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**AND THE LAW**

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOP

Madhu Mehra, the Executive Director of PLD, welcomed the resource persons, the participants and the PLD partners. She shared a brief introduction to PLD, and discussed some of the earlier annual workshops. This workshop on 'Common Property Resources and the Law', is the fourth annual workshop. The participants of this workshop included PLD's partner organisations and the lawyers as well as other organisations working on natural resources. This workshop aimed at exploring use of law and legal strategies for asserting rights to natural resources within the framework of common property rights. It also aimed at creating space for sharing of experiences as well as perspective building.

Madhu emphasized that it was necessary to interact with other organisations working in the same field, to become familiar with their work and to examine the extent to which women's rights figure in the movement for people's rights over natural resources. PLD is particularly interested in exploring the inter-relation and inter-dependence between women's rights and natural resources.

She thereafter invited all the participants to formally introduce themselves, their organisations and the issues they work on. A list of participants and resource persons who attended the workshop is attached as Annexure I.

Thereafter, Shomona Khanna presented the workshop agenda which is attached to this report as Annexure II.