The Forests Dialogue (TFD)
Dialogue on Investment in Locally Controlled Forestry

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Welcome

Meeting Co-Chairs

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Sponsors

• IUCN
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Introductions

• Name
• Organization

(We need your contacts)
Founding
• Civil Society and Private Sector Leaders

Mission
• MSD platform for leaders to pursue SFM, build trust, share learning and seek collaboration

Structure
• Steering Committee
• Secretariat
TFD Initiatives

Priority SFM Issues
- Forests and Climate
- Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
- Forests & Poverty Reduction and Rural Livelihoods
- Intensively Managed Planted Forests
- Illegal Logging and Forest Governance
- Forests and Biodiversity Conservation
- Forest Certification
TFD’s Mission

“To address significant obstacles to sustainable forest management through a constructive dialogue process among all key stakeholders.

TFD’s approach is based on mutual trust, enhanced understanding and commitment to change.

Our dialogues are designed to build relationships and to spur collaborative action on the highest priority issues facing the world’s forests”
TFD’s M.O.  
(modus operandi)

TFD Operates under the Chatham House Rule

“Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed".
TFD’s M.O.  
(modus operandi)

Spirit of Participation

- Active Listening
- Constructive, solution oriented Interventions
- Participate as individual
- Help define and own the outcomes

- Pictures and tents
Origins of this dialogue

• Previous dialogues: IMPF, small landowners, pro-poor forestry
• Growing Forest Partnership
• Connections between “north” and “south”
TFDs ILCF
Dialogue Process

• Brussels Scoping dialogue
• Three regional field dialogues
  – Panama
  – Nepal
  – Albania

Related events
  - World Forestry Congress
  - UNFCCC COP-15
  - TFD Review
Expected Outcomes

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

4. Platform to link national processes and partnerships with international dialogue

5. Identified catalytic actions

6. Improved understanding of needs and challenges
Definitions

Locally Controlled Forestry

LFC:

• Is carried out by Indigenous Peoples, smallholders, community groups, and forest-dependent peoples

• manages or grows forest resources and runs enterprises based on forest goods or services;

• groups have substantial decision-making power and control of the forest land base
Definitions

*Investment*

*Investment* is the active redirection of resources:

– from being consumed today, to creating benefits in the future;
Definitions

*Investment* in the context of LCF

- Investment can be made in securing forest rights, creation of new forest resources, management of forests, production and processing facilities, infrastructure, as well as in development of human resources.
- Investment covers a wide range of actions that include capacity building, governance, recognition of rights and finance, among others.
Under the right conditions:

• Strong contributor to local livelihoods and sustainable development

• Often requires improved investment to reach potential
LCF

Essential conditions:
• Control of Land
  – Clear and legal
• Cultural and traditional knowledge respected
• Community has capacity to:
  – Create Vision and priorities
  – Design projects
  – Negotiate and manage projects
• Effective Networks

Are they necessary and do they exist in Nepal?
Objectives of the Nepal Dialogue

• What does locally controlled forestry mean in the Nepalese context?
• What are the opportunities and challenges for increasing local control?
• What sort of investment is desired to build on local control?
• How do we get there?
Today’s Program

Wednesday 5 August

08:30 Welcome, Introductions, ILCF Initiative

Keynotes:

Honorable Member Dr. Dinesh Chandra Devkota - National Planning Commission
Chief Guest Honorable Minister Dipak Bohara - Ministry of Forests

11:15 Reflections from Panama
11:45 Background Paper

12:45 Lunch
14:00 Breakout Session
16:00 Breakout Group Reports

17:30 Adjourn
19:00 Group Dinner
Key Questions

1. Is there local control?
   - Sufficient Autonomy
   - Legal Control
   - Decision making authority

2. Are resources available to implement decisions?