The Forests Dialogue

Scoping Dialogue on Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry
9-10 June 2009 – Brussels, Belgium

Dialogue Location
Hotel Leopold
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Meeting Room: Elisabeth Room

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Initiative Objectives

The challenges and opportunities faced by locally controlled forestry in the global north and south;
Factors behind successful forestry interventions that need to be integrated into investment initiatives and other support programs;
The actual and potential north-south connections;
Possible ways forward for an efficient and effective TFD dialogue stream on these issues.

Dialogue Key Questions

1. What are the key constraints and opportunities that indigenous people, forest communities and smallholders face in accessing investment?
2. What are the key constraints and opportunities that investors (suppliers of finance and supporters of human resources and practical management systems) face in their relationships with indigenous people, forest communities and smallholders?
3. What potential exists for common efforts to address these constraints and take advantage of the opportunities?
4. What should further dialogue, and practical actions linked to dialogue, focus on?

Dialogue Agenda
Tuesday 9 June
09:00 Welcome, Introductions, TFD Background
09:30 ILCF Initiative Overview, Objectives and related TFD Learnings
10:00 The Growing Forest Partnership
10:30 Break
10:45 Dialogue objectives, key questions and process
11:15 Lessons learned from past and current ILCF related initiatives
12:00 Breakout session: Challenges and opportunities inherent in ILCF
   Key Questions 1 and 2 - Organized by stakeholder groups
13:00 Lunch
14:00 Breakout sessions continue
15:00 Breakout group presentations
16:00 Break
16:15 Breakout group presentations continue
18:00 Adjourn
19:00 Group Reception (then proceed to group dinner)

Wednesday 10 June
09:00 Commonalities and differences
10:00 Breakout session: Ways forward with ILCF Initiative
   Key Questions 3 and 4 - mixed groups
12:00 Lunch
13:00 Breakout group presentations
15:00 Discussion, prioritization and way forward with ILCF Initiative
15:45 Wrap up and next steps
16:00 Adjourn