



TFD Initiatives

Priority SFM Issues

- Genetically Modified Trees
- Food, Fuel, Fiber and Forests
- Forests and Climate
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
- Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry
- Forests & Poverty Reduction and Rural Livelihoods
- Intensively Managed Planted Forests
- Illegal Logging and Forest Governance
- Forests and Biodiversity Conservation
- Forest Certification



By the numbers

- 2000-2011...so far
- First dialogue in 2002
- 10 different Initiatives
- 47 international dialogues
- 2000+ stakeholders engaged
- 65+ SC leaders
- 3 staff
- 30 interns since 2000
- 35+ donors



How TFD's Initiatives Work



Dialogue Phase

- Scoping Dialogue
- Experiential Field Dialogue
- Wrap-Up Workshop

Outputs

- Co-Chairs Summaries
- TFD Reviews
- Commissioned Papers
- Consensus-based recommendations /guides/ suggestions.

Outcomes

- Trust among leaders
- Next Phase of Engagement
- Meetings with decision makers
- Coalitions
- Impact on policy



Purpose of TFDs Scoping

- Intended to be an initial foray into a challenging, forest related issue
- Invited participants are asked to share their experience and “weigh-in” on TFDs ability to positively address “fracture lines”
- Opportunity to listen, learn and share broad range of perspectives
- Not driving toward solutions...yet



TFD's Process

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 Process

Spirit of Participation

- Active listening
- Constructive, solution oriented interventions
- Participate as individual
- Help define and own the outcomes
- Facilitation “light”



Genetically Modified Trees

“there is a window of opportunity, at a stage when there has been little deployment of GM trees, for open and productive dialogue about substantive issues associated with their further development and possible use”

Objectives of this Dialogue

- Build shared understanding of the range of issues and perspectives on GM Trees;
- Identify key areas of agreement and disagreement, and identify the potential role and focus of further dialogue.





Thank You!

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