

ECOIP Open Talks

Indigenous peoples, nature and the global economy



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Extractive industries, conservation, and Indigenous Communities

in the Tropical Forests of Eastern Cameroon:
Perspectives from Baka Indigenous Activism
and Rights Advocacy



Date

**Monday,
October 26, 2026**



Time

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.



Venue

Seminar Room 3 & 4,
Research Institute for
Humanity and Nature (RIHN)



Language

English



Admission

Free



Speaker

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Seminar Overview

Indigenous peoples and local communities live in close proximity to one another in the tropical forests of eastern Cameroon. Resource-extractive activities, including logging and mining, as well as the cultivation of cash crops such as cocoa, maize, and cassava, have had diverse impacts on the local societies formed by these communities. At the same time, conservation initiatives intended to mitigate the impacts of development and promote environmental protection have increasingly restricted Indigenous peoples' access to forests.

For more than fifteen years, Mr. Nsonkali has worked in addressing conflicts between industrial and conservation activities and Indigenous Baka communities in eastern Cameroon, first as a staff member of a local NGO and subsequently as an independent consultant.

Drawing on his extensive experience in the field, Mr. Nsonkali will discuss the current state of conflicts between Indigenous communities and industrial and conservation activities. The seminar will also provide an opportunity to consider together what measures are needed to mitigate these conflicts.