

# Growing Forest Partnerships






# What is it?

- The result of a consultation – 635 experts, 6 countries + IP
- Established as an international initiative in 2007
- Objective: Forest rights holders and stakeholders have access to increased levels of support in their efforts to secure livelihoods and maintain ecosystem services.
- GFP aspires to:
  - Improve connections: forest sector ↔ other sectors
  - Link local demands and with the global forest policy agenda
  - Increase responsibility for, and local benefits from, forests
  - Improve the quantity and quality of local investment





# How does it work?

- GEF funds through the World Bank
  - A reference group
  - A catalytic group (IUCN, FAO, IIED, WB)
  - In Country partners in Ghana, Guatemala, Liberia, Mozambique, Nepal
  - An international initiative through TFD to explore Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry
  - Country to country exchanges involving Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Ghana, Laos, Nepal, Peru
  - A website [www.growingforestpartnerships.org](http://www.growingforestpartnerships.org) and media programme
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# What next?

- Funding ending in 2012
- Proposed merger of NFP Facility and GFP
- New concept Forest Partnership Facility
- Aims:
  - to strengthen the organisations of the family, community and indigenous smallholders
  - to support multi-sectoral platforms that negotiate integrated and sustainable landscapes

