

The FAO-World Bank Initiative on Indicators for Good Forest Governance

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Background

- International requirements
 - Legality verification, REDD+, etc.
- Domestic governance
 reform pressures
 - decentralization
 - land tenure
 - accountable and responsive government



Approaches to Forest Governance Assessments and Indicators

- Systematic approaches developed by: Chatham House, Global Witness, World Resources Institute, Transparency International, FAO-FRA, PROFOR/World Bank, Chatham House/UNREDD, etc.
- Each designed with different objectives, users and applications in mind
- Many commonalities

Outcomes FAO/WB Symposium

- Diagnostics vs. monitoring: different degrees of engagement, scales of ambition and time needed
- Emphasis on monitoring trends within countries (not comparing countries)
- Different stakeholders and countries have different needs
- Keep it simple 'good enough' approach

Outcomes FAO/WB Symposium

- Increase efficiency and avoid duplication of efforts
- Core set of common parameters to be assessed and monitored independently of application
- Coherence in terminology needed
- Specific indicators should be developed at the country level to measure progress

Expert group to develop framework



The framework (Draft)



The three pillars

- Clear and coherent policy, legal, institutional and regulatory frameworks
- Effective implementation, enforcement and compliance
- Transparent and accountable decisionmaking and institutions

Pillar 1 - Components

- Forest related policies and laws
- Legal framework to support and protect land tenure, ownership and use rights
- Consistency of forest policies with broader development policies
- Adequate institutional frameworks
- Financial incentives, economic instruments and benefit sharing

Sub-components

Forest related policies and laws:

- Existence and quality of policies and laws governing forest use and management
- Clear national objectives for forests including production, conservation, protection and investment
- Existence and quality of legal and regulatory frameworks governing forests
- Environmental and land use planning laws and regulations
- Clarity and consistency within and between forest-related policies and laws
- Coordination and consistency with economic policies that impinge on forests
- Coordination and consistency with priorities and requirements for land use planning
- Existence and quality of procedures or protocols for review of the effectiveness of forest policies and for policy improvement

Links to REDD+ governance monitoring

- UN-REDD/Chatham House process to develop guide for monitoring governance safeguards in REDD+
- Forest governance one component of REDD+ monitoring
- Common terminology and framework
- Joint validation and launch
- Joint pilot testing

Thank you

