



# The Forests Dialogue



## Dialogue on Forests and Climate

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# Welcome

## Meeting Co-Chairs

- Stewart Maginnis – IUCN
- Gerhard Dieterle – World Bank
- James Griffiths – WBCSD
- Lars Laestadius – WRI (*Host*)
- Roberto Smeraldi – AdTAB





## TFD Forest and Climate Dialogue Supporters



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Sustainable Development**





## Introductions

- Name
- Organization
- Expectations (10 words or less)

## Logistics

- Need YOUR Business Card
- New end time (5:30), Reception to follow
- No Organized Dinner







## Who We Are

- **Founding**
  - Civil society and private sector leaders
- **Mission**
  - MSD for leaders to pursue SFM, build trust, share learning and seek collaboration
- **Governance**
  - Steering Committee
  - Co-Leaders
- **Secretariat**
  - Yale University





# What We Do

## Priority SFM Issues for Dialogue

- Forests and Climate
- Forests for the Reduction of Poverty
- Intensively Managed Planted Forests
- Illegal Logging and Forest Governance
- Forests and Biodiversity Conservation
- Forest Certification





# How We Do It

## Process

- Steering Committee Proposal
- Scoping Dialogue for experts
- Full Dialogue Initiative(s)
  - Co-chairs lead development
  - Participants lead outcomes
- Outputs – Summaries, Reviews
- Regional Initiatives and ongoing collaborations
- An Outcome Oriented Phased Approach





## Principles by which TFD operates

1. Listen and seek to understand
2. Be clear, Be patient
3. Strive for broad constructive solution oriented dialogue
4. Respect other perspectives
5. Participate as individual, not as organization
6. Chatham House Rule
7. Participants define and own the outcomes







## Morning Program 09:00 – 10:00

Opening – **Gary Dunning** *Moderator*

- Welcome – **Manish Bapna, WRI**
  - Introductions
  - TFD Background – **Gary Dunning**
  
- Introduction to DC dialogue – **Stewart Maginnis**
  - Dialogue Objectives and Agenda
  - Process and Outcomes
  - Presentation of Co-Chairs Summary from Bali





## Morning Program 10:00 – 11:00

Scene Setter – **Stewart Maginnis** *Moderator*

- Introduction and viewing of “A Convenient Truth” – **Tim Rollinson**
- Current treatments/situation of climate change regime post Bali
- What current opportunities and challenges do the framework negotiations on climate change and forests present for the forest community?
  - Social, Environmental, Economic





## Program 11:00 – 13:00

Status – **Gerhard Dieterle** *Moderator*

- Current Status of the “Big” Forest and Climate Issues  
(followed by discussion on stakeholder positions and  
roles after each theme, moderated by the Co-Chairs)
  - Afforestation and reforestation
  - REDD
  - Bioenergy
  - Agroforestry
  - Other Key issues?



# Industry Vision

- **1. CREDIBLY CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT**
- All tropical forest management activities, whether industrial-scale or community-based, are credibly verified to comply with the law. All activities are also certified to a regionally appropriate, credible independent standard as being well-managed sustainable forestry that explicitly includes protection of biodiversity and the ecosystem services provided.
- **2. SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY = TIMBER + NON-TIMBER PRODUCTS + ECOSYSTEM SERVICES**
- While sustainable, extractive timber activity remains an important economic pillar of revenue generating activity, sustainable non-timber forest products and ecosystem services make a significant and growing contribution to forest revenue generation.
- **3. COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES**
- Forest enterprises are managing tropical forests in collaboration with local communities to deliver a range of sustainable ecosystem goods and services, providing revenues from timber and non-timber forest products, and also from carbon and non-carbon forest services.
- **4. ROBUST MARKETS**
- Globally coherent markets exist for certified legal and sustainable wood product, providing a level playing field for tropical timber producers. The markets are efficient, attributing realistic values for all sustainable goods and services rendered, thus benefiting all stakeholders.
- **5. VALUE-ADDING, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, JOBS/TRAINING**
- Value-added wood processing and associated power generation is kept close to the forest through technology transfer and appropriate investment, maximising revenues in source countries and creating jobs.
- **6. FINANCING MECHANISMS TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF THE SOURCE COUNTRIES**
- Robust financing exists through significant investment capital and where needed official development assistance, supporting sustainable forest management for timber and ecosystem services: this includes real support (financial, technical, training) to formal national/local operators wishing to meet credible sustainable forest management certification standards, ensuring a national private sector that is competitive.



