



## Overview of GFC co-sponsored Activities Rio+20

### 15 June, Morning

- Peoples' Summit: presentation on the value of Indigenous territories and community conserved areas by CENESTA (Iran) at Future territories, Peoples Summit

- 09:30 - 11:00, **Women's Resistance and Resilience**



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### Room: T-9, Rio Centro

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### Organizing partners

WECF Women in Europe for a Common Future, the Women's Major Group for Rio+20, Development Alternatives with Women for a New era DAWN, Roots for Equity, WEDO, VAM, Global Forest Coalition, Sobrevivencia Paraguay, Social Eco-Fund Kazakhstan, Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises & Development (FRIEND) Fiji, Niger Delta Women, Soroptomists International, Reaccion Climatica Bolivia, Women on Farms WFP South Africa, Earth Care Africa Zimbabwe, Asian Pacific Network of Women Law and Development, Biofuelwatch, GEO ICAE, Campaña Latinoamericana por el Derecho a la Educación (CLADE (Brazil), Red de Educacion Popular entre Mujeres (REPEM Latin-American), Center for Gender and Education NIRANTAR ( India), Population and

Sustainability Network, Women Action for Development India, Groupe Genre Rio+20 (Adequations, Universite Nomade, Fondation Femme Africaine), The Feminist Task Force, Earth Day Network, ABANTU for Development

### **Introduction**

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### **15 June, Afternoon:**

- People's Summit (tentative): **Workshop by the ICCA Consortium on the importance of Indigenous territories and community conserved areas**

### **16 June, Morning:**

- People's Summit (tentative): **Workshop on the commercialization and mercantilization of forest** organized by the Grupo do Carta do Belem, Brazil in cooperation with GFC and others.

- Future Territories Space: Presentation on the value of Indigenous territories and community conserved areas from Argentina (Mapuche) by the ICCA Consortium

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- People's Summit (tentative): **Workshop on Facing environmental, food and economic crises Women's experiences and initiatives**

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Description: The overall project objective is to value the expertise of women engaged in local sustainable initiatives. It is also to contribute to their awareness of decisions and public engagements and having their voices taken into account, both locally and worldwide. The workshops will be entirely filmed and recorded (FASE, Rapsode and

L'Université Nomade). Rough drafts of the outcomes will be presented at Plenárias de convergência pre-Assembles.

**16th June** (16.30 h.until 18.30 h).

- People's Summit Tenda 16 - Espace Emma Goldman  
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Attac -France, Les amis du Mouvement des travailleurs Sans Terre du Brésil - France,  
FFA-Congo, No-Vox network

**17 June, Morning**

- Peoples' Summit, Future Territories Space:  
Presentation on the value of Indigenous territories and community conserved areas by  
FCPI from Panama, organized by the ICCA Consortium

**18 June, Morning**

- Peoples' Summit, Future Territories Space:  
Presentation on the value of Indigenous territories and community conserved areas from  
Bolivia organized by the ICCA Consortium

- Peoples' Summit(tentative): **Workshop No REDD Coalition: Bosques, tierras y territorios para los pueblos! No REDD+!**

**18 June, Afternoon:**

- **Indigenous Peoples' and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCAs)  
- a force against destructive development and for the "buen vivir"?**

**RIOCENTRO, Room T-4 18 Jun 2012 17:30 - 19:00**

**Organizing Partners:**

- ICCA Consortium
- GEF-SGP
- Equator Initiative
- Global Forest Coalition
- IUCN CEESP

**Background and description:**

This side event will provide space to discuss Indigenous Peoples' and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCAs), i.e. those "natural and modified ecosystems that contain significant biodiversity values, ecological values and cultural values and are voluntarily conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities through customary laws or other effective means" (IUCN, 2004).

This conservation practice, intertwined with local livelihoods and the spiritual and

material values of local cultures, is the oldest on earth. Today, it remains one of the staunchest to hold the fort of bio-cultural diversity against the destructive powers of “development”— extractive industries, land grabbing, mega infrastructures, loss of culture and values. The incorporation of ICCAs in the Programme of Work on Protected Areas of the CBD is managing only too slowly to provide some substantial protection against the variety of destructive forces and threats affecting them.

