Day 1: Friday, March 4, 2011

9.30 am: **Registration**  
*Papia Samajdar, CSE*

9.50-10.00 am: **Welcome address**  
*Prasanta Patnaik and Rabi Das, senior journalists and MUFP members*

10.00-11.00 am: **The Forest Rights Act -- an overview** (with special focus on settlement of individual rights, minor forest produce (MFP), community rights and PESA)  
*Speaker: Richard Mahapatra, CSE*

11.00-11.15 am: **Tea**

11.15 am-12.00 noon: **The FRA, its background and its implications** (including land acquisition and prior informed consent)

*Panelists: Sanjay Upadhyaya, advocate, Supreme Court of India and managing partner, Enviro Legal Defence Firm, New Delhi; Mohan Hirabai Hiralal, Vrikshamitra, Chandrapur, Maharashtra*  
*Moderator: Prafulla Das (The Hindu), MUFP member*

12.00 noon-12.45 pm: **Special areas and FRA**  
*Panelists: C R Bijoy, tribal rights activist, Coimbatore; Y Giri Rao, Vasundhara, Bhubaneshwar*  
*Moderator: Sampad Mahapatra (NDTV), MUFP member*
12.45-1.30 pm: **Land acquisition and FRA**  
Panelists: R Sridhar, Environics Trust, New Delhi; Arvind Behera, secretary, forests, government of Odisha; Santosh Sarangi, secretary / Sanjeev Chaddha, director, department of tribal development, Odisha; Debojit Sarangi, Living Farms, Odisha  
Moderator: Prasanta Patnaik

1.30-2.30 pm: **Lunch**

2.30-3.30 pm: **Panel discussion: Perspectives on FRA**  
Panelists: S N Patro, revenue minister, Odisha; Rabi Das  
Moderator: Richard Mahapatra

3.30-5.00 pm: **Testimonies from states**  
- Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh: Vishal Nayak, Samarthan, Bhopal  
- Odisha: Naresh Jena, Odisha Jungle Manch, Odisha,  
- Maharashtra: Mohan Hirabai Hiralal  
Moderator: Sudhir Patnaik (Samadrushti), MUFP member

5.00-5.15 pm: **Tea**

5.15-6.30 pm: **Panel discussion: Bamboo, tree or grass?**  
Panelists: Mohan Hirabai Hiralal; Y Giri Rao  
Moderator: Richard Mahapatra

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**Day 2: Saturday, March 5, 2011**

**Field trip to Koska village in Nayagarh district:** Located around 90 km from Bhubaneswar, Koska has a 40-year-long history of community forestry, and has struggled a lot to claim community forest rights under FRA.  
Trip coordinator: Prabhat Mishra, RCDC, Odisha