

Thank you for hosting one of the open space sessions on relevant practice experience/needs to share and potentially build on to achieve transformational change! Please use this template to record your main results as input for the co-chairs' report. And simultaneously answer the question "How does this help us to identify which changes need to happen?" in slide (feel free to ask one of the participants to support you)

**Your Topic for exchange (basic description of your experience/ challenge/ hypothesis):**

Land Tenure Systems and Biodiversity Conservation

→ Changes in land ownership over the years has led to an increase in ownership and responsible behaviour towards biodiversity. After independence in 1980, PAs were created with resources owned by the state. Land redistribution later on allowed communities to be settled in formerly large commercial farms. Depending on the tenure system a country has, determines extent to which BD/natural resources are managed. Where local people/Indigenous people feel they don't own the resource/land it will be difficult to run BP related programmes on their land.

**Basic overview of participants (please ask for this at the beginning of the session):**

Rough number of participants:

Rough overview of represented organisations/countries:

NGOs, Indigenous people, Government representatives,  
 Angola Mozambique Switzerland  
 Zambia Brazil  
 Mexico Canada

Campaign for nature

**How does this help us to identify which changes need to happen?**

→ When people 'own' the resource they manage it better. Also good for conflict resolution.

- Need to pay more attention to the relationship between tenural rights to agricultural land and BD as these have been largely undermined.

- Locals around PAs should benefit from being with the wildlife / BD/ resources

- Involve locals in the designation of PAs to minimise conflicts. Without an effective tenure system (land rights) conservation will not work.

