

# OUTCOMES OF EXPERT MEETING ON CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR SSFE IN ASIA

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## OUTLINE

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- Objectives
- Outcomes
- Ways Forward/Scale up



## BACKGROUND

- Expert meeting (Rome, 2012) gathered experts from Africa, Asia, L.A, Europe and USA
- Focus: how to move from CFE generation 1 (subsistence) to CFE generation 2 (better commercialization/processing, effective contribution to poverty reduction)?
- Relevance to have an international initiative coordinated by FAO to promote and support the devpt of CFE



## BACKGROUND

- Key constraints/challenges identified (regulatory, governance, technical skills, market, funding...)
- Constraints/challenges are specific to each context, hence the importance to conduct stock taking studies and then develop specific program/initiative to support CFE
- 3 Regional stock tacking studies (LA, Africa&Asia) and 3 regional expert meetings completed (L.A, Africa&Asia )





## PARTICIPANTS

- Selected from different sectors (Government, Academia/Research, NGO, Private sector, Civil Society....)
- Expertise and experience in the topic of the meeting
- Complementary & different perspective



## SSFE WORKING DEFINITION

- **Small scale forest enterprise (SSFE)** : used to encompass community forest enterprises (CFEs), individuals and forest smallholders involved in the commercialization of forest products (e.g. timber, non-wood forest product)



## OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the findings of 6 stock taking studies in Asia
- Identify constraints, challenges and opportunities for SSFE development in Asia
- Agree on ways to assess and document the contribution of SSFE to poverty reduction and livelihoods
- Agree on an outline of a regional program/initiative to support SSFE in Asia





## OUTCOMES: KEY CHALLENGES

- Political and legal
- Institutional
- Economics
- Capacity building





## OUTCOMES: KEY CHALLENGES

- **Political and legal**
  - Weak or non existence of partnership amongst key actors (state-private-community)
  - Limited or absence of recognition of rights of communities over forests, land and other resources
  - Complex or inadequate regulatory framework



## OUTCOMES: KEY CHALLENGES

- **Institutional**
  - Bureaucratic constraints
  - Weak institutions with limited/no provision to support SSFE
  - Limited/poor coordination and collaboration among services involved in SSFE matters



## OUTCOMES: KEY CHALLENGES

- **Economics**

- Most SSFEs have limited or lack of access to market information
- Most of the SSFEs are operating at micro level and are not competitive
- Lack of specific economic incentives for SSFE



## OUTCOMES: KEY CHALLENGES

- **Capacity & Skills**
  - Limited or lack of entrepreneur and technical skills of local communities involved in SSFE
  - Public institutions dealing with SSFE need to be capacitated to better assist SSFE



## OUTCOMES: KEY ENABLING FACTORS

- **Policy**
  - Tenure security and promotion of collaboration (public-private-people )
- **Legal**
  - Registration and legal status of SSFE



## OUTCOMES: KEY ENABLING FACTORS

- **Institutional**
  - Multi-stakeholder platform, adequate provision to relevant institutions to assist SSFE
- **Economical**
  - Specific economic incentives, innovative financing scheme, access to market and market info





## WAYS FORWARD TO SCALE UP

- Develop a regional program to support SSFE in Asia and the Pacific
- Engage in national and regional policy dialogues to raise SSFE's profile
- Ensure adequate provision for capacity building (technical, entrepreneurial skills) to improve competitiveness of SSFEs
- Identify and promote best options and tools to assess and monitor the economic contributions of SSFEs



## WAYS FORWARD TO SCALE UP

- Undertake tenure reforms as appropriate to provide legal status and rights for SSFEs
- Strengthen partnership and collaboration amongst key relevant institutions dealing with SSFEs
- Promote enabling factors including innovative finance mechanism, partnership and capacity building
- Organize an international conference ((2019) on the roles of SSFE to poverty reduction and SDGs







*Thank you*

