

**FOREST TENURE PATHWAYS TO  
GENDER EQUALITY**  
**A PRACTITIONER'S GUIDE**

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# ABBREVIATIONS

<b>ACM</b>	adaptive collaborative management	<b>IUCN</b>	International Union for Conservation of Nature
<b>AMAN</b>	Indigenous People's Alliance of the Archipelago ( <i>Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara</i> )	<b>JFM</b>	joint forest management
<b>AAL</b>	adequate asset livelihoods	<b>JKPP</b>	Indonesian Community Mapping Network ( <i>Jaringan Kerja Pemetaan Partisipatif</i> )
<b>BWRA</b>	Ancestral Domain Registration Agency ( <i>Badan Registrasi Wilayah Adat</i> )	<b>KPA</b>	Consortium for Agrarian Reform ( <i>Konsorium Pembaruan Agraria</i> )
<b>CEDAW</b>	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women	<b>LAL</b>	low asset livelihoods
<b>CFUG</b>	community forestry user group	<b>MRVS</b>	monitoring, reporting and verification system
<b>CIFOR</b>	Center for International Forestry Research	<b>NFLRA</b>	National Forest Landscape Restoration Assessment
<b>CONAFOR</b>	National Forestry Commission of Mexico ( <i>Comisión Nacional Forestal</i> )	<b>NGO</b>	non-governmental organization
<b>COP</b>	Conference of the Parties	<b>NMWA</b>	National Mechanism for Women's Affairs
<b>CRL</b>	Community Rights Law	<b>NTFP</b>	non-timber forest product
<b>CSO</b>	civil society organization	<b>ONAMIAP</b>	National Organization of Andean and Amazonian Indigenous Women ( <i>Organización Nacional de Mujeres Indígenas</i> )
<b>DRC</b>	Democratic Republic of Congo	<b>OTFD</b>	Other Traditional Forest Dwellers
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization	<b>PES</b>	payment for environmental services
<b>FDST</b>	Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes	<b>PPA</b>	participatory prospective analysis
<b>FECOFUN</b>	Federation of Community Forestry User Groups, Nepal	<b>REDD+</b>	reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation plus
<b>FLR</b>	forest landscape restoration	<b>ROAM</b>	Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology
<b>FPIC</b>	free, prior and informed consent	<b>RRI</b>	Rights and Resources Initiative
<b>FRA</b>	Forest Rights Act	<b>SDG</b>	sustainable development goal
<b>FRC</b>	Forest Rights Committee	<b>SGBV</b>	sexual and gender-based violence
<b>GAD</b>	Gender and Development	<b>SLAL</b>	severely limited asset livelihoods
<b>GESI</b>	gender and social inclusion	<b>SSFE</b>	small-scale forest enterprise
<b>GPA</b>	gender plan of action	<b>UNDRIP</b>	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
<b>Ha</b>	hectare	<b>VGGT</b>	FAO Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security
<b>INDC</b>	Intended Nationally Determined Contributions	<b>WID</b>	Women in Development
<b>IPCC</b>	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change		
<b>IPLC</b>	Indigenous Peoples and local communities		
<b>ITTC</b>	International Tropical Timber Council		
<b>ITTO</b>	International Tropical Timber Organization		

# THE *PRACTITIONER'S GUIDE* IN A NUTSHELL

This practitioner's guide explains how to promote gender-responsive forest tenure reform in community-based forest regimes. It is aimed at those taking up this challenge in developing countries. There is no one single approach to reforming forest tenure practices for achieving gender equality and women's empowerment. Rather, it involves taking advantage of opportunities that emerge in various institutional arenas such as policy and law-making and implementation, government administration, customary or community-based tenure governance, or forest restoration at the landscape scale. The overall aim is to promote the responsible governance of forest tenure so that it serves the interests of both women and men of all backgrounds.

This sourcebook provides multiple forms of guidance: conceptual ideas, operational direction, good practices, case-study insights, research findings and resources for further exploration. It is designed to support a wide range of practitioners, women and men, from a range of institutions such as government offices, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, donor agencies, women's organizations, as well as networks and federations. This includes gender experts who are responsible for the integration of gender equality and women's empowerment in their respective organizations, and also those working broadly in the world of land tenure, forest tenure and governance, forest landscape restoration, agroforestry, value-chain development and social impact enterprises.

The goal is to journey along the pathways to forest tenure reform through a three-step process: *Analyze*, *Strategize* and *Realize*. Focused diagnostic analysis to create an empirical foundation for change can support the design of sequential interventions to promote gender-responsive forest tenure reform at various scales. To this end, the guide is a timely resource to support high-impact interventions suited to accelerating change within the national and local context in community-based forest tenure regimes.

The first chapter sets out how to think about creating gender-responsive accelerators for forest tenure reform. The focus is narrowed in the second chapter on improving gender equality and women's empowerment through forest tenure policies, laws and government administrative systems. The final chapter focuses on how to bring about gender-responsive changes in community-based forest tenure regimes. No one set of methods or approaches will work for all contexts and, as such, the guide aims to showcase a range of knowledge and tools. These can be tailored and adjusted over time in an adaptive and collaborative manner to suit particular situations. This practitioner's guide offers numerous case studies as well as resource materials from across Africa, Asia and Latin America so that each issue can be explored through real-world experience. Moreover, the guide draws upon the latest manuals and guidance documents available on promoting gender-responsive forest tenure reform.