

# Working group on legal, policy and institutional framework

## Terms of Reference

Working group session:           Wednesday, June 14      10:30-12:00 and 13:30-15:15  
Plenary session:                    Wednesday, June 14      15:30-17:30

### Questions to be discussed in the working group

The theme related to the legal, policy and institutional framework for sustainable forest management was not included in FRA 2005, although one related variable (forest ownership (table T2)) was included as part of the socio-economic functions.

The background document lists a number of possible variables / reporting tables for inclusion in FRA 2010 in order to cover this theme. Based on this document and suggestions from the participants, the group should answer the following questions:

1. Which are the most important variables at the national and international level as regards the:
  - legal and policy framework
  - forest institutions
  - ownership and tenure
  - funding SFM
2. Which of these should be included in FRA 2010? (Which of the above are feasible given current information availability, recent technologies and (limited) resources?)
3. Existing tables: How should the table on ownership be improved for FRA 2010? How to handle the issue of ownership of land versus ownership of the forest (trees)? How to handle user rights? Comments to the proposal in the background paper based on the thematic study on ownership?
4. Proposed new variables: Please advise how the information should be obtained (country reports, thematic studies, other data providers) and, if in tabular form, suggestions for classifications if any.
5. Would the group recommend making any specific thematic study related to this theme as part of FRA 2010?
6. Is there a need to create a small task force to deal with any outstanding issues? If so, what are the main tasks and how should it be composed?
7. Other guidance as appropriate.

### Expected output

A written report, containing a summary of discussions and recommendations. The report should be presented by the group at the plenary session.