

Growing Forest Partnerships

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Vision

‘Growing Forest Partnerships’ is an initiative designed to facilitate local and international partnerships and investment to support stakeholders in their efforts to improve forest livelihoods and ecosystem services





How it all started.....

- The original concept was the “Global Forest Partnership” but concerns raised of top down approach
- Independent consultation in 2007
- More than 600 forest experts responded to survey
- Focus groups in Brazil, China, Ghana, Guyana, India, Russia and Mozambique, as well as at international meetings





Stakeholder Voices – what people said they needed.....

- “Partnerships that put real forest-dependent groups at the centre”
- “Partnerships that bridge gaps between local and international concerns”
- “Partnerships for action and investment”
- “Partnerships that ‘mainstream’ forest needs into other sectors”





GFP is a tool to...

- **Facilitate** and respond to local dialogue and engagement
- **Mobilise** a growing range of partnerships
- **Build** on successful forest management and funding mechanisms
- **Support** locally defined alliances and ways of working for both people and forests.





GFP Objectives

- Empower forest stakeholders
- Make effective connections within the forest sector and across to other sectors
- Provide practical mechanisms to sustain and reward climate change mitigation
- Improve the quality and quantity of forestry investment
- Link national needs and priorities with the international forestry agenda





Principles

1. **Multi-purpose and multi-stakeholder**
2. **Inclusive**
3. **Equitable**
4. **Transparent**
5. **Learning-based**
6. **Support existing** initiatives where possible, **adding value** and improving synergies between them
7. **Efficiency** and **agility** shall characterise GFP work
8. GFP shall encourage and promote **citizen action**





How it works.....

- Catalytic group:
 - FAO; IUCN, IIED and World Bank
 - Supporting start up of activities in pilot countries and at international level
- Reference group:
 - Group of individuals from different forest stakeholder groups
 - Help shape the initiative and oversee GFP activities to ensure alignment with GFP principles





Activities

- “People’s diagnostics” or focus groups in pilot countries
- Improved in-country collaboration of donors
- Identifying effective partnerships
- Cross-country thematic work
- Effective and targeted communications
- Sharing of lessons through the learning approach





In-country activities

- Taking part in pilot processes,
 - Ghana, Mozambique, Guatemala
- Diagnosis in-country through voluntary and collaborative initiatives for enhanced engagement;
- Identification of priorities and gaps
- Development of action plans to strengthen processes
 - Identifying examples of good partnerships,
 - Sharing information on specific partnerships needs,
 - Capacity building to meet identified needs.





Investment in locally controlled forestry

- International initiative designed to meet GFP objectives
- Long term objective;
 - To ensure investment streams address concerns of forest dependent people and contribute to positive role of locally controlled forestry
- Process designed for 2009 and beyond

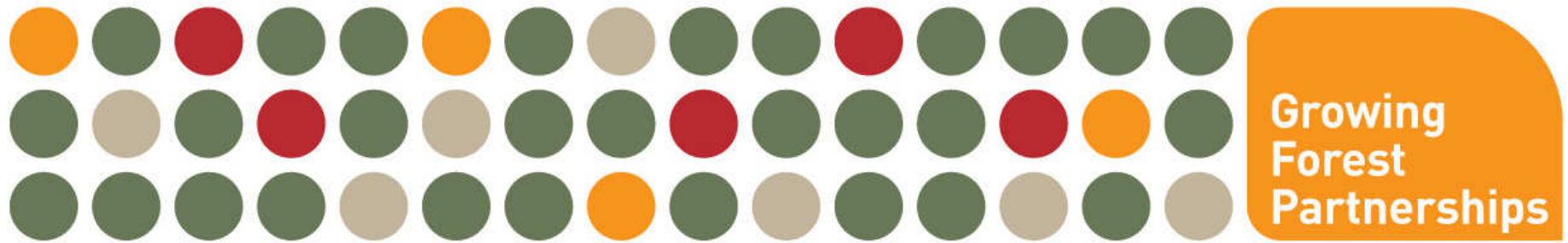




Expected outcomes from dialogue

- Constraints and opportunities to investment as basis for development of an going process,
- Enhancement of partnerships at a global level,
- Links to in-country catalytic actions
 - Lesson sharing into dialogue/ into country actions





Thank you!

