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National Forest Financing Strategies

Some experiences and considerations from Latin America and Asia worth sharing with others

Panel Discussion

Side Event, 20 October 2009, 18.30 –20.30 hr

Venue: Coihue

Jointly organized by FAO, NFP Facility, ITTO, OTCA, Tropenbos International and the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands

Languages: English and Spanish.

Background

Beginning in July 2007, FAO, the national forest programme (nfp) Facility, and their partners have supported the development of national forest financing strategies in a number of countries in Latin America and Asia. This support has been provided within the framework of national forest programs and tailored to the needs of the countries. It has taken many forms: From the development of diagnostic assessments to the delivery of capacity building workshops, from the facilitation of follow-up activities to technical advice in the development of new financing instruments.

The present side event is intended to share and discuss the experience, ideas, doubts and conclusions that are emerging from these efforts so as to stimulate debate and build up better and wider knowledge on this subject, which has been insufficiently studied and put into practice, both nationally and internationally. It also seeks to identify and discuss the key issues and actions requiring special attention at both national and international levels to advance the forest-financing situation in countries.

Objectives of the Side Event

The **general objective** of the side event is to share and discuss the experiences of forest financing in Latin America, in particular the implementation of forest financing strategies in some countries vis-à-vis the advancement of national forest programmes.

Specifically the side event aims to:

- Share the experiences and lessons learned from the processes to develop national forest financing strategies in Latin America and Asia (Guatemala, El Salvador, Peru, Paraguay, Costa Rica, Suriname, Ecuador, Philippines).
- Identify key issues and emerging solutions/actions to implement national forest financing strategies.

Expected outputs

- An overview of the regional processes and national experiences underway,
- A discussion on elements of national forest financing strategies,
- A clearer idea of the functions, value added and priority areas for joint action and cooperation at the global, regional and national level.

Tentative Program

The side event is organized as a plenary panel and floor discussion with short introductions:

18.30 – 18.45 Opening, Introduction by Eva Muller, FAO

18.45 – 19.45 Statements (moderator: Marco Boscolo, FAO)

- El Salvador: Miguel Chevez, Facilitator of the strategy process in El Salvador.
- Guatemala: Edwin Oliva, Coordinator of the nfp-Guatemala.
- Paraguay: Manuel Ferreira, Facilitator of the strategy process in Paraguay.
- Philippines: Marlo Mendoza, Director, Forest Management Bureau
- Suriname: to be defined.

19.45 – 20.15 Plenary Panel Discussion facilitated by Rene Boot, Tropenbos International

20.15 – 20.30 Summary and Closure.

Background Information

- For the work of FAO and NFP Facility on forest finance, see: www.fao.org/forestry/finance/en/ and www.fao.org/forestry/mecanismosfinancieros (Spanish only)
- For the work of Tropenbos International on forest finance, see: www.tropenbos.org (under “topics”)

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