ICCAs are found everywhere in the world, span all types of ecosystems and are the oldest form of conservation (i.e., preservation, sustainable use and restoration) known on earth. As successful examples of collective decision-making about nature they closely relate to peoples’ culture and identity. They conserve nature but also secure livelihoods, in unique ways for unique contexts. They embody the capacity of communities to adapt in the face of change (resilience) and prevent natural disasters. And they are an occasion of empowerment for indigenous peoples and local/ rural communities... and pride for their youth. Despite all this, ICCAs are today under serious jeopardy by the powers of “development” inexorably at play in every corner of the planet. While in some cases such powers are fully accepted by indigenous peoples and local communities... their penetration is likely to succeed even when they are fiercely resisted. Only strong and determined communities endowed with integrity and luck appear to manage their own paths towards the “*buen vivir*”— their own self-defined “human development” agenda, where ICCAs are often found as essential components.

In the first part of our side event, a series of case examples will exemplify the statements just made. In the second part, a panel will provide insights into some well advanced local, national and international initiatives currently “recognizing” and supporting ICCAs across the globe with proven benefits for the conservation of nature, human development, the upholding of human and indigenous peoples’ rights and the prevention of natural disasters. Lessons learned and proposals for global, national and local action will be spelled out and discussed with the audience.

## **AGENDA**

### **Four ICCA case examples from different socio-ecosystems, detailing threats upon ICCAs, and lessons learned in their efforts against destructive development and for the “*buen vivir*”:**

Representative of Tetepare (Solomon Islands— forest ICCA, Equator Award 2012)  
Salatou Sambou (Casamance, Senegal— marine and coastal ICCA, Equator Award 2012)

Jorge Nahuel (Argentina— mountain ICCAs in the Mapuche territories)

Taghi Farvar (Iran— dryland ICCAs of Shahsavani and Qasqai mobile indigenous peoples)

### **Panellists to highlight lessons learned and proposals for global, national and local action:**

Vicky Tauli Corpuz (The Philippines, Tebtebba) TBC

Ashish Kothari (India, Kalpavriksh)

Tilman Jaeger (Brazil, ICCA Consortium)  
José Aylwin (Chile, Observatorio Ciudadano)  
Simone Lovera (Paraguay, Global Forest Coalition)  
Onel Masardule (Panama, Fundacion para la Promoción del Conocimiento Indígena)  
Delfin Ganapin (The Philippines, Global Director of GEF SGP)

## **22 June, Afternoon**

**- 13:15 - 14:45**

**Roots of Equity : what rights and safeguards do women need who are dependent for their livelihoods on forest, biodiversity and subsistence farmers.**

**Room: UN2 (Barra Arena)**

The degradation and destruction of forests, grasslands, coastal areas and other ecosystems is having a particularly strong negative impact on women, as they often depend on the wood, medicinal plants, wild fruits, seafood and other food and energy sources these ecosystems provide. The agro-fuel plantations cause land grabbing and other violations of the rights of indigenous peoples and communities and are one of the root causes of the current food crisis and effect in a dramatic way the lives of women and their families. Women and their traditional knowledge systems play a very important role in the management of Indigenous territories and community conserved areas and other community-based initiatives to conserve and restore ecosystems. This role, and these initiatives, should be recognized, protected against outside economic interference, and strengthened

Biodiversity loss in agriculture, the threat of GMO-trees, the gender aspects of farmer's traditional knowledge and implications of the asses and benefit sharing agreements from Nagoya will be the focus of this side-event. What are the key areas of concern, what actions should citizens, business and policy makers take to protect women's forest dwellers and subsistence farmers? Rio+20 should lead to commitments on policy priorities and sustainable development goals, assuring women's rights.

Lead Organizer: WECF/Women's Major Group

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