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Growing Forest Partnerships

Making Forest Partnerships Work: GFP in Action

Side event: 7 October 2010, 12:30 - 14:30

Location: FAO Headquarters, Lebanon Room
Jointly organised by FAO, IIED and IUCN

The Growing Forest Partnerships (GFP) aims to build local and international networks to enhance sustainable forestry management for the benefit of the forest dependent people.

GFP specifically aims to:

- Build upon existing or establish new, effective partnerships, with emphasis on bringing typically excluded groups into dialogue fora;
- Engage with stakeholders at all levels to garner support for locally controlled forestry;
- Improve access to finance in collaboration with donors and investors through local and national capacity building for investment preparedness and practical, innovative finance mechanisms; and
- Share learning locally, nationally, and internationally.

GFP tailors its assistance for each country in which it operates. No two country processes are the same, with each process developing and growing according to the priorities and interests of those involved. Over time lessons are shared across countries to deepen understanding of how successful partnerships are created and maintained. Once partnerships have become established, GFP works towards harmonising and strengthening communications within and between countries, and supports the monitoring and evaluation of initiatives. GFP-supported countries currently include Mozambique, Liberia, Ghana, Guatemala, and Nepal.

GFP support also goes towards enhancing international efforts to improve local- international partnerships and investment in locally controlled forestry. Three international alliances of forest rights holders representing smallholders, indigenous peoples and community forest owners (also called the G3) have received support from GFP to strengthen their voices and their messages.

GFP is facilitated by a Catalytic Group of partner institutions, including the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), and the World Bank.

The World Bank also funds the initiative.

For more information about the GFP, please visit <http://growingforestpartnerships.org/>

Objectives of the side event

This side event will represent a reflection opportunity to share the experiences and results of the GFP from its inception until now, with testimony of one of the five supported countries. The session will also highlight the GFP's efforts to stimulate international partnerships between major forest Alliances (G3) and will touch upon the needs for Investment in Locally controlled Forestry.

Key speakers:

Alda Salomao

Director of Centro Terra Viva (CTV) and GFP focal point in Mozambique

Lennart Ackzell

from the Federation of Swedish Family Forest Owners and member of the International Family Forest Alliance (IFFA), member of the G3 international forest rights-holders group

Dominic Elson

independent consultant with practical experience in designing financing schemes supportive to community and small scale forestry

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This side event will take place in English. A sandwich lunch will be available for side event participants.

