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Scoping Dialogue Objectives

To better understand:

- 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;
- the possible ways forward for an efficient and effective TFD dialogue stream on these issues.
Definitions

“Locally controlled forestry”

• refers to the range of actions to manage or grow forest resources and run small enterprises based on forest goods or services;
• actions are carried out by smallholders, community groups, forest-dependent people and other local groupings; and
• these groups have substantial decision-making power
Definitions

“Investment”

• covers a wide range of actions that can enhance locally controlled forestry assets by means of supplying of finance or other support

• can be made e.g. in creation of new forest resources, expansion of existing ones, production and processing facilities, infrastructure, as well as in development of human resources and management systems.
How much does scale matter?

- Categories of scale
- Size benefits
- Size can also hinder
- Scale leads to formal operations
Key issues in investment by local groups

- Tapping benefits from ILCF
- Access to financing sources and markets
- Impacts on local rights and livelihoods
Main weaknesses

- Forest tenure and use rights
- Legal and policy framework
- Local capacity in SFM, production and processing
- Markets and financing
Past Failures

- External visions; ideologies
- Capacity building
- Policy reform potential
- Lack of economic focus
- Short-term vision

But the overall balance may still be positive
Success Factors

• Political will
• Land tenure and use rights
• Local and national governance
• Transparent, efficient and accessible markets
Success Factors

- Effective organizing
- Capacity development
- Intermediary support organizations
- Benefit sharing mechanisms
Today’s Program

Tuesday 9 June

09:00  Welcome, Introductions, Background
09:30  ILCF Initiative Overview, Objectives and TFD Learnings
10:00  Growing Forest Partnerships
10:45  Dialogue objectives, key questions and process
11:15  Past and on-going initiatives
12:00  Breakout sessions
13:00  Lunch
14:00  Breakout sessions continue
15:00  Breakout group presentations
18:00  Adjourn
Tomorrow’s Program

Wednesday 10 June
09:00 Commonalities and differences (Co-Chairs)
10:00 Breakout session
12:00 Lunch
13:00 Breakout group presentations
15:00 Wrap-up, discussion, prioritization and way forward
15:45 Wrap up and next steps
16:00 Adjourn
First two key questions

1. What are the key constraints and opportunities that indigenous people, forest communities and smallholders face in accessing investment?

2. What kind of conditions support structures and partners should be in place to improve investment in LCF?
Last two key questions

3. What kind of common efforts could be taken to address constraints and take advantage of the opportunities?

4. What should further dialogue, and practical actions linked to dialogue, focus on?
Break-out Groups

• First day: indigenous people, forest communities, smallholders, research, private sector and others

• Second day: mixed groups
Co-Chairs’ Summary

• commonalities and differences between stakeholders – not a position statement!
• will be elaborated and sent to participants for review
• If major concerns, these can be communicated to Co-Chairs for eventual revision
• The Summary is posted on the TFD website (within 1 month)
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
Co-Chairs

Meeting Co-Chairs

- Minnie Degawan
  – IAITPTF
- Peter Gardiner
  – Mondi
- Stewart Maginnis
  – IUCN

Meeting Facilitator

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