

# The Forests Dialogue (TFD)

## Dialogue on Investing in Locally Controlled Forests

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# Welcome to TFD's ILCF Dialogue

## Meeting Co-Chairs

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- Ruth Martínez
- James Mayers
- Gary Dunning

## Facilitator

- Markku Simula

## TFD

- Teresa Sarroca



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## Introductions

- Name
- Organization
- Your expectations  
(one short sentence)





## Founding

- 1999
- Civil Society and Private Sector Leaders

## Purpose Core Values Mission

## Structure

- Steering Committee
- Secretariat

# TFD's Purpose, Values and Mission

## Purpose

- TFD was created to support sustainable forest management, conserve global forests and improve local livelihoods by giving all people a voice in the use of their forest resources

## Core Values

- Forest related conflict harms forests and stakeholders
- Dialogue, engagement, inclusion is a key means for all stakeholders to have a say on what happens in/on/to their forests
- Sustainable Forest Management and conservation
- Trust, shared learning and dialogue build sustainable, collaborative solutions

## Mission

- To address significant obstacles to sustainable forest management through a constructive dialogue process among all key stakeholders.
- TFD's approach is based on mutual trust, enhanced understanding and commitment to change.
- TFDs dialogues are designed to build relationships and to spur collaborative action on the highest priority issues facing the world's forests





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# TFD Initiatives

## Priority SFM Issues

- Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
- Forests and Climate
- Forests & Poverty Reduction and Rural Livelihoods
- Intensively Managed Planted Forests
- Illegal Logging and Forest Governance
- Forests and Biodiversity Conservation
- Forest Certification







# How TFD's Initiatives Work

## Dialogue Phase

- Scoping Dialogue
- Experiential Field Dialogue
- Wrap-Up Workshop

## Outputs

- Co-Chairs Summaries
- TFD Reviews
- Commissioned Papers
- Consensus-based recommendations /guides/ suggestions.

## Outcomes

- Trust among leaders
- Next Phase of Engagement
- Meetings with decision makers
- Coalitions
- Impact on policy





## Origins of this Dialogue

- Previous TFD dialogues: IMPF, small landowners, pro-poor forestry
- GFP
- Connections between “north” and “south”



# ILCF Initiative Objectives



1. Improve knowledge sharing and understanding
2. Stimulate learning to assure active bottom-up participation
3. Improve trust

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4. Establish platform to link national processes and partnerships with international dialogue
5. Identify catalytic actions
6. Ensure that investment streams strengthen LCF and address concerns





## ILCF Dialogue Process

- Scoping dialogue
- Three field dialogues
  - Panama
  - Nepal
  - Macedonia
- World Forestry Congress events
- 3G Alliance



## Locally Controlled Forestry Facts

- One billion people
- One quarter of the world's forests
- \$75 - \$100 billion/year in goods and services
- Broad range of economic, environmental, social, cultural and spiritual benefits
- Multiple use, including climate change mitigation
  - A key part of climate change solution, sequestration, storing and substituting







## G3 main common messages

- Working together to promote
  - locally controlled forestry
  - and sustainable forest management
- Bottom up approach –democratic foundation –representing people
- Participation of rights groups in global discussions and decisions
- Sustainability and livelihood through local controlled forestry
  - With market access
- Consider forest as whole –multiple benefits –more than trees
- Forest diversity is positive, not a problem
  - policy must be adapted to local situation and local people's needs



## Growing Forest Partnerships

- Global initiative with WB, IUCN, FAO, IIED
- Supporting stakeholder identified priorities
  - Work at local level
  - ILCF as imperative emerged from initial GFP diagnostics
- Aims to foster critical partnerships







# Thank You!

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# Participants Pact



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Chatham House Rule

*"Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed".*



# Participants Pact

## Spirit of Participation

- Active Listening
- Constructive, solution oriented Interventions
- Participate as individual
- Help define and own the outcomes





## Dialogue Objectives

Seek clarity about

- Bridging the gap between investors and three rights groups
- Building investment preparedness among all actors
- Identifying concrete actions and ways forward





## Dialogue Output

- Clear next steps for stakeholders to move the process forward at the local, national and international levels.

# Today's Program

## Tuesday 13 April

### 8:30 Introductions – Co-Chairs

- TFD and Initiative Background – Gary Dunning
- Overview of dialogue facilitation, agenda and objectives – Markku Simula

### 9:30 Background paper overview – Dominic Elson

- Case studies – Mads Asprem (Green Resources)
- Martin Bolte (Forest Finance)
- Clarifying questions

### 10:45 Break

### 11:00 Plenary Session: *Developing the case for ILCF*

### 12:00 Lunch

### 13:00 Plenary

### 13:30 Breakout Session I: *Bridging the gap*

### 15:30 Report backs

### 16:30 Plenary discussion: *Bridging the gap*

### 17:30 Adjourn for day

### 19:45 ILCF Dialogue Group Dinner







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