Clear tenure rights for local communities are an essential foundation for the sustainable management of forest landscapes. ‘Tenure rights’ refers to the legal and customary institutions and the relationships that govern access to resources. They determine who owns the land and how resources are allocated, used and managed. Local communities face many challenges to securing tenure rights. These challenges include access to information, top-down decision making, lack of trust among stakeholders, and limited consensus on what tenure rights encompass.

The Center for People and Forests’ upcoming course, Strong and clear tenure rights for good governance, will build your skills to help local communities address these challenges. You will learn how to enhance your knowledge of stakeholders and change attitudes, support local communities in securing their tenure rights, and prepare to participate in forest governance.

Course objectives
At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

• Analyze and explain the main forms of tenure rights
• Understand different approaches for ensuring that local communities have clear and strong tenure rights
• Understand the links between good governance and clear and strong tenure rights
• Develop an action plan to support efforts to strengthen the tenure rights of local communities in their own countries

Course content
• What are tenure rights and why are they important?
• What are the different tenure regimes?
• What is the ‘bundle of rights’? How does this affect tenure rights?
• What are the connections between good forest governance and strong tenure rights?
• What are the approaches for strengthening tenure rights?

Who should participate?
This course is designed for professionals from local and national governments, civil society and the private sector who are working to clarify and strengthen tenure rights and foster effective forest governance.

Registration information
Date: 13-17 May 2019
Location: Nan, Thailand (with field visit)
Course fee: US$1,500*
Deadline for registration: 30 April 2019