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on

LEGAL EMPOWERMENT FOR DIGNITY, DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE



SPEAKER

MR. VIVEK MARU

Co-Founder and CEO of Namati

Vivek Maru is co-founder and CEO of Namati, which advances social and environmental justice by combining the power of law with the power of people. Namati works with partners deeply in six countries, from Myanmar to the United States, and co-convenes the Grassroots Justice Network, a community of 3000+ justice organizations from over 170 countries. Vivek is co-author of *Community Paralegals and the Pursuit of Justice*. His TED talk, "How to Put the Power of Law in People's Hands," has been viewed over a million times. Vivek believes we can advance social and environmental justice by deepening democracy. Vivek started Namati in 2011. Since then, Namati and its partners have supported cadres of community paralegals—sometimes known as barefoot lawyers—in six countries. These advocates combine law and organizing to help people protect common lands, enforce environmental law, and secure basic rights to healthcare and citizenship. In all six countries, paralegals and communities have achieved concrete remedies to grave harms as well as major improvements to entire systems, including a better mechanism for enforcing sand-mining regulations in India, stronger social and environmental standards for businesses investing in Sierra Leone, and Myanmar's first legal commitment to respect the customary land rights of ethnic minorities. Globally, Namati convenes the Grassroots Justice Network, more than 3,000 groups from over 170 countries who are learning from one another and collaborating on common challenges. This community successfully advocated for the inclusion of justice in the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

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