

Welcome to TFDs

**Dialogue on Understanding Deforestation-
Free in an African Context**

14-18 October 2016
Mouila, Gabon

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Introductions

Dialogue Co-Chairs

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Why are you here?



This Evening's Program

18:00 Welcome and Participant introductions

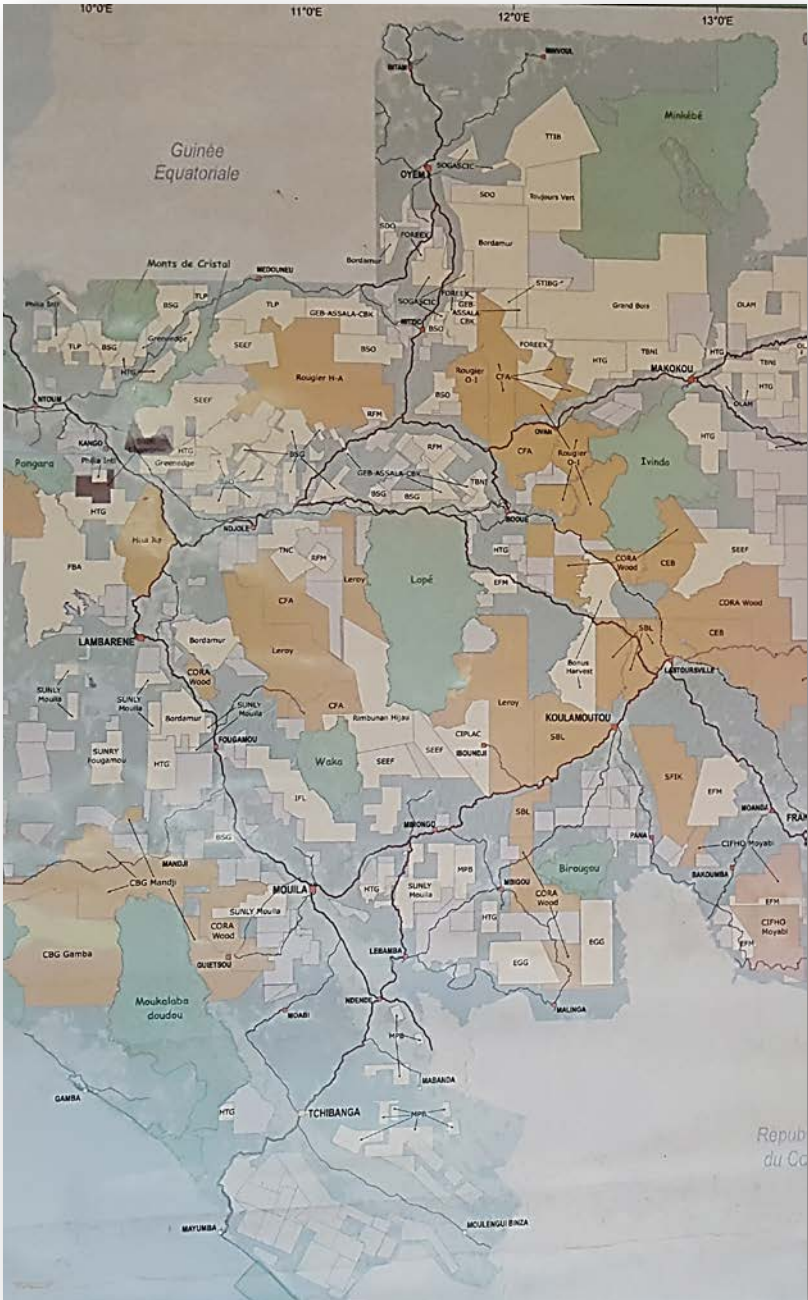
18:15 TFD & the UDF Dialogue

18:30 Recent Developments in Deforestation
Free

18:45 Presentation of the Background Paper

19:10 Field Visit Review

19:30 Dinner – TFA2020 Overview



TFD & the UDF Initiative

Gary Dunning

The Forests Dialogue

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UDF Gabon Collaborators



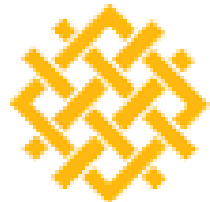
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The Forests Dialogue



