Commissioned Reports on Forests and Livelihoods: Call for Submissions

The FLARE network and Rights and Resources Initiative are commissioning reports on the following themes:

1. Ethics of forest-livelihoods policies: This report will focus on the ethics of policies that influence forest-related livelihoods. The key terms in this description - policies, forests, and livelihoods - can be interpreted broadly (for a discussion of forests-related livelihoods, see Newton et al. 2016). By policies, we reference those actions of governments that affect forest-related livelihoods, and also consequential decisions and initiatives by major donors and international organizations that affect how people derive different kinds of livelihoods from forests. The report will focus in particular on the livelihoods and wellbeing of poor peoples that depend on forests, principally those in lower income countries. The report should have an empirical core, be global (or continental) in scope, and highlight the ethical aspects of forest-livelihoods related policy making, the policies themselves, and the outcomes of such policies.

2. Forest, livelihoods, and the SDGs: This report will focus on the relationship between the Sustainable Development Goals and forest-related livelihoods (terms also interpreted broadly). The study should review the two-way relationships between the SDGs and forest livelihoods by examining how actions to sustain and improve rural, forest-related livelihoods may contribute to the SDGs (even when such actions are not directly related to the SDGs), and also in cases where governments and development initiatives, in an effort to achieve the SDGs, undermine the livelihoods of forest-proximate peoples. Ideally, the report will provide readers with a sense of the available evidence on the subject, and suggest key SDG indicators that can be used to monitor changes in forest-related livelihoods.

Commissioned reports will be launched at the forthcoming FLARE and RRI sponsored meetings in first week of October 2017 in Stockholm, Sweden. Authors for each report will receive $5,000 USD upon completion of the report (if more than one author writes the report, 5000 dollars will be distributed equally among authors). Authors are invited to attend the FLARE and RRI meetings and present their findings to conference participants at a dedicated launch event. Expenses associated with the participation of one individual per report will be covered. In addition to the official launch of the reports in Stockholm, we will work with authors to submit the reports as appropriate in a peer-reviewed journal to maximize circulation and longer-term reception of findings.

Abstracts describing the report and its contents should be no more than 400 words, and are due on **June 17, 2017**. We will inform selected abstract authors by July 1, 2017. An initial draft of the report and presentation (based on the draft) will be due September 21, 2017.

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