

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