Purpose

- Established in 2000 by NGO and Business Leaders
- Reduce conflict among forest stakeholders
- International platform and process to discuss key SFM and conservation issues
- Build mutual trust, enhanced understanding and commitment to change



Structure

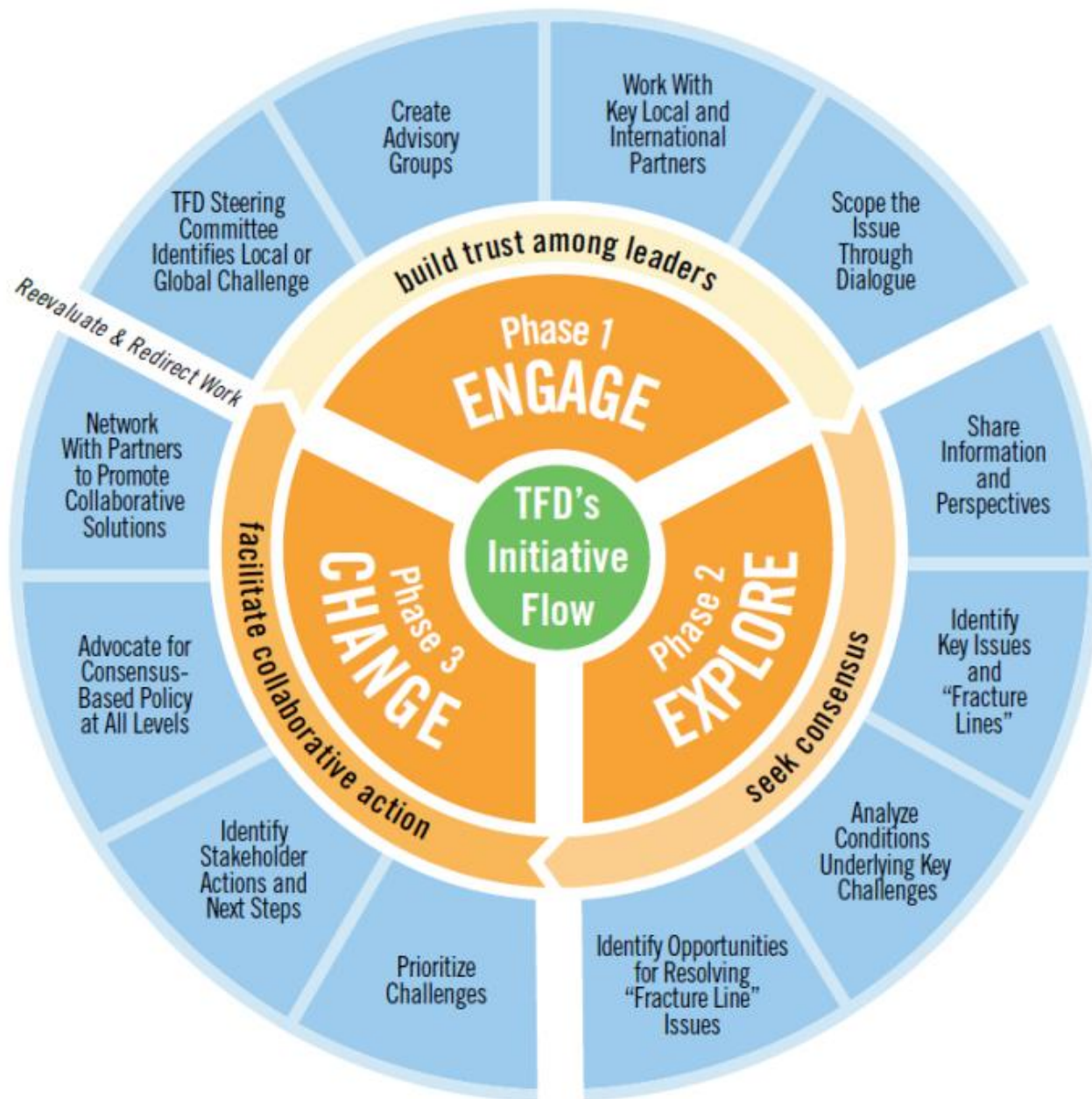
- Steering Committee
- Secretariat
- Network of Partners



How the Initiatives Work

The Phased Approach

1. **‘ENGAGE’**: Identify key issues, build trust, share perspectives and information.
2. **‘EXPLORE’**: Seek consensus about challenges and opportunities to solve a forest-related ‘fracture-line’.
- 3 **‘CHANGE’**: Promote and facilitate actions that lead to solutions, with impact in policy and on the ground.





