



**International Expert Meeting on  
the Development and Implementation of  
National Codes of Practice for Forest Harvesting**

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***Working Group C***

# Recommendations

- 1. Promote regional and international cooperation to enhance institutional capacity to develop and implement codes of practice, including establishment of model forest areas**
- 2. Develop internal as well as external resources (including skills, financial, etc.) to implement, review and revise codes of practice to ensure continuing improvement**
- 3. Encourage training at all levels, including training of trainers and leadership training**
- 4. Ensure transparency and public access to information regarding codes of practice and forest plans to foster consultation with all major stakeholders during both planning and post-operational stages**

- 5. Promote consultation and mediation to resolve stakeholder conflicts**
- 6. Promote committed leadership at all levels, especially policy level with due support from international community**
- 7. Promote market mechanisms and valuation of forest resources in order to enable investment in codes of practice for sustainable forest harvesting (including RIL) and management**
- 8. Encourage a more consistent approach to the structure of a code of harvesting practice and greater clarification of the legal status, role and relationship of the code within the broader forest management legal and policy framework**
- 9. Promote empowerment of local communities**

# Other Issues

- 1. Develop and encourage efficient processes for the independent verification and reporting of code implementation. Monitoring needs to evaluate, both 1) compliance with the code and 2) effectiveness of the code**
- 2. Promote integrated and streamlined administrative processes for planning and implementation of codes of practice**
- 3. Ensuring the involvement of major stakeholders in the development and implementation of the code of harvesting practices**