

Title	Assessing the legal foundations for successful community forestry?	
Organizer	Client Earth and RECOFTC	
Type of event	Discussion forum	
Venue	Room 207	
Date/Time	Wednesday, June 19; 15:30-17:00	
Event description		
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Time	Speaker / Panelist	Theme
15.30-15.35	David Gritten, RECOFTC	Introduction to the event
15.35-15.50	Andrew Taber, FAO	Keynote address



15.50-16.00	Nathalie Faure, ClientEarth	Key legal foundations for community forestry - Lessons learned from the Philippines, Nepal and Tanzania
16.00-16.10	Ratanakoma Long, Forestry Administration, MAFF, Cambodia	Legal reforms on community forestry in Cambodia
16.10-16.20	(TBC)	Legal reforms on community forestry in country x
16.20-16.30	FECOFUN (person TBC), Nepal	How communities have been able to participate to legal reforms in Nepal? Necessary legal conditions for CF in Nepal and main challenges
16.30-16.45	Facilitated by David Gritten, RECOFTC	Panel discussion-fundamentals of strong legal foundations for community forestry in Asia-Pacific region
16.45-16.55	Facilitated by David Gritten, RECOFTC	Q&A
16.55-17.00	David Gritten, RECOFTC	Closing remarks