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**SIANI is collaborating with the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) as a local partner – together with Sida, Stockholm Environment Institute, International Foundation for Science and media partner Devex – on the October 2017 conference *Reducing Inequality in a Turbulent World: Scaling up strategies to secure indigenous, community and women’s land rights*.**

SIANI recognizes that securing land and resource rights is necessary to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and is pleased to welcome the *Tenure Facility* to Stockholm – as a new partner in the community land resource rights challenge.

Close to one third of the world’s population does not have secure rights to the lands and forests they customarily claim. This insecurity undermines global progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and the climate change commitments of the Paris Agreement. Inequality and the marginalization of women, Indigenous Peoples, and rural communities is driving political unrest, challenging conventional development models, and increasing calls for social, economic, and environmental security across the globe.

With a goal to better understand and confront these challenges together, the third biannual conference in the International Conference Series on Community Land and Resource Rights will be held in Stockholm on 4-5 October 2017. The theme of the 2017 Stockholm conference is “Reducing Inequality in a Turbulent World: Scaling up strategies to secure indigenous, community and women’s land rights”.

Bringing together experts from NGOs, UN agencies, governments, corporations and affected individuals and communities, the conference is organized in the form of substantive strategy sessions on three core themes:

- Women’s rights and leadership in collective lands
- Awareness raising and accountability from local to national to global
- Advancing implementation: strategies and tools to scale up and drive change at the national level

The October conference has been impetus for the international community of land and resource rights experts and activists to plan a suite of related events in Stockholm around the same time.

From 29 September through 2 October, the Forests and Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE) *network meeting* will take place at Stockholm University. This more

academic meeting focuses on forests and livelihoods and aims to foster collaboration, particularly with and among younger researchers.

On October 3, the Sida will hold a “Development Talk” on the topic of Land rights in relation to gender, climate change and conflict. The morning will constitute a public seminar involving speakers from the Rights and Resources Initiative, FAO, Sida, Ford Foundation, among others. The afternoon will involve a hands-on workshop focused on land rights in practice, based loosely around [The Tenure Facility’s pilot projects](#). For more information and to register for this event, please see [Sida’s page for Development Talks](#).



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