



Invitation to workshop

Building partnerships with forest communities

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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.

**June 30 - Deadline
for abstracts**

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.

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

Important Information:

The workshop will be held at the Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS), Building Josephson, Biskopsgatan 5, Lund, Sweden. We will start at 10:00am and finish around 4:30pm. There are no costs for the participants, lunch and coffee will be provided. Please note however that the number of **participants will be limited to 30** in order to allow for a meaningful exchange and discussions.

Please note that the organizers do not have the possibility to pay for participant's travels to and accommodation during the workshop.



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Target audience:

All researchers, policy-makers and NGO representatives working with or interested in tropical community forest management and conservation are welcome to attend the workshop. Participants are welcome to present their work, but this is not obligatory.

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.

Welcome!

FORESTS, LANDSCAPES & FOOD SECURITY: The thematic programme is a collaboration between the Forest, Climate, and Livelihood research network (FOCALI) and the Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative (SIANI). The focus of the theme is on the indirect and multiple benefits of trees in the landscape. Trade-offs between different land demands, forest tenure and consequences of land use changes is also part of this landscape perspective on forests and food security. The aim is to build up a body of work within the Swedish Resource Base within this area.

<http://www.siani.se/theme-groups/forests-landscapes-and-food-security>

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