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### INVITATION

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**Subject: Sharing on Customary law in forest land allocation (case study in Lao Cai) and in conflict resolution.**

Customary laws hide important values, knowledge and practices that are gained over centuries. It is recently affirmed that local traditions like customary law is essential for sound development of ethnic minorities. It remarkably contributes to the sustainable and effective management of natural resources.

Using customary law in forest land allocation and conflict resolution in forest management plays an extremely important role in securing the group's long term livelihoods and social stability.

In order to share specific cases in the column, the Ethnic Minorities Working Group (EMWG) would like to invite you to the sharing on ***“Customary law in forest land allocation (case study in Lao Cai) and in conflict resolution”***. The sharing will provide real examples of customary practices in forest management and government reactions to these.

The sharing will take place from **9a.m-11a.m** on **17<sup>th</sup> July, 2013** at the meeting room of the **NGO Resource Centre**, F1 building, La Thanh hotel, 218 Doi Can, Ba Dinh, Hanoi.

The sharing will be done in Vietnamese. English translation will be provided upon participants' request.

For a well-organized meeting, please confirm your participation to EMWG coordinator via her email: [emwg@ngocentre.org.vn](mailto:emwg@ngocentre.org.vn) or telephone: 04 3 8328570 by 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.

We look forward to receiving your participation!

Thank you,  
On behalf of EMWG

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bert Maerten'.

Bert Maerten  
EMWG chairperson