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International Seminar on 'Improving Collection and Use of Data on the Socioeconomic Benefits from Forests and Trees'

Thursday, 27 October, 9.00 am to 3.30 pm
King Faizal room and Sheik Sayed Centre, FAO, Rome, Italy

Background

As detailed in FAO's State of the World's Forests (SOFO) 2014, forests and trees contribute in multiple ways to human welfare. However, quantifying these socioeconomic benefits remains a challenge. Harmonized methodologies are needed to generate consistent and reliable forest-related socioeconomic statistics to enable time-series analysis to enhance the understanding of how forests and trees contribute to sustainable development. Efforts are therefore essential to strengthen the assessment of their socioeconomic contributions more completely and reliably so that they could be better convincing and visible to key decision makers.

Rationale

Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), International Forestry Resources and Institutions (IFRI) Network, Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) team and Program on Forests (PROFOR) of the World Bank jointly organize this one-day seminar to discuss and promote ways to strengthen the collection and use of data on socioeconomic benefits from forests and trees in the context of LSMS-type surveys. Discussions will cover technical aspects, challenges and opportunities related to collection of socioeconomic data relevant to Criteria and Indicator processes, FAO-facilitated Forest Resource Assessment 2020, socioeconomic monitoring in National Forest Inventories and other relevant initiatives. Ways to strengthen reporting and data availability, including for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals, will also be discussed. The major output expected is sharing among participants the approaches for collecting and using policy-relevant data and gathering concrete suggestions for scaling-up efforts, especially in the context of the Forestry Modules in LSMS-type surveys.

Target group and registration

This event targets the experts on quantifying the socioeconomic benefits from forests and trees. Registration is free of cost. For registration, please send a short email (maximum 200 words) explaining how you could contribute to the discussions at the seminar. The emails should be sent before Tuesday, 27 September 2016 to Illias Animon (illias.animon@fao.org), copying Thais Linhares-Juvenal (Thais.Juvenal@fao.org).

Structure

The seminar will be held in two sessions. The tentative programme is shown below.

09:00 - 09.15	Welcome address	Rene Castro-Salazar, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO
09:15 – 10:30	Session 1- Forest-related socioeconomic data collection	
	Sustainable Development Goals and availability of forest-related socioeconomic information	Thais Linhares-Juvenal, FAO
	World Programme for the Census of Agriculture 2020	Jairo Castano, FAO
	The System of Environmental-Economic Accounting framework	Alessandra Alfieri, United Nations Statistics Division (TBC)
	Monitoring and measuring socioeconomic benefits from forests	Matleena Kniivila, Pellervo Economic Research
	Socioeconomic Monitoring in National Forest Inventories and Socioeconomic indicators for Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020	Anssi Pekkarinen, FAO
	LSMS-type surveys	Alberto Zezza, LSMS, World Bank
	Forest-SWIFT tool	Emilie Perge, World Bank (TBC)
10:30 - 10:45	COFFEE BREAK	
10:45 – 12:00	Round table discussion- Experiences, challenges and lessons learnt in collecting forest-relevant socioeconomic information	
	Perspectives from Piero Conforti, FAO Sven Wunder, CIFOR Werner L. Kornexl, PROFOR, World Bank Gero Carletto, LSMS, World Bank	
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH BREAK - Refreshments outside the Sheik Sayed Centre	
13:00 - 14:00	Sourcebook launch event (jointly with the International Conference on Agricultural Statistics participants at the Sheik Sayed Centre)	
	Context	Thais Linhares-Juvenal, FAO
	Launching the Sourcebook “National socioeconomic surveys in forestry: Guidance and survey modules for measuring the multiple roles of forests in household welfare and livelihoods”	Rene Castro-Salazar, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO
	Sourcebook on National Socioeconomic Surveys in Forestry: The process and outcomes	Illias Animon and Riyong Kim Bakkegaard, FAO
	Testing the Forestry Modules: Experiences in Tanzania	Albina Chuwa, NBS, Tanzania (TBC)
	Implementing the Forestry Modules: Experiences in Turkey	Craig Meisner, World Bank
	Panel discussion - Implementing the Forestry Modules in LSMS-type surveys: Opportunities and challenges Facilitator Thais Linhares-Juvenal, FAO Panellists <i>Members of the Steering Group of the sourcebook, One National Statistical Office focal point, one UNSTAT expert, one Head of forest department, one donor representative.</i>	
14:15 - 15:30	Session 2- Panel discussion- Mainstreaming the Forestry Modules and building capacity on using data for policy making	
	Facilitator Sven Wunder, CIFOR Panellists 1-2 National Statistical Office focal points, 1-2 Heads of forest departments, 1 donor representative	