A participatory approach to implementing the Forest Instrument

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No Forest Convention, but...

- Intergovernmental Panel on Forests (IPF)
- Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IFF)
- United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)
- Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)

IPF/IFF Proposals for Action

- Global Objectives on Forests
- Forest Instrument
The Forest Instrument

Purpose

- Strengthen political commitment and action of SFM at all levels and to achieve the global objectives on forests
- Enhance the contribution of forests to achieving internationally agreed development goals, including MDGs
- Provide a framework for national action and international cooperation
Components

- National policies and measures covering a broad range of issues, institutions and stakeholders
- International cooperation and means of implementation
Implementation Issues

- Limited awareness at country level
- Implementation not systematic and not monitored
- Added value not recognized
Approach

• Awareness raising

• Participatory assessment of strengths and weaknesses with respect to policies and measures

• Mapping of existing forest initiatives
Impact

- Stakeholder consensus on priorities
- Targeted action on SFM
- Better coordination of forest-related initiatives
- Better understanding of forest policies
Added value

- Overarching policy framework to guide NFP implementation
- Tool for assessment and monitoring of country situation regarding SFM
- Instrument for coordination of forest-related initiatives
- Encourages new policies and initiatives
thank you!