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**FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE:
THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES,
WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING**

A discussion with David Kaimowitz from the Ford Foundation

Moderated by Jeff Campbell from the **FOREST AND FARM FACILITY**

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The contributions of indigenous peoples, local communities and smallholder farmers in managing the world's productive landscapes are significant. A third of forests globally are under some form of management by families, smallholders, local communities or indigenous people and yet they are facing many challenges to exercising their traditional territorial tenure and use rights and often subjected to barriers and even violence in their efforts to protect and manage these resources. Previous experience tells us that combining forest conservation and development efforts remains challenging if local people are not fully involved. Failure to find the best way to engage with indigenous peoples and other local stakeholders and align their interests with forest conservation and active sustainable management will significantly compromise the chances of achieving the carbon sequestration and mitigation targets, and could further marginalize poor and vulnerable people.



Our special guest from the Ford Foundation, Dr. Kaimowitz, will share his insights on the current global situation and experiences in supporting indigenous peoples in the context of climate change.

Dr. Kaimowitz is Director of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development at the Ford Foundation. Prior to that, he was Director General of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), based in Indonesia. He holds a Ph.D. in an agricultural economics from the University of Wisconsin. Before joining CIFOR, he held positions at the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture in Costa Rica; the International Service for National Agricultural Research in The Netherlands, and the Ministry of Agriculture of Nicaragua. He has also written or co-written seven books and published more than 100 other scientific publications.

All FAO staff are welcome.

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