

The Forests Dialogue

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Isilda has experience working with forests and climate change with particular emphasis on the Reduction of Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) and financing small and medium forest-linked enterprises. This work involves: analysis of how to overcome barriers and risks to SMEs accessing finance to address climate change by investing in viable, sustainable, and inclusive businesses; analysis of opportunities for leveraging domestic sources of finance from both public and private sector to support SMEs; development and implementation of forest-based climate strategies with partners in sub-Saharan Africa, Vietnam, and Brazil; undertaking broader international work to ensure local forest rights, practice governance, and capacity development approaches are integrated into REDD preparations and other forest-based climate strategies linked to the post-2012 UNFCCC agreements.

Before IIED Isilda served as an independent consultant on natural resources management and policy analysis for FAO (Ghana, Zimbabwe, and headquarters), the UN Drylands Development Centre in Nairobi, the World Bank in Mozambique, and IIED. Between 2000 and 2006, Isilda served as Country Programme Coordinator then Coordinator for the Development of the Southern Africa Forestry Programme at IUCN. Isilda started her career as a university lecturer at Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo (1990-2000).



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