Creating synergies between forestry and social protection

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Social protection is recognized strategy for ending poverty, achieving zero hunger and building resilient livelihoods. Evidence shows that combining social protection and forest-policy instruments can help to conserve forests, while increasing the productive capacity and resilience of forest-dependent communities. FAO and partners are exploring opportunities for building linkages and synergies between such instruments to help Member Countries combat poverty and hunger.

Case studies in Burkina Faso, China and Uganda show that forest-dependent communities face many risks and vulnerabilities and are often in need of economic and social support. However, their inclusion in formal social protection policies and programmes is limited.

Since 2016, FAO has worked to expand the coverage of social protection measures to forest-dependent communities and to strengthen coherence between forestry and social protection.

Assessments in China, Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania helped raise awareness among forest and social protection stakeholders about the linkages and potential policy synergies between these interventions, laying the ground for expanding the access to social protection programmes to forest-dependent communities.

Objectives

The side-event aims to:

- Facilitate knowledge sharing and a discussion on FAO’s work on establishing synergies between social protection and forestry.
- Launch two new working papers: “A diagnostic on social protection needs and opportunities for forest-dependent communities in the United Republic of Tanzania” and “The role of forest producer organizations in social protection”.
- Discuss the way forward.
MODERATOR

Natalia Winder Rossi, Social Protection Team Leader, Strategic Programme to Reduce Rural Poverty, FAO

**Agenda**

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| 13.15 - 13.30 | **Opening**  
Benjamin Davis, Leader of the Strategic Programme to Reduce Rural Poverty, FAO |
| 13.30 - 14.15 | **The work and way forward on social protection and forestry**  
Thais LinharesJuvenal, Forest Governance and Economics Team Leader, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, FAO |
|       | **Kenya - From case studies to a TCP proposal: expanding social protection for forest-dependent communities through strengthening coherence between forestry and social protection**  
Monica Kalenda, Acting Chief Conservator of Forests, Kenya Forest Service |
|       | **China - Strengthening coherence between forestry and social protection to eliminate poverty in collective forestry**  
Chen Xie, Division Director, Forest Economics Research and Development Center, National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China |
|       | **Paraguay - Poverty, social protection and reforestation: the PROEZA project**  
Jorge Meza, Senior Forestry Officer, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, FAO |
| 14.15 - 14.45 | **Q&A**  

*Light lunch will be provided in front of Ethiopia Room starting from 12.30.*

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**Launch of two new working papers:**

- A diagnostic on social protection needs and opportunities for forest-dependent communities in the United Republic of Tanzania
  

- The role of forest producer organizations in social protection
  

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