

Overview of Workshop Objectives, Expected Outcomes and Programme

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This workshop is:

- ☐ 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

- ❑ 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

- ❑ 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

- ❑ 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

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



Workshop Design



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



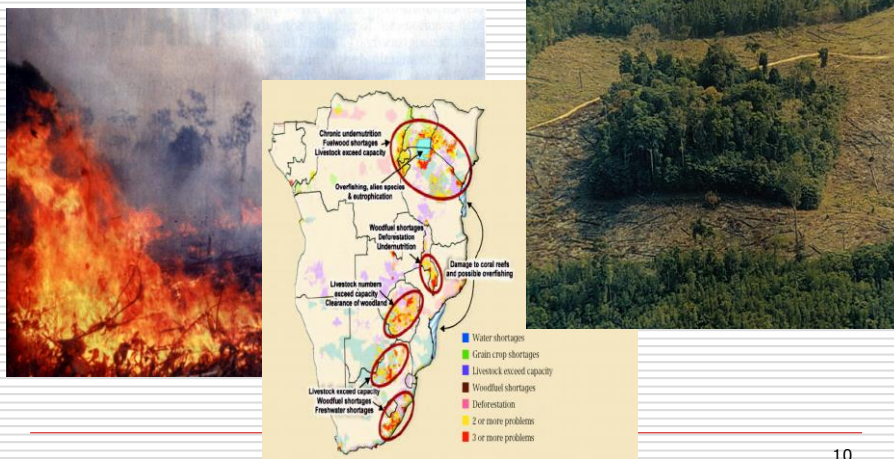
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I. Decentralized Forest Management and Livelihoods

- 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

- **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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