ILCF Initiative Overview, Objectives and Related TFD Learnings

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Origins of this dialogue

• Previous dialogues: IMPF, small landowners, pro-poor forestry
• GFP
• Connections between “north” and “south”
• TFD SC agreed to lead initiative
Objectives of ILCF Dialogue Process

• Ongoing process and platform that enables dialogue among stakeholders

• Ensure that investment streams strengthen LCF and address concerns
ILCF Dialogue Process

- Scoping dialogue
- Regional dialogues

After the dialogues:
1. World Forestry Conference events
2. Contribution at UNFCCC COP-15
3. TFD Review
4. Guidance for investors and stakeholders in the promotion of investment in locally controlled forestry
Expected Outcomes

1. Improved knowledge sharing
2. Stimulated learning to assure active bottom-up participation
3. Improved trust
Expected Outcomes

4. Platform to link national processes and partnerships with international dialogue
5. Identified catalytic actions
6. Improved understanding of needs and challenges
Key Lessons from TFD Dialogues

- Intensively Managed Planted Forests
- Pro-Poor Commercial Forestry
- European Small Forest Owners
Enabling Conditions

- Confidence in LCF for practicing SFM
- Balance: regulation, taxation and incentives
- Level playing field for LCF
Enabling Conditions

- Political will
- Good forest governance
- Land use policy and planning
- Tenure rights
Enabling Conditions

- Engagement of marginal groups
- Adequate and appropriate governmental involvement
Economic Issues

- Winners and losers
- Financial and economic feasibility
- Balancing between timber and NTFP
Economic Issues

- Payment for ecosystem services
- Financing
- Excessive fragmentation of ownership
Economic Issues

- Sustainability of standards and certification
- Formalization of operations and transaction costs
- Imperfect/effective markets
Economic Issues

- Market transparency and role of intermediaries
- Technical and managerial capacities
- Sustained partnerships
Social Issues

- Indigenous peoples engagement
- Social conflicts
- Internal organization
- Lack of alternatives
- Informality and social protection
- Wages and labor shortages
Social Issues

• Occupational safety and health
• NTFPs: subsistence vs. income
• Equity balance
• Level of participation and co-responsibilities
Social Issues

- Dialogue and conflict resolution
- Social standards
- Advocacy and space of operation of the civil society
Environmental Issues

- Ecological zoning and landscape level
- Extensive vs. intensive forestry
- Standards for SFM
Environmental Issues

- Native vs. exotic spp
- Restoration of degraded areas
- Fragmentation
- Biodiversity and incentives for its conservation