

## PART III

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### Africa and Asia

Countries from Africa and Asia are grouped together in this book because of the complexities around, and resistance to, the concept of “Indigenous Peoples” and for the recognition of customary land rights (Barume, 2010; Morton & Baird, 2019; Xanthaki, 2003). While many of the countries covered in this section from Africa and Asia have constitutions that recognize customary land rights, seldom do they recognize Indigenous Peoples. Also, land rights are largely unprotected; thus, dispossession and tenure insecurity remain ongoing problems across these continents (Aiken & Leigh, 2011; Barume, 2010; He, 2011).

Despite the challenges, Indigenous Peoples are mobilizing to secure and safeguard their land rights across Africa and Asia, but this often pits Indigenous Peoples against parochial national interests and an ever expanding agricultural, mining, and energy sector.

