



LEARNING FORUM INVITATION

Rights on community forest and the importance of forest land to ethnic minorities in Vietnam

Vietnam has 3/4 mountainous area and 53 ethnic minority groups with more than 14 million people, accounting for 14% of the total population of the country. The ethnic minorities (EMs) mainly settle in mountainous and remote provinces of Northwest, Northeast, Central and Central Highlands. Their daily life, including livelihoods, water resources, practices of culture and spiritual belief, and material resources to build houses, etc ...depends on land and forest resources. It is the ethnic minority communities who nurture forests. They play a key role in protecting them, water resources and national security and defense.

To better understand the role of forests towards ethnic minority communities and the mutual relationship between forests and the community, The Centre of Culture Identity and Resources Use Management (CIRUM), and some members of the Ethnic Minorities Working Group (EMWG) would like to invite you to the learning forum on “*Rights on community forest and the importance of forest land to ethnic minorities in Vietnam*”.

This event is a part of *the quarterly learning forum about development issues of ethnic minorities in Vietnam* - an initiative for partners, organizations and individuals interested in the development issues of ethnic minorities in Vietnam, which is in the framework of the CASI program funded by Danida. In particular, the learning space warmly welcome the participation of representatives of minority communities and Land Network in Vietnam to share their stories and practical experiences in their community.

The learning forum is organized with the following information:

- **Time:** 8:00-12:00, Date: September 30th, 2016
- **Venue:** Room 403, Institute for Studies of Society, Economy and Environment (iSEE), Lakeview Building, D10 Giang Vo (behind Hanoi Hotel), Ba Dinh, Hanoi.
- **Language:** Vietnamese. Foreigners kindly arrange their own interpreters
- **Tentative agenda:** attached herewith the invitation.

Please confirm your participation to Ms. Nguyen Thi Hoa, EMWG coordinator via her e-mail: emwg@ngocentre.org.vn or office telephone: 04 3 8328570 by September 28th, 2016

We look forward to your attendance!

Yours sincerely,

CIRUM

Tran Thi Hoa
Director

EMWG

Le Kim Dung
Chairperson

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Time	Contents	Implementation
8:00 - 8:10	Introduction of the forum	Representative of EMWG
8:10 - 9:00	Introduction of the definition of community forest and the importance of forest land	Representatives of CIRUM, ADC
9:00 - 10:30	Stories sharing by Representative of LandNet	Representative of LandNet
10:30 - 10:45	Tea-break	
10:45 - 11:45	Discussion	All participants
11:45 - 12:00	Wrapping up and follow-up actions (if any)	Representative of EMWG