**The Future of Tropical Forestry:**  
**Progressive**  
**Industry Vision for the Forest Sector**  
**FINAL FOR PRESENTATION AT GLOBE BRASILIA G8+5**  
**LEGISLATORS FORUM 21ST FEBRUARY 2008**

**Co-Signatories**

- Balfour Beatty Group (UK & Global)
- DLH (Global)
- Rougier (France, Cameroon, Gabon)
- Inter-African Forest Industries Association (representing 90 major timber producing companies)
- John Bitar & Co (Ghana)
- Precious Woods (Brazil, Gabon, Central America)
- Reef Hout (Brazil, Cameroon)
- Likouala Timber (Republic of Congo - Brazzaville)
- Timbmet Group (UK)

# Suggested Policy Measures

- **1. PUBLIC PROCUREMENT POLICIES**
- Globally coherent public sector procurement policies demanding credibly certified legal and sustainable wood products, and paying the cost relating to its production.
- **2. LEGISLATION**
- Legislation making it illegal to import, trade or use tropical wood products from illegal sources.
- **3. GLOBAL PRODUCT LICENSING**
- A global licensing scheme for credibly 'legal and sustainable' timber, providing a robust basis upon which to enforce procurement and regulatory requirements.
- **4. ECOSYSTEM SERVICE MARKETS**
- Market mechanisms for the payment of securitised tropical forest ecosystem services (other than carbon).
- **5. INCENTIVES FOR AVOIDING DEFORESTATION**
- Rewards for stakeholders for conserving healthy forests through credibly certified sustainable forest management and forest protection.
- **6. COMPETITION & COMPETENCE IN CONCESSION ALLOCATION**
- Credible processes to ensure competitive allocation of timber, carbon, and ecosystem service concessions to organisations that have a track record - the proven capacity and competence - in credibly certified sustainable forest management.
- **7. TRANSPARENCY**
- Improved forest sector transparency through a disclosure initiative involving public and private sector entities.
- **8. VALUE-ADDED PROCESSING**
- Structures and processes that promote regulations to ensure significant in-country value-added processing.
- **9. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE**
- Official development assistance (financial, training, technical) for implementing credibly certified sustainable forest management, reforestation/agro-forestry, and for wood value-adding investments, including provision to formal national/local operators.
- **10. ACCESS TO CAPITAL**
- Access to capital finance, including by formal national/local operators, for implementing credibly certified sustainable forest management, reforestation/agro-forestry, and for wood value-adding investments, with realistic rates and acceptable collaterals to be given in the country where the financing is being sought.
- **11. PROTECTION FOR INVESTORS**
- Protection provided by multilateral and international institutions for investors in sustainable tropical forestry, including through appropriate insurance charged at realistic rates.

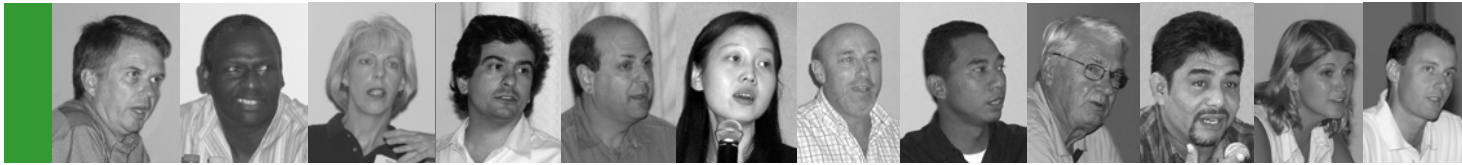


## Afternoon Program 14:00 – 17:30

Key Messages Development – **James Griffiths** *Moderator*

- Discussion/Agreement that forest leaders message is correct way forward and commitment through September
- Breakout Group Work
  - What do forest stakeholders broadly agree regarding “Big Ideas” for message
  - What do forest stakeholders broadly disagree regarding “Big Ideas” for message
  - Is there sufficient agreement for a strong collective message targeting CoP 14 and CoP 15?
- Each group report back to full group summarizing discussions





The Forests Dialogue

# Thank You for Participating!



**TFD** working to level the playing field







# Forests and Climate

## Origins of this Dialogue

- Forests ARE on the Climate Agenda
  - Implications for SFM, Poverty, Biodiversity, Development, etc.
  - REDD plus bioenergy, adaptation/vulnerability, sequestration and substitution
- Scoping Dialogue in Bali
  - To “test the water”
  - Strengthen the forest voice in climate discussions





