Certification as a screening tool for investment in the forest sector

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PROGRAMME

- What is FSC? John Hontelez

- FSC certification and smallholders, a tool for access to finance, Joachim Meier-Dörnberg - FSC

- Bridging the gap between certified forest and the financial sector, Petra Hamers – The Amazone Alternative and the Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade
FSC was established 1993
to promote

• environmentally appropriate,
• socially beneficial, and
• economically viable management of the world's forests.
FSC Members

More than 800 members in about 70 countries:

*Examples:*

- WWF, Greenpeace, NRDC, Beijing Forestry Society, Birdlife Bulgaria, Fundación Natura Colombia, Fiji Nature Conservation Trust, etc.

- Builders and Woodworkers International, Oxfam/Novib, National Aboriginal Forestry Association (CA), etc.

- Ikea, Kingfisher, Home Depot, Tetra Pak, CEPI, DLH etc.
FSC governance

Consensus oriented and democratic decision-making

The General Assembly of FSC members is the highest decision-making body.

Equal voice and power for: social, environmental, and economic interests, North and South.
FSC’s vision

The world’s forests meet the social, ecological, and economic rights and needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.
10 FSC forest management principles

- Comply with relevant laws and FSC principles
- Respect tenure & use rights and responsibilities
- Protect Indigenous Peoples’ rights
- Assure community benefits and worker’s rights
- Generate multiple benefits from the forest
- Manage and limit environmental impact
- Management planning
- Monitor and assess forest management impact
- Maintain High Conservation Value forests
- Manage plantations responsibly
From there it.…

• has formulated more specific Criteria under each of the Principles

• Sets National Standards to reflect agreed P&Cs for responsible forest management

• Set up an accreditation/certification system that monitors adherence to FSC standards,

• Set up a product labelling system that rewards responsible forest managers.
FSC Chain of Custody

• Link between FSC forests and products
A robust system with an elaborated verification system
174 million hectares certified – more than 8% of productive forests globally

In 79 countries
Total number of FM certificates: 1192
COC certificates: 2540 in 112 countries

Presence in 60 countries
THANK YOU

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