Dialogue on Forests and Rural Livelihoods in Russia
21-24 October 2008 - Syktyvkar, Komi Republic, Russian Federation

Dialogue Objectives

- Examine illustrative cases and identify obstacles to replication elsewhere;
- Clarify the necessary roles, commitments and actions of stakeholders to realize the potential of commercial forestry to reduce poverty.
- Understand specific issues such as:
  - Tradeoffs related to mechanization vs traditional forestry
  - Implications and opportunities of the new forest law
  - New climate related opportunities and projects
  - How local communities and the local work force interact with commercial forestry interests

Dialogue Co-Chairs

- Peter Gardiner – Mondi (Host)
- Mikhail Karpachevskiy – Biodiversity Conservation Center
- Przemyslaw Majewski – Silver Taiga (Host)
- Bill Street – International Association of Machinists

Agenda

Monday 20 October - Arrival
22:00 Arrival at Hotel Avalon
133 Internatsionalnaya St.
Syktyvkar
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Tuesday 21 October - Field Tour
7:45 Meet in lobby of Hotel Avalon
8:00 Leave for Field tour to Priluzje region
9:15 Stop and short excursion in Yb village - “History of forest use in Komi. Characteristic of Traditional Komi village”
10:45 Stop at Mondi nursery forest. Short excursion.
13:00 Lunch in Objachevo village in Objachevo Administration canteen
14:45 Meeting in Chernysh school - “Peculiarities of forest use in this particular region. Interactions of local population and forest business”
17:30 Departure for Objachevo village
18:00 Arrival in Objachevo Village for overnight stay
19:00 Dinner including traditional Komi songs and dances

**Wednesday 22 October - Field Tour**

8:00 Breakfast in Objachevo Administration canteen
9:00 Meeting in Objachevo - “Peculiarities of forest use in Prilujie on the whole, interactions between population and forest business”
   - Administration of Priluzje region, forestry unit, farmers
10:30 Meeting in Vukhtym village - “Features of the forest-logging settlement. Importance of mushrooms and berries harvesting ”
   - Local people who sell non-timber forest products
11:30 Visit to Kidzyavidz village - “A functioning of a sawmill enterprise”
   - Meeting with the representatives of the “Luzales” company sawmill, presentation of the sawmill equipment and the industry.
13:30 Lunch in Spasporub school canteen
14:30 Meeting in Spasporub village - “Peculiarities of forest use in this particular region, interactions between population and forest business”
   - Meeting with representative of local administration and the local population
17:00 Meeting in Zanulje village - “Peculiarities of loggings”
   - Presentation of “Luzales” Company's primary timber landing
17:30 Departure for Syktyvkar
19:45 Arrival and accommodation in Hotel Avalon, Syktyvkar
20:30 Dinner

**Thursday 23 October - Dialogue**

**Dialogue Location:**
*Hotel Avalon Conference Room*
*133 Internatsionalnaya Street*
*Syktyvkar, Komi Republic, Russia*
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**Opening session of Dialogue - Przemyslaw Majewski and Yuri Pautov, Moderators**

9:00 TFD’s history and mission – Gary Dunning (TFD)
9:30 Co-chairs introduction – Bill Street (IAMAW), Peter Gardiner (Mondi), Mikhail Karpachevskiy (BCC-R), Przemyslaw Majewski (Silver Tiaga)
   - Objectives and agenda of the Komi Dialogue
10:00 Summary of earlier dialogues - Brian Milakovsky (TFD)
10:30 Discussion about learnings from earlier dialogues  
- Bill Street, Peter Gardiner, James Griffiths

11:00 Community activists from Udora, Izhma and Pechora regions, presentations on the way of life in remote forest villages  
- Ruslan Yljanov, Albert Loginov and Valentina Semiyahshkina

13:00 Lunch

**Background Session - Peter Gardiner, Moderator**

14:00 Presentation of background paper - Yuri Pautov (Silver Tiaga)

15:00 Economic Overview  
- Tamara Dmitrieva (Russian Academy of Science)

16:30 Discussion on Drivers, Motivators, Enabling Environment and Obstacles

18:00 Adjourn

18:30 Dinner

**Friday 24 October - Dialogue**

**Stakeholder Perspectives Session - Mikhail Karpachevskiy, Moderator**

8:30 Summary of Previous days work

9:00 Perspective of the Forest Committee of the Komi Republic - Vasily Obukhov

9:30 Socio-Economic Assessment Toolbox - Andrey Samodelkin

10:00 Perspective of large forest enterprises - Anatoli Arteev

10:30 Perspective of the Social Council - Galina Knyazeva

11:00 Perspective of NGOs - Przemyslaw Majewski

12:00 Lunch

**Wrap Up Session – Bill Street, Moderator**

13:00 Synthesis and Analysis of Commonalities by Theme:  
- Drivers  
- Motivators  
- Enabling Environment  
- Obstacles and Barriers

15:00 What’s needed to address barriers in Russia?

16:00 Next Steps  
- In Komi by Russian stakeholders  
- For TFD

17:00 Adjourn