

**Follow up from the Expert Meeting at
RECOFTC 26-27 September**

Important

- **Limitation** and **accuracy** of formal statistics. Disclaimers!
- **Grey areas** that are not captured in the available statistics / data: use stories, examples and disclaimers
- Do not spend too much time on getting the **data** right. Focus on **game changers** to reflect and analyze the future
- It is an Outlook Study and not a state of the forestry report. Present the state of forestry in a **concise manner**
- **Be selective**: focus on those elements which really contribute to the outlook
- Less **description** of data and more **analysis / reflection** for the future
- Do not shy away from **sensitive issues** but do not point fingers
- Capture the **peculiarities of the Pacific** and reflect that in the report

Timber Trade - boxes and short stories

Go beyond the numbers, create **stories** and explain. The analysis needs to be more appealing

- Viet Nam **furniture industry**
- Informal trade or local trade – “**grey area**”. Include interesting stories
- **Fuelwood story** from selected countries
- **Big corporation story**, e.g. Starbucks story on straw and IKEA paperless ambition
- Have a box on legal and **clean timber** supply chains
- Reflection on **paper use** in the future, shift of use of paper

Governance – Boxes and short stories

- Focus on 3-4 game **changer policies** that will shape the future of forests and forestry at international, regional and national level
- In some countries **forest departments and forestry education** have disappeared
- **Public institutional changes** have happened in responses to different discourses but the institutional culture may not have changed so much
- Add element of **enforcement** in the institutional analysis
- **Benefit sharing** element needs to be made explicit as it is critical in forest governance

Governance – Boxes and short stories cont'd

- **The fifth discourse** of forest governance beyond the forestry sector
- Include **perceptions of other stakeholders**, including private sector, in the survey of policy and governance
- **Research** on community based forestry
- Gender balance in **decision-making**
- Put information on **youth** throughout, including rural youth
- Separate **small island countries** in the Pacific as they have completely different challenges
- Increasing number of **women working in forestry** in the Pacific. It will continue to increase

Governance – Boxes and short stories cont'd

- **Response to conflict** is critical to be understood, we need to look at this in the future whether institutions will be capable to handle it. For example, there are existing approaches e.g. grievance mechanisms, special unit to deal with conflict within forestry department
- **Conflict between nations**, e.g. peatland, fires, refugees
- How do we address the **conflict issue** in the Outlook Study to make useful recommendations

**CONCISE, NEW &
ATTRACTIVE**