Explore

Key Objective: Seek Consensus
Process

1. Share information and perspectives
 - Build a diverse participant pool
 - Use the Chatham House Rule
 - Create “experiential” learning
2. Identify fracture lines
 - Problem definition
 - Focus on high conflict issues
 - Seek agreement via facilitation “light” and the co-chairs
3. Analyze conditions underlying challenges
 - Additional research to address gaps in understanding
 - Use advisors and other leaders to breakdown the conflict
4. Identify opportunities
 - Important not to focus on solutions too early BUT you need to give participants hope

TFD Initiatives

Priority SFM Issues

- Understanding Deforestation-Free
- Sustainable Woody Biomass for Energy
- Tree Plantations in the Landscape
- The Land Use Dialogues
- REDD+ Benefit Sharing
- Food, Fuel, Fiber and Forests
- Genetically Modified Trees
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
- Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry
- Forests & Poverty Reduction and Rural Livelihoods
- Illegal Logging and Forest Governance
- Forests and Biodiversity Conservation
- Forest Certification





TFD's Process

TFD Operates under the 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".

Ground Rules

- Use mobiles and computers during breaks
- No video
- Pictures OK
- Use Name Tents

Understanding Deforestation-Free (UDF)

“In the newest iteration of the global struggle to reduce deforestation, private sector actors have begun announcing commitments to eliminate deforestation from their supply chains...Although these commitments have been heralded as ground-breaking,...varied definitions, starting dates, implementation methodologies, and systems for verifying progress make it difficult to know how significant a role they will play in stemming forest loss.”

UDF Objectives



- Capture insights and develop shared understanding on key challenges to ensure deforestation-free initiatives deliver positive social and environmental outcomes in Gabon, using this as an example to inform a general approach in highly-forested countries;
- Provide an understanding of the smallholder, company agriculture, livelihood context (both challenges and opportunities) and land development dynamics in highly-forested African countries;
- Bring key local, regional, and global actors together to define the expectations of and examine operational challenges associated with deforestation-free commitments and implementation in the highly-forested context in Africa;

UDF Objectives



- Begin to co-design potential solutions to address these commonly understood challenges, particularly around incentivizing smallholders, companies, and partners to contribute to local and landscape-scale forest conservation and forest restoration in a way that ensures sustainable livelihoods;
- Build on and inform other related processes such as TFA 2020, HCSA, HCVRN, CAFI, CFA and the Accountability Framework.



UDF Process

- Scoping Dialogue – Hosted by Yale University 10.14
- Indonesian Field Dialogue – Hosted by IBCSD 4.15
- Gabon Field Dialogue – Hosted by the Climate Council 10.17
- Additional Field Dialogues in Latin America (Brazil?) and Africa (Ghana?) in 2018?
- Wrap up and synthesis in 2019



UDF learnings...so far

- Definitional Issues persist
- Challenge between need to take immediate action and taking the time necessary to develop effective approaches
- Proliferation of D-Free actors and Initiatives
- Understanding of available data on D-Free
- Need for agreed principles and guidelines
- More collaboration on D-Free Initiatives
- Joint efforts to address policy change



UDF learnings...so far

- Deforestation-free implementation will not happen overnight
- Different approaches to achieving deforestation-free objectives will be needed for big producer companies and for smallholders.
- Piecemeal company-by-company approaches to ending deforestation are suboptimal.
- The standards for a company to achieve deforestation-free status cannot be so high that laggard companies have no entry point and are thus completely excluded from responsible supply chains.

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