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Community-Based Forestry

Learning from experiences to increase the effectiveness of Community-Based Forestry

Over the past 40 years, several countries have adopted different models of community-based forestry (CBF) to improve the conditions of forests, and the livelihoods of the local communities and smallholders managing them. These models have been implemented with different forms of collaboration (van Noordwiik et al. 2021). Despite some criticisms and failures, CBF remains a potential vehicle to protect and enhance natural resources, and build social, institutional, human and financial capital (FAO 2016). CBF could also mitigate adverse impacts of climate change to reverse deforestation and biodiversity loss (FAO 2016). It can also contribute to achieving various Sustainable Development Goals, although its performance can be enhanced (FAO 2016). In the same vein, recent data show that approximately 1.2 billion hectares of deforested or degraded areas could be restored through better, locally controlled management (IUCN 2021).

Many examples of successful CBF have been widely discussed and extensively documented over the past decades. However, many others remain largely invisible in research literature, public debates and policy making. To this end, the Forestry Division of FAO and CIFOR-ICRAF are launching a call for CBF success stories to increase visibility of less well-documented or undocumented CBF experiences that have delivered positive outcomes for people and forests.

The first virtual meeting aims mainly to create a platform for discussion and raise awareness on the importance of documenting positive lessons learned from all sorts of CBF initiatives. Ultimately, this will help improve the livelihoods and food security of forest-dependent people, while safeguarding the needs of future generations.

Target participants:

The webinar seeks to bring together participants with a solid background in CBF and policy makers at various levels. This includes:

- Collaborative Partnership on Forests members
- Government representatives
- Development actors in the forestry sector
- Researchers and academia
- Civil Society Organizations, including Forest User Groups
- Technical and financial development organizations
- Governmental and development agencies
- Private sector enterprises.

Tentative programme

Opening statement: Dr Peter Minang, CIFOR-ICRAF Director for Africa

Keynote address: Mr Duncan Macqueen, Lead, Forests and Prosperity (IIED)

A short video: Example of successful CBF initiative

Round table: Learning from experiences to increase the effectiveness of CBF

Moderator: Dr Abdon Awono (CIFOR-ICRAF scientist)

Speakers:

- Ms Ana Centeno, Association of Forest Communities of Peten (ACOFOP), Guatemala
- Dr Honoré Tabuna, Commissioner for the Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Rural Development Department (ECCAS)
- Dr Julius Chupezi Tieguhong, Chief Forestry Officer at the African Natural Resources Centre (ANRC), African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Mr Karma Jigme Temphel, Chief Forestry Officer, Social Forestry and Extension Division, Department of Forests and Park Services, Bhutan

Launching of the call for CBF success stories:

- Dr Jean-Claude Nguinguiri, FAO
- Dr Richard Eba'a Atyi, CIFOR-ICRAF

Closing remarks: David Kaimowitz, Manager, Forest and Farm Facility (FFF), FAO

Registration

If you are interested in Community-Based Forestry success stories around the world, please register through the link below for a webinar organized by CIFOR-ICRAF and FAO

Link for registration:

bit.ly/communitybasedforestry

References and resources to be shared on the call:

https://www.fao.org/publications/card/en/c/b7c18106-c19d-412f-bd77-a35a2aee00b5/
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