



Ministry of Economic Affairs

## Ensuring sustainable landscapes for a resource-secure future

Insights and implications for governance – what role for public policy?

*Outcome of an informal forum discussion.*

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## Goals

- **Main message: “We need sustainable landscapes for resource security”. And security for all was implicit.**
- **Food security for those who live in the landscape,**
- **fewer conflicts from completing claims on the land,**
- **job security for those working in forestry and agricultural value chains, and**
- **improved security for consumers of natural ‘landscape’ resources.**



## Main developments/trends

- **Development cooperation has shifted attention from forests as a single sector to being a part of a wider landscape, while recognising the role of forests in all sorts of different global challenges”**
- **landscape issues are increasingly related to commodity chains, but how to ensure the sustainability of local livelihoods**
- **the increasing influence of private finance, more loans and fewer grants, and the move ‘from aid to trade’, all of which may not be consistent with landscape restoration objectives.**



## Five priority actions

- Enhance cross-sector dialogue and multi-stakeholder processes at different levels by reviewing current institutional arrangements, and building on existing efforts and platforms rather than creating new ones.
- Increase the support provided to local organisations, and enable local civil society networks to work with local government, as part of inclusive, transformative rural development programmes.
- Improve our joint understanding and knowledge of the agendas, realities and perceptions of different stakeholders, and the relationships between them at different spatial scales.
- Use policy and market incentives to trigger governance changes, using carrots rather than sticks, and at local, national and international levels.
- Make longer term investments, as landscape level changes need to be rooted in stakeholder interests, and they take time – quick wins and short term value for money are unlikely.