

Asia and Middle East Group

Challenges identified

- Inter agency coordination at country level
- Voice and economic incentives to the poor
- Area and quality of forest resources available for community forestry
- Contribution of forests to GDP and valuation of its various functions
- Policy and legal framework either not exist or not implemented
- Clarity of tenure rights of local communities and indigenous people
- How to sustain the “gains”?
- Conflicting objectives – conservation vs utilization
- Capacity of right holders and stakeholders
- Clarity of roles, responsibilities and rights of duty bearers and right holders
- Lack of true decentralization and devolution

Recommendations

A. Capacity building

Reorientation of global objectives of forests, sustainable forest management, education, access to finance and insurance etc,

B. Learning and communication

Sharing of learning on the implementation and monitoring of NLBIs, catalyse national system for effective and user friendly communication strategy, promote sharing forums at the regional levels,

C. Assessment

Valuation of forests to show its contribution to GDP and other goods and services, identification of gaps of capacity of stakeholders, need assessment of major groups in effective engagement of sustainable forest management at all levels, identify the bottlenecks and monitoring mechanism to combat corruption in the forest sector, need of national forest programme

D. Facilitation, support and implementation of the agreed provisions

Secure tenure rights, fair access to market, and effective association of right holders, basic support services, facilitate for the mainstreaming, integrating and coordination of related policies, process of formulating national and local policies and programmes, identify and recognize the multiple goods and services of the forests,

E. Non-Legal Binding Instruments

Monitoring and reporting system of NLBI, guidelines for the assessment of NLBIs,

F. Recognition of varying needs and capacity of LFCCs and SIDCs

Monitoring and reporting system of Non Legal Binding instruments at Regional and Global levels