

# Overview of Workshop Objectives, Expected Outcomes and Programme

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## This workshop is:

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- ❑ A country-led initiative in support of UNFF
- ❑ Part of a series of global and regional workshops on forest governance and decentralization
- ❑ An effort to bring diverse perspectives and constituencies to jointly take stock and identify lessons and necessary action

## Workshop Objectives: -1

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- 1. Distill and share lessons learned from experiences with decentralization and forest governance reforms in Africa
  
- 2. Facilitate shared understanding of
  - key trends and issues,
  - General lessons,
  - workable approaches



## Workshop Objectives -2

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- 3. Strengthen cooperation and enhance partnerships among countries and key stakeholders in addressing common challenges
  
- 4. Recommend approaches for strengthening policies, institutions and practices of decentralized forest governance



## Expected Outcomes - 1

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- Common understanding of concepts, patterns of decentralization implementation in Africa
  - Identified opportunities for coordinated policy responses, capacity building and implementation of best practices
  - Identified instruments for improved decentralization to the local level
  - Identified strategies for overcoming constraints to effective decentralization and sustainable management at different levels
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## Expected Outcomes - 2

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- Contribute to UNFF process-related outcomes:
    - Regionalization of UNFF in Africa
    - Provide ideas to UNFF and widely disseminate workshop results
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## Workshop Design

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Presentations, panel discussions, working groups and field visits on three themes:

- I. Decentralized Forest Management and Livelihoods
- II. Conservation, Sustainable Forest Management and Forest Governance
- III. International Trade, Finance and Forest Sector Governance Reform

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## I. Decentralized Forest Management and Livelihoods

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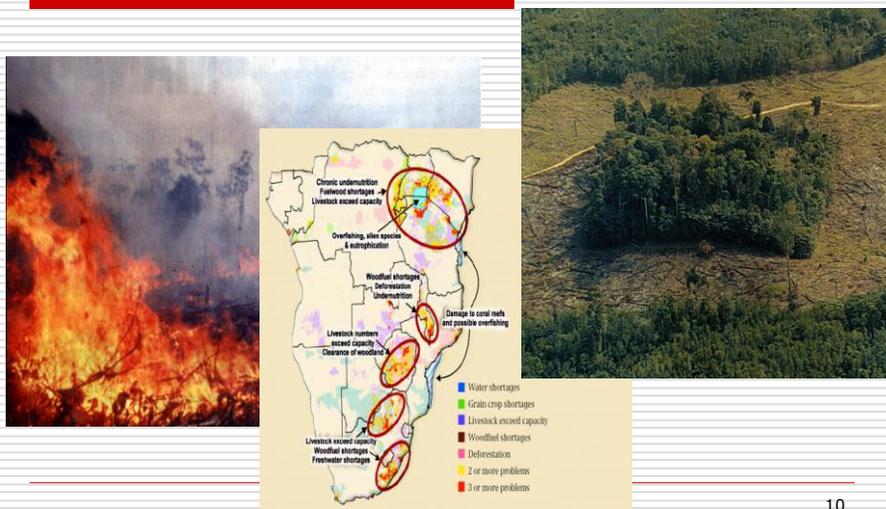
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# I. Decentralized Forest Management and Livelihoods

- Democratic decentralization –from theory to practice
- Institutional infrastructure for decision-making, revenue and benefit sharing
- Tenure, dynamics of rights and power transfer
- Empirical evidence of livelihood impacts or lack thereof

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# II. Conservation, Sustainable Forest Management and Forest Governance



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- Decentralization and conservation paradigms – opposing tendencies
- Challenges to sustainable management under uncertainty and instability
- Conservation and livelihoods outcomes at local level
- Gender equity, inclusion and power

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## **III. International Trade, Finance and Forest Sector Governance Reform**

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- Evolving patterns of forest trade and investment
  - Reforming governance through voluntary, market based instruments and supra-national initiatives
  - Transfer payments and compensation schemes
  - Governance implications of market integration of forest communities
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## **Programme Overview**

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- **Day 1**
    - Opening and Setting the Stage
    - Theme 1 keynote, parallel sessions, synthesis
    - Theme 2 keynote
  - **Day 2**
    - Theme 2 parallel sessions and synthesis
    - Theme 3 keynote, parallel sessions, synthesis
    - Group discussions and presentations by theme
  - **Day 3**
    - Field trips
  - **Day 4**
    - Group reflections in light of field visits, by theme
    - Finalization of Workshop recommendations, in plenary
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