

Break-out Group 1: Session 1 – Policies and institutions

Questions:

1. What is needed for appropriate tenure and ownership rights for locally controlled forestry
2. What are the enabling conditions for effective locally controlled forests (policy framework, regulations, incentives, overcoming perceptual problems among forest authorities concerning LCF) considering both formal and informal sectors
3. What should be the role of state and institutions, particularly public forest enterprises
4. What else is needed to establish effective local control on forests

Tenure and ownership rights

Legacy of old socialist system means that there is little understanding of private property and little articulation of it in the system. At the moment, most private forest owners in the region have little or no awareness of what their rights might be.

- Clear formulation and articulation of rights at every level, including clarification and definition of property and user rights

Points to be considered in the content of ownership rights

- Access and use
 - Hunting, NWFP, etc
- Management
 - Establishing management goals
 - Carrying out management without undue restriction
- Share of benefits

Enabling conditions

Existing perceptions – forest owners are a problem. State is inheritor of former socialist systems and still has that mindset.

- Participation in forest management planning
- Forest owners organisation
- Clear up contradictions to make ownership and use practicable at all levels
- Incentives to trigger the process
- Develop pilots and visible working examples

Role of state and institutions

The wolf is managing the sheep – *Albanian proverb*

- Eliminate the monopoly of the private enterprise
- Divide the state role between regulatory and management functions because of conflicts of interest

What else is needed?

- Fresh mindset
- Time
- Broadening forest education and bringing in more young people
- Political will
- Follow-through (implementation of legislation, not just putting it on paper)

Terminate the public enterprise monopoly

Increase awareness

Merge small actors into associations

Emphasise efforts in both state and private sectors

Break-out Group 2: Session 1 – Policies and institutions

Questions:

1. What is needed for appropriate tenure and ownership rights for locally controlled forestry
2. What are the enabling conditions for effective locally controlled forests (policy framework, regulations, incentives, overcoming perceptual problems among forest authorities concerning LCF) considering both formal and informal sectors
3. What should be the role of state and institutions, particularly public forest enterprises
4. What else is needed to establish effective local control on forests

The Forest Dialogue

Field Dialogue on Investing in Locally controlled forestry

Ohrid, Macedonia, December 3, 2009

Break-out groups: Session 1 – Policies and institutions

Answers/conclusions:

1. Review of Policy/legal framework
2. Redefining role of the state
3. Understanding needs
4. Realize value of forests
5. Knowledge/capacity building of PFOs and PFOAs

The Forest Dialogue

Field Dialogue on Investing in Locally controlled forestry

Ohrid, Macedonia, December 3, 2009

1. Review of Policy/legal framework

- Decentralization
- Secured property rights
- Shift decision making toward local (PFOs)
- Reduce over regulation of harvesting, transportation, etc...
- Involvement of other sectors should be enabled

The Forest Dialogue

Field Dialogue on Investing in Locally controlled forestry

Ohrid, Macedonia, December 3, 2009

2. Redefining role of the state

- Shift from nationalized entrepreneur toward service provider
- Cross sectorial approach – rural development, land/agriculture policy, etc...

The Forest Dialogue

Field Dialogue on Investing in Locally controlled forestry

Ohrid, Macedonia, December 3, 2009

3. Understanding needs

- Reduce disconnection between PFO and government
- Association support + links to reduce disconnection

The Forest Dialogue

Field Dialogue on Investing in Locally controlled forestry

Ohrid, Macedonia, December 3, 2009

4. Realize value of forests

- Remove restrictions/ control on prices
- Development of functional market
- Look on forest land reform / fragmentation lead to increased costs – low profit
- Reinforce role of forests in micro economic growth

The Forest Dialogue

Field Dialogue on Investing in Locally controlled forestry

Ohrid, Macedonia, December 3, 2009

5. Knowledge/capacity building of PFOAs and PFOs

Allow PFOs to set priorities

Break-out Group 3: Session 1 – Policies and institutions

Questions:

1. What is needed for appropriate tenure and ownership rights for locally controlled forestry
2. What are the enabling conditions for effective locally controlled forests (policy framework, regulations, incentives, overcoming perceptual problems among forest authorities concerning LCF) considering both formal and informal sectors
3. What should be the role of state and institutions, particularly public forest enterprises
4. What else is needed to establish effective local control on forests

Questions 1 and 2: Conditions

1. What is needed for appropriate tenure and ownership rights for locally controlled forestry?

2. What are the enabling conditions for effective locally controlled forests (policy framework, regulations, incentives, overcoming perceptual problems among forest authorities concerning LCF) considering both formal and informal sectors?

- 1. To have organised and strong associations in place
- 2. There should be a sectoral approach, for example hunters, private owners
- 3. Supportive legal and institutional framework providing sufficient security for rights holders
- 4. Network and alliance of rights holders
- 5. Successful pilot projects and models to provide evidence of the effectiveness of local control of forests
- 6. Supportive knowledge and information networking

Questions 1 and 2

- 7. Possibility of making a living / money from the land or forest
- 8. Multi-functionality of forests supported by appropriate management plans
- 9. Existence of appropriate resource and property maps (cadastral system)
- 10. Capacity of associations to participate in policy making
- 11. Clarification of tenure and ownership rights
- 12. Put into account the different historical contexts of countries and regions /political environment
- 13. Public support as well as media engagement
- 14. Empowerment of rights holders organisations

Question 3

What should be the role of state and institutions, particularly public forest enterprises?

- 1. The state should enable and facilitate debate
- 2. The state should be neutral and support all rights holders
- 3. The state should support the participatory development of national forest plans and processes
- 3. Protect the role and rights of communities to participate in policy making
- 4. Empower rights holders to effectively control and manage forests

Question 4

What else is needed to establish effective local control on forests?

- 1. Redefine what is regarded as “forestry” since many communities perform many livelihood roles: beekeeping, agriculture, managing tourist lodges
- 2. Recognise the need for decentralisation: local communities should be supported by the state to manage local forest resources
- 3. Mutual understanding of the roles of different rights holders and state enterprises and the wide nature of what forests are, for example home for indigenous communities; source of livelihoods
- 4. Control and protection against forest fires – which are used in some cases to change land use patterns

Break-out Group 4: Session 1 – Policies and institutions

Questions:

1. What is needed for appropriate tenure and ownership rights for locally controlled forestry
2. What are the enabling conditions for effective locally controlled forests (policy framework, regulations, incentives, overcoming perceptual problems among forest authorities concerning LCF) considering both formal and informal sectors
3. What should be the role of state and institutions, particularly public forest enterprises
4. What else is needed to establish effective local control on forests

-What should be the role of the state and institutions, particularly public enterprises in local controlled forestry?

Government:

- recognizing the property rights,
- providing capacity building (for Association), facilitating forest enterprise development, infrastructure
- some conditions like diseases, fires should be implemented by the state
- control (monitoring) – afforestation of big areas, inspectorate, long-term planning,
- giving rights to access the forests
- benefits rights
- legally rights for indigenous people to stay in the forests

Public enterprises:

- manage state owned forest properly,
- decentralized power  decrease corruption and illegal activities