Sustainable wood value chains for sustainable landscapes

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We need integrated approaches for sustainable landscapes which provide wood, food and other benefits for people, in balance with nature.

Landscapes are comprised of forests, agriculture, and settlements. Integrating forest management, forest protection and tree cultivation with farming, for example, is recognized as a significant component of sustainable landscape management. Wood value chains which provide equitable benefits to all stakeholders, including local communities, can guarantee a number of ecosystem services such as soil enrichment, water retention, improved biodiversity and enhance resilience to climate change. It is important to understand the market demand for each product, the segments of the value chains, and identify the optimal position for added value interventions. As the global demand for wood and fibre is expected to almost double by 2030, sustainable wood value chains are a necessary step forward in transitioning to sustainable landscapes, which produce a diverse range of products and services, which are environmentally friendly, socially responsible, and economically sound.