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Inter-C&I process collaboration workshop



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Nature of Białowieża meeting

- Led by MCPFE, Montréal Process, ITTO, with participation of others
- Reviewed activities and experience on C&I

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Main conclusions (1)

- Validation of C&I as best available mechanism for reporting on progress toward sustainable forest management
- Processes have succeeded in improving monitoring, reporting and dialogue, especially in reducing the tension between traditional adversary groups
- Different processes, different priorities: a strength
- Importance of **stability** (terms and definitions) and **flexibility** (new needs)
- C&I are not an end in themselves, but a tool for communication and policy formation (richness at different levels).
- Processes should work together e.g. ITTO/ATO

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Main conclusions (2)

- We need a « story » to be effective:
 - Clarify meaning and linkages of C&I and SFM
 - Clarify rationale for indicators and reporting processes (international, national, sub-national)
- Forest sector must also provide indicator information to others: broad (e.g. MDGs, 4 global objectives), sectoral (e.g. biodiversity), national (e.g. nfps)
- Further cooperation among processes is desirable (e.g. focused issues)

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Messages to FRA

- Support FRA as global platform for monitoring and reporting on SFM, structured around thematic elements
- Suggest better structured collaboration between C&I processes and FRA, notably on choice of core (global) parameters
- “Processes should provide formal, technical and policy review of FRA 2005 with the aim of increasing the relevance of the FRA to the goals of the processes” (WG3)