The Forests Dialogue
Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry - Field Dialogue
Kathmandu and Chitwan district, Nepal
Sept 21 – 24, 2009

Dialogue Co-Chairs
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Objectives of the ILCF initiative

➡ Better understand the challenges and opportunities faced by locally controlled forestry in the global north and south;
➡ Support Ongoing process and platform that enables dialogue among rights holders;
➡ Ensure that investment streams strengthen LCF and address concerns.

Questions to consider in the field

➡ 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?
➡ What is needed to get there?

Program

Monday September 21 - Chitwan District, Nepal
7:00 Depart for Amritdharapani CFUG office from Park Village Hotel, Kathmandu
11:30 Welcome address and introductions
12:00 Lunch and interaction program with the Amritdharapani community
14:00 Depart for Bagmara CFUG office, Chitwan district
14:30 Interaction program with community representatives in the forested buffer zone
16:00 Depart for Hetauda city
19:30 Cultural program followed by reception dinner with local stakeholders

Tuesday September 22 - Markwanpur District, Nepal
7:00 Depart for Rani CFUG office, Markwanpur district
7:30 Welcome address and community interaction program
9:00  Visit a Rani community member and interaction program
9:30  Depart for sawmill community
12:00 Lunch in Avocado Hotel
13:15 Visit **International Wood Seasoning** sawmill, Markwanpur district
14:15 Visit nearby **Balaji Natural Industry** resin processing mill, Markwanpur district
15:15 Depart for Kathmandu

**Wednesday September 23 - Park Village Hotel, Kathmandu**
8:30  Welcome address and introductions
      TFD and ILCF - **Gary Dunning, TFD**
      Key Note Speech - **Yuba Raj Bhusal, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation**
      Key Note speech - **Dinesh Chandra Devkota, National Planning Commission**
      Opening speech - **Dipak Bohara, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation**
10:30 Break
10:45 Co-Chairs – Reflections on the Panama dialogue
11:15 Hemant R. Ojha – Background Paper presentation
12:15 Lunch
13:30 Breakout session
      ➡️ What does locally controlled forestry mean in Nepal?
      ➡️ What opportunities and challenges for increasing local control?
15:30 Break
15:45 Breakout group report back
17:30 Adjourn

**Thursday September 24 - Park Village Hotel**
8:30  Co-Chair conclusions of 3rd day
9:00  Breakout session
      ➡️ What sort of investment is desired to build on local control?
      ➡️ What is needed to get there?
11:15 Breakout Group Reports
12:15 Lunch
13:15 Prioritizing Plenary session
16:00 Next Steps and Wrap Up
17:00 Adjourn