

Co-Chairs' Summary

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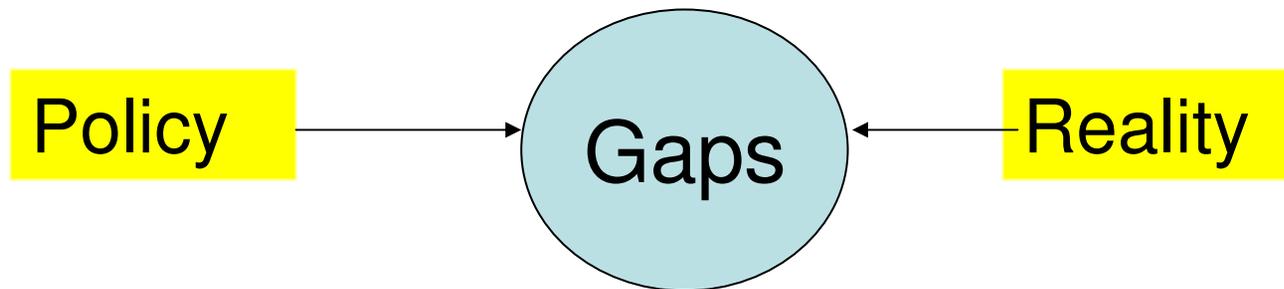
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Critical Gaps in LCF



Historical factors, political transition, unclear rights, mistrust and misperceptions, institutional interests, lack of political will, etc.

Many similarities of gaps between regions.

Due to differences in local contexts blueprints do not exist but experience on best practices can be shared.

Rights

Appropriate **definition** of rights is critical for LCF; rights are always **relational** and they imply **responsibility** and accountability; **security** of rights is fundamental

Gap 1: rights on paper vs. in practice

Gap 2: conflicting rights

Gap 3: existing rights vs. what they should be

Scope of rights:

Ownership

Use and access to benefits

Management

Exclusion

Institutional Gap

- Gap: lack of common perspective on goals and objectives
- **Forest authority:**
 - Mixed objectives:
 - National policy objectives
 - Organizational objectives
 - Mixed roles:
 - Regulatory function
 - Production, market dominance, pricing
 - Promotional function
- **Forest owners' associations**
 - Objectives: promotion of interests and tangible benefits
 - Constraints: awareness, critical mass, confidence and trust, capacity

Capacity Building Gaps

- Forest authority
 - Local authorities
 - Associations
 - Forest owners
 - Service providers and intermediaries
 - Support organizations
- Need for clear strategies to address capacity building of all groups

Scope of Capacity

- Set priorities and understand regulations
- Exercise rights and control
- Plan, implement and monitor forest operations
- Know markets and sell
- Obtain financing and support
- Manage external and internal conflicts
- Influence policies and regulation

Fragmentation

Dimensions

- Small property size: advantage and weakness
- Micro-mosaic of private and state ownership

Options for improving conditions for SFM:

- Association services
- Cooperative approaches, joint management
- Cadastre, consolidation of properties (land exchange)
- Incentives
- Inheritance rules

Further clarification needed

- Generation of political will
- Strategic approach: (i) sectoral, (ii) natural resources, (iii) rural development
- Best practices in LCF
- Informal sector
- Gender aspects
- Communication