

**XIX Commonwealth Forestry Congress
3-7 April 2017, Dehradun, India**

**FAO SIDE EVENT
MAKING POLICY WORK: ENHANCING IMPACT ON THE GROUND FOR
SUSTAINABILITY AND PROSPERITY
Wednesday, 5 April 2017, 17:30 to 19:00 at NFLIC Hall**

Title	Making Policy Work: Enhancing Impact on the Ground for Sustainability and Prosperity
Description	While many policies for sustainable forest management are being introduced, actual impact on the ground is not keeping pace. Yet innovative approaches to policy implementation abound and new ways of advancing forestry projects and programmes are being introduced. The side event will show-case the importance of explicit connectivity between upstream research and policy work and downstream project implementation. A panel of practitioners from FAO and partner organizations will discuss their experiences in scaling up relevant solutions in REDD+, forestry investments, social forestry and community engagement, using concrete project cases from the Commonwealth countries of Africa and Asia.
Side event format	The side event will be in the form of a <i>moderated debate</i> . It will be highly interactive and plenty of time for discussion.
Session flow	
17:30 – 17:35	Welcome to the side event and introduction of the moderator (Ms. Eva Muller)
17:35 – 17:45	Moderator (Mr. Yurdi Yasmi) invite the panelists and introduce them and their topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Country Investment Plan in Environment, Forestry and Climate Change Bangladesh (Mr. Shamsur Rahman Khan, Deputy Chief, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Bangladesh) 2. FFF helps ‘green’ Zambia’s charcoal business for improved rural livelihoods and forest management through strong new producer groups (Mr. Makumba Ignatius, Director of Forestry Zambia) 3. REDD+ in Sri Lanka (Mr Rajapakshage Sarathchandra Kulatunga, Additional Conservator General Forest, Sri Lanka) 4. Inputs for Policy Making and Monitoring in India - Role of FSI (Mr. Saibal Dasgupta, the Director General of Forest Survey of India) 5. Understanding the forest-water nexus: including water in forest management (Ms. Elaine Springgay, FAO)
17:45 – 18:05	The moderator invites each panellist to make a brief introduction (4 minutes) of their project/initiative demonstrating how policy impacts are achieved or enhanced on ground. They explain what work and describe underlying conditions that support impacts.
18:05 – 18:30	The moderator asks questions to the panelists, each panellist gets 1-2 questions from the moderator
18:30 – 18:50	Q&A open to the floor
18:50 – 18:55	Summary of the panel outlining key findings from the panel debate and key recommendations
18:55 – 19:00	Closing and thanks by Ms. Eva Muller