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The international legal framework for valuing the carbon stored in forests, known as Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+), will have a major impact on indigenous peoples and forest communities. The REDD+ regime contains many assumptions about the identity, tenure and rights of indigenous and local communities who inhabit, use or claim rights to forested lands. The authors bring together expert analysis of public international law, climate change treaties, property law, human rights and indigenous customary land tenure to provide a systemic account of the laws governing forest carbon sequestration and their interaction. Their work covers recent developments in climate change law, including the Agreement from the Conference of the Parties in Paris that came into force in 2016. The Impact of Climate Change Mitigation on Indigenous and Forest Communities is a rich and much-needed new contribution to contemporary understanding of this topic.

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### **ABBREVIATIONS**

**CANZUS** Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States

CRD Convention on Biological Diversity CDM Clean Development Mechanism

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of **CEDAW** 

Discrimination Against Women

**CERD** Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial

Discrimination

**CFM** community forest management

CIFOR Center for International Forestry Research CIFOR-GCS CIFOR's Global Comparative Study on REDD+ **CITES** 

Convention on the International Trade in Endangered

Species of Wild Flora and Fauna

COP Conference of the Parties

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization **FCPF** Forest Carbon Partnership Facility **FPIC** free, prior and informed consent **FSC** Forest Stewardship Council

**GHG** greenhouse gas

HRC Human Rights Council

ILO International Labour Organization MRV measurement, reporting and verification **NCMC** National Carbon Monitoring Centre NGO nongovernmental organization PDD project design document

PES payment for environmental (or ecosystem) services

**PFM** participatory forest management

REDD+ [policy approaches and positive incentives for] reducing

emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks

R-PP Readiness Preparation Proposal

**SBSTA** Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

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ABBREVIATIONS

SEPC Social and Environmental Principles and Criteria

SIS Safeguards Information System SFM sustainable forest management

UNDP United Nations Development Programme
UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate

Change

UNDG United Nations Development Group

UNDRIP United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous

Peoples

UN-REDD Programme United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing

Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in

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