## The message is clear



Forests and trees have an important role to play in the struggle to reduce poverty. Initiatives based on sustainable local forest management, as part of rural development and sustainable livelihood strategies, can support good governance and increase benefits to the poor. The challenge now is to turn this potential into a reality.



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