# Forests and Climate

## Principal Outcome

- TFD will provide a platform for the broad forests community through which it collectively and pro-actively develops a road map for the comprehensive treatment of forests and tree resources within international climate policy negotiations, over the next two years





## Forests and Climate

### Principle Risk of SFM being Overtaken by Climate

- Singular focus on carbon undermines progress towards a people-centered, multiple-use paradigm
- Equally, a carbon only focus will ultimately limit forests' contribution to climate mitigation and adaptation
- Future agreement will ignore emerging “common cause” from 30+ years of SFM learning





# Forests and Climate

## An Integrated Approach should consider...

- Forests as a bridging mechanism in global emissions reduction efforts
- Forests as both a mitigation and adaptation strategy
- The integration of forestry with wider development & conservation agenda







# Forests and Climate

## Future Carbon Finance Mechanisms should:

- Effectively engage and benefit marginalized forest users
- Provide security for both producers and buyers of certified emissions reductions
- Encourage the traceability of emissions reductions
- Immediately, use the voluntary market as a testing ground to explore different delivery arrangements for reduction of emissions.





# Forests and Climate

## Bali TFD set an ambitious agenda & idea

1. Develop a set of common, clear and compelling messages on how SFM can deliver on the Climate & other agendas –ready by October
2. Organizing forest stakeholder dialogues April/Sept
3. Use this to positively inform and influence Climate negotiators over the next 18 months (COP's 14 & 15)

## The DC dialogue is seeking stakeholder input on:

- Concept – can this be achieved?
- Content – key ideas for a proposed “Forest Leaders” message
- Communications – identify most effective process to get this message out while these negotiations are underway!





# Forests and Climate

## Objectives for this DC Dialogue

- Summarize the current treatment of forests in the existing climate change regime and identify major proposals for change;
- Identify current “fracture lines” and tension that has emerged between stakeholders as a result of existing and proposed policy mechanisms to include various aspects of forests within climate strategies;





# Forests and Climate

## Objectives for this Dialogue

- Identify ways in which stakeholders can work together to influence forest and climate policy frameworks and decisions that affect the broader forest community.

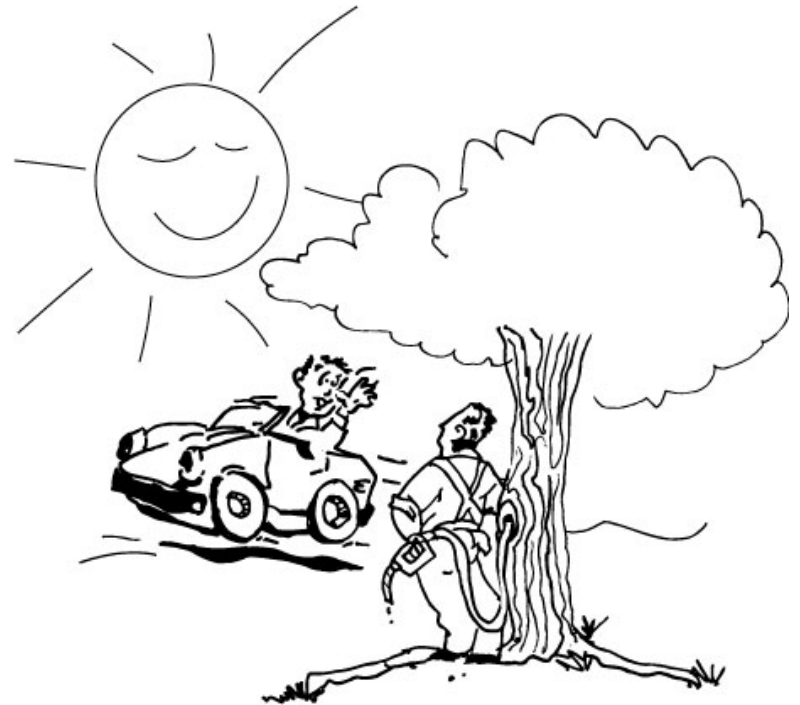




# Forests and Climate

## Expected Outputs

- The Co-Chairs' Summary
- Content for the Message
- Roadmap to Poland and Denmark







## Morning Program 09:00 – 12:00

Discussion Starter – **Lars Laestadius** *Moderator*

- Present the draft “discussion starter” based on group work compilation
  - Discussion
- Breakout groups to review, comment and further develop discussion starter
- Report Back





## Afternoon Program 13:00 – 17:00

Wrap Up – **Roberto Smeraldi** *Moderator*

- Sector-based breakout groups to review, comment and further develop
- Report Back
- Process for moving forward
- Wrap up

