Milestones

1992

At the **Rio Earth Summit**, the United Nations agrees the Forest Principles, a non-legally binding statement of consensus on forest management, conservation and sustainable development.

1996

Several TFD founders are involved in organizing the **Seventh American Forest Congress**, the largest multistakeholder dialogue process on US forest policy ever convened. The IIED runs a series of multistakeholder workshops on the paper industry and releases its report **Towards a Sustainable Paper Cycle**.

1998

The World Bank convenes a meeting of forestry industry and NGO leaders to discuss sustainable forestry, which leads to calls to set up an ongoing, independent dialogue process.

2000

The Forests Dialogue is formalized with a Secretariat established and hosted by Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

2002

TFD hosts its **first dialogue**, on forest certification, in Geneva, Switzerland.

2003

First **field dialogue** is held in Brazil.

TFD celebrates its

2020

20th anniversary.

2020

TFD has **two women co-leaders** for the first time

2017

A shift towards a more landscapebased approach is evident with the first **Land Use Dialogue**.

2011

TFD's strategic plan introduces the three-phase process of **Engage, Explore, Change**.

2007

Dialogues increasingly focus on the concept of **fracture lines** – areas of conflict with the potential to cause a rift, or to be healed.

2004

TFD formally becomes a full-time, autonomous programme at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

2008

Following dialogues bringing together more than 250 participants, TFD releases **Beyond REDD: The Role of Forests in Climate Change**, a set of principles to guide climate change negotiators.