

Organization-Led Initiative
on
Forest Financing

Background

Date and venue: FAO Headquarters, Rome,
19-21 September 2012

Participants: 150 experts, 69 countries, 21
regional and international organizations and
major groups

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Panel discussions by experts, country
representatives, CPF members, Facilitative
Process Facilitator



Agenda

- Key issues and findings of the 2012 AGF Study on Forest Financing
- Experiences and best practices, focusing on cross-sectoral and cross-institutional approaches: Mobilizing finance for all types of forests at national and international level
- New developments in forest financing
- Gaps, needs and opportunities
- Actions and options for the future



Mobilizing financing at national level

Cross-sectoral linkages:

- Promote the multiple functions of forests, their contributions to other sectors and cross-sectoral collaboration
- Develop integrated sustainable land management plans
- Adopt financing measures for multiple forest functions including using funding potential from other sectors



Actions recommendations - suggestions

Mobilizing financing at national level

Enabling framework:

- Create effective institutions, legal frameworks and good governance to attract finance and reduce risk
- Recognize importance of NFPs and national forest financing strategies, taking advantage of the Forest and Farm Facility
- Build capacity to access funding
- Implement strategies that package different sources of finance



Actions recommendations - suggestions

Mobilizing financing at national level

Role of ODA:

- Stress that financing is primarily a national responsibility
- Recognize importance of ODA as seed funding and catalyst

Communication:

- Communicate use of forest finances (value for money)
- Simplify communicating language



Mobilizing financing at national level

Specific mechanisms:

- Recognize/formalize informal markets for trade of forest products
- Mobilize financing through user fees and enhance capacity for fee collection
- Increase investments in afforestation and reforestation



Actions recommendations - suggestions

Mobilizing financing at international level

GEF:

- Streamline international funding processes and procedures, especially on GEF
- Encourage continuing and refining GEF coordinated actions
- Promote better access to GEF funding by countries
- Explore possibility of specific focal area on forests under GEF



Actions recommendations - suggestions

Mobilizing financing at international level

Institutional mechanisms:

- facilitate access to funding at different levels
- Establish forest financing coordination platforms
- Make forest finance knowledge management and data provision a continuous process, taking advantage of data collection processes in other institutions
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Actions recommendations - suggestions

Mobilizing financing at international level

Additional ideas for consideration:

- Organizing a funding fair, high level ministerial meeting and/or meeting for LFCs and SIDS during UNFF10
- Establishing a specific global forest instrument or convention
- Establishing a global forest fund or funds



Addressing gaps, needs and opportunities at national level

- Raise public and political awareness through data and information provision, targeted communications and inter-sectoral cooperation
- Address data gaps, sharing forest data with available data on other sectors, to demonstrate the value of forests



Actions recommendations - suggestions

Addressing gaps, needs and opportunities at international level

- Consider combination of funding mechanisms
- Examine impact of corruption
- Recognize broad and varied nature of private sector and ensure targeted interventions
- Studies to show importance of forests and improve data availability; CPF to take lead on follow-up action
- Special consideration to dry land forests
- Improve understanding of SFM



Actions recommendations - suggestions

Developing options on forest financing

- Recognize the increased importance of forests for addressing global challenges
- Work together on win-win solutions and viable options avoiding rhetorical debate
- Strengthen implementation of the forest instrument to advance SFM and invite support to countries by donors, international organizations and conventions

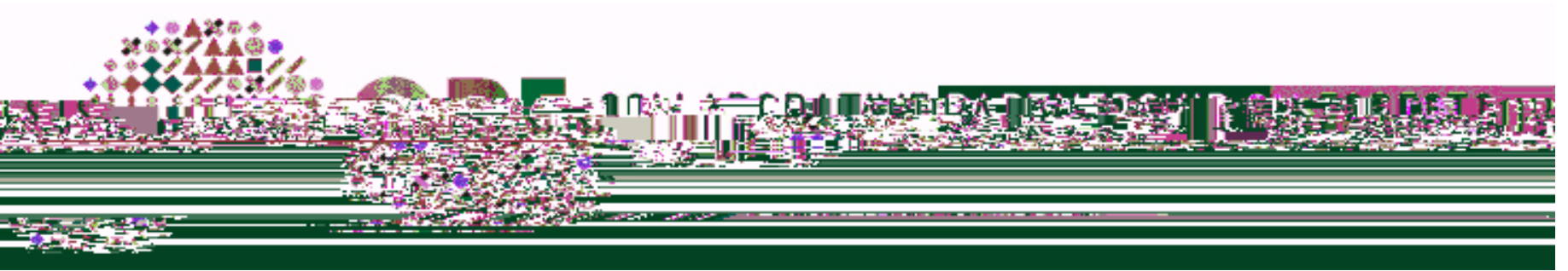


Developing options on forest financing

- Reaffirm that there is no single solution and that forest financing requires:
 - A combination of measures at all levels, utilizing all options from all sources
 - Political support
 - Involvement of all stakeholders
- Address data, geographical and thematic gaps and invite CPF to provide consistent and accurate data



- Use the potential of the Facilitative Process and



Thank you