The Forests Dialogue
Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry - Field Dialogue
Kathmandu and Chitwan district, Nepal
Sept 21 – 24, 2009

Dialogue Co-Chairs
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Objectives of the ILCF initiative
- Better understand the challenges and opportunities faced by locally controlled forestry in the global north and south;
- Support Ongoing process and platform that enables dialogue among rights holders;
- Ensure that investment streams strengthen LCF and address concerns.

Questions to consider in the field
- What does locally controlled forestry mean in the Nepalese context?
- What are the opportunities and challenges for increasing local control?
- What sort of investment is desired to build on local control?
- What is needed to get there?

Program

Monday September 21 - Chitwan District, Nepal
7:00 Depart for Amritdharapani CFUG office from Park Village Hotel, Kathmandu
11:30 Welcome address and introductions
12:00 Lunch and interaction program with the Amritdharapani community
14:00 Depart for Baghmara CFUG office, Chitwan district
14:30 Interaction program with community representatives in the forested buffer zone
16:00 Depart for Hetauda city
19:30 Cultural program followed by reception dinner with local stakeholders

Tuesday September 22 - Markwanpur District, Nepal
7:00 Depart for Rani CFUG office, Markwanpur district
7:30 Welcome address and community interaction program
9:00   Visit a Rani community member and interaction program
9:30   Depart for sawmill community
12:00  Lunch in Avocado Hotel
13:15  Visit **International Wood Seasoning** sawmill, Markwanpur district
14:15  Visit nearby **Balaji Natural Industry** resin processing mill, Markwanpur district
15:15  Depart for Kathmandu

**Wednesday September 23** - Park Village Hotel, Kathmandu
8:30   Welcome address and introductions
       TFD and ILCF - **Gary Dunning, TFD**
       Key Note Speech - **Yuba Raj Bhusal, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation**
       Key Note speech - **Dinesh Chandra Devkota, National Planning Commission**
       Opening speech - **Dipak Bohara, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation**
10:30  Break
10:45  Co-Chairs – Reflections on the Panama dialogue
11:15  Hemant R. Ojha – Background Paper presentation
12:15  Lunch
13:30  Breakout session
       ➔ What does locally controlled forestry mean in Nepal?
       ➔ What opportunities and challenges for increasing local control?
15:30  Break
15:45  Breakout group report back
17:30  Adjourn

**Thursday September 24** - Park Village Hotel
8:30   Co-Chair conclusions of 3rd day
9:00   Breakout session
       ➔ What sort of investment is desired to build on local control?
       ➔ What is needed to get there?
11:15  Breakout Group Reports
12:15  Lunch
13:15  Prioritizing Plenary session
16:00  Next Steps and Wrap Up
17:00  Adjourn