BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY FOR 2030

What’s in it for Indigenous Peoples and local communities?

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PROGRAM

Members of the European Parliament (MEPs): - Michèle Rivasi, Greens/EFA, France - María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Renew Europe, Spain - Marc Tarabella, S&D, Belgium

NGOs: Docip, Fern, Survival International

9h00-9h30: Introduction

Opening words
Michèle Rivasi

The invention of green colonialism
Guillaume Blanc, Environmental historian, specialist of contemporary Africa and lecturer at University of Rennes 2

9h30 – 10h30: Impact on people and local communities

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Communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo
Joseph Itongwa, Native Walikale from the province of North Kivu, founder of Réseau des Populations Autochtones et Locales pour la Gestion Durable des Ecosystèmes Forestiers de la RDC (REPALEF) sub-regional coordinator of the Network of Indigenous and Local Populations for the Management of Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa (REPALEAC)

The riparian populations of Virunga National Park: challenges, limits and future
Delcasse Lukumbu, Congolese activist and member of Lucha, Congolese citizen movement

The impact of militarised and undemocratic nature conservation on Indigenous Peoples and forest dwellers in tiger reserves and other protected areas in India
Pranab Doley, Activist of the Mising people, Kaziranga, India

Testimonies from Latin America
Lola Cabnal, Area de Incidencia en Políticas, Asociación Ak Tenamit, Guatemala or Carole Gonzales, OPIAC Colombia (TBC)

How does the European Union ensure respect for rights
Chiara Adamo, Head of Unit for Gender, Human Rights and Democratic Governance, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
10h30 – 11h30: Recommendations and priorities from people and local communities

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*Environment, women’s rights and nomadic peoples*

**Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Association des femmes peules et peuples autochtones du Tchad (AFPAT), Chad

*Ending Green Colonialism*

**Mordecai Ogada**, conservationist, Kenya

*Recognition of the customary rights of people over Indonesian forests*

**Rukka Sombolinggi**, Alliance of Indigenous Peoples of the Archipelago (AMAN), Indonesia

*Experiences of the round table with experts and representatives of people*

**Luisa Ragher**, Head of Division Human Rights, European External Action Service (EEAS)

11h30 – 12h30: What model for biodiversity?

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*Why we must defend the Siberian forest and the rights of the inhabitants of the Far North and East of the country*

**Rodion Sulyandziga**, Director of the Center for support of indigenous peoples of the North (CSIPN)

*Nature conservation, militarisation and human rights violations: the role of international donors*

**Simon Counsell**, Former director of Rainforest Foundation UK and currently advisor to Survival International

*Enhancing the capacities of people and Local Communities as stewards of nature*

**Herbert Lust**, Vice President and Managing Director of Conservation International Europe

*Priorities of the EU’s biodiversity strategy at international level*

**Chantal Marijnissen**, Head of Unit, Environment, Natural Resources, Water, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

12H30 – 13H00: Wrap up & conclusions by MEPs Michèle Rivasi and María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

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