly of the Wampis of their elected representatives (cerca 100).
Who	Autonomous territorial government of the Wampis people
Contact:	Conrad Feather, conrad@forestpeoples.org
Date to be confirmed, Cambodia – Gathering and press conference	
What	Gathering and press conference to bring together a number of indigenous representatives from various indigenous community to share on the land rights cases they are facing. This will be also an avenue for the peoples to raise their concern and recommendations to the government of Cambodia on land rights issues

Who:	Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact, Cambodia Indigenous Peoples Alliance (CIPA)
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