

Building Partnerships with Forest Communities

Workshop

02.09.2015 08:00 - 17:00

Location: Lund University, Lund, Sweden

Public, private and NGO actors increasingly establish enterprises with local forest dependent and forest owning communities in the Amazon and other parts of the tropics. One of the main objectives is to reverse deforestation and forest degradation through alternative livelihood generation and more sustainable forest management. Despite the promise, there are increasing concerns that multi-actor collaboration for sustainable forest management in the tropics is falling short of expectations.

Evolving approaches, including integrated conservation and development practices (ICDPs), co-management, community based natural resource management (CBNRM), and adaptive management have fostered collaboration, but results in terms of sustainable forest management have at best been mixed. Innovative ideas and models for economic partnerships and sustainable forest management with forest depending and forest owning communities are being tested and implemented around the world, yet an evaluation of these in terms of sustainability is crucial before further replication.

About the workshop:

The workshop is a collaboration between the Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS) and the thematic programme "Forests, Landscapes & Food Security" driven by the Forest, Climate and Livelihood research network (Focali) and the Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative (SIANI). It is an opportunity for researchers and practitioners to share information about current research and projects with each other and with a wider range of research and policy stakeholders interested in community forestry and forest conservation in the tropics.

During the workshop we will discuss the potentials and limitations of economic partnerships with forest dependent and forest dwelling communities as a means to support more sustainable forest management and the reduction of deforestation and forest degradation.

Registration & Submission of Abstracts:

Abstract up to 300 words should relate to the workshop theme. *Please submit your abstract until June 30, 2015.* To submit your abstract, or if you want to register to attend the workshop without giving a presentation, or have any further inquiries, contact Torsten Krause at torsten.krause@lucsus.lu.se [1].

Contributions will be welcome in relation to the workshop themes:

- Community forest management and conservation in the tropics
- Economic partnerships for sustainable forest management and conservation
- Policy challenges and governance of community forest management and conservation

Aims of the workshop:

1. Networking – strengthen our existing networks, get to know each other better and benefit from each other's research and experience.
2. Research exchange – present & discuss ongoing and future research and upcoming challenges.
3. Research and practice - debate and search for ways forward on how to better integrate research and research findings into practice on the ground.





4. Research to policy learning – debate and search for ways forward on how to better communicate and integrate research and research findings into policy.

If interested in learning more about the workshop, registering or submitting an abstract, visit [Focali's event page](#) [2] or download the [workshop flyer](#) [3]

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[2] <http://www.focali.se/en/events/building-partnerships-with-forest-communities>

[3] http://nbforest.info/sites/default/files/theme_-_lucsus_workshop.pdf

