

Sound
information
and knowledge
base for better
policies and
good governance

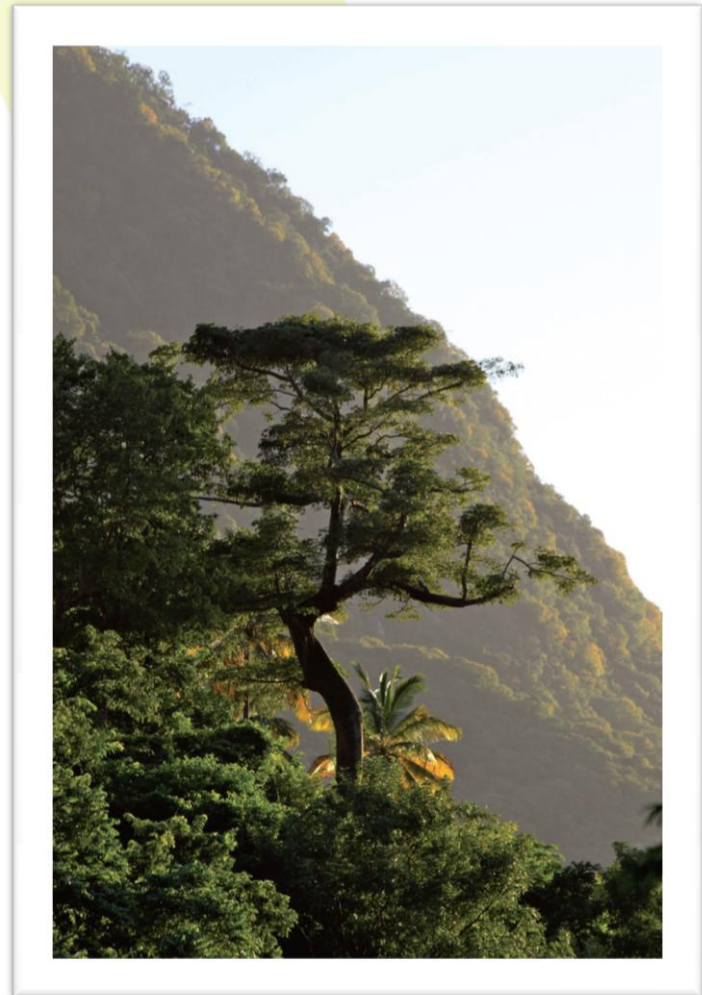
**FORESTS:
A GREEN PATHWAY
FOR HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT**

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Content

- Increased information needs for forestry
- Challenges
- The way forward
- Points for consideration by the Committee



Increased information needs in forestry

- Biodiversity, ecosystem services (incl. carbon)
- Livelihoods, poverty reduction, food security
- Forest governance
- Land and forest tenure
- Sustainable energy
- Demand for fuel, wood and fiber
- Impact of policies

Challenges

- Inadequate information collection systems
 - Quantity/quality of existing information
 - Capacities and resources for data collection and analysis (example: governance)
 - Sustainability of forest monitoring systems



Challenges

- Dissemination of forest-related information
- Linking information to policy decisions



The way forward



Data collection and analysis

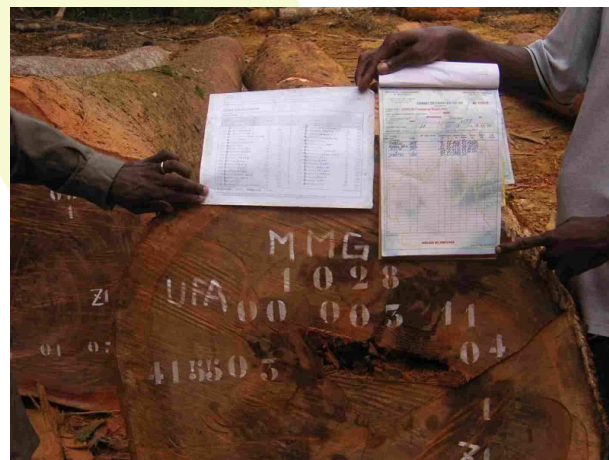


- Linking information systems
- Long-term capacities and resources
- Collaboration with research for analysis
- Analysis linked to policy needs



Improved accessibility and dissemination

- Political decision to share data
- Transparency
- User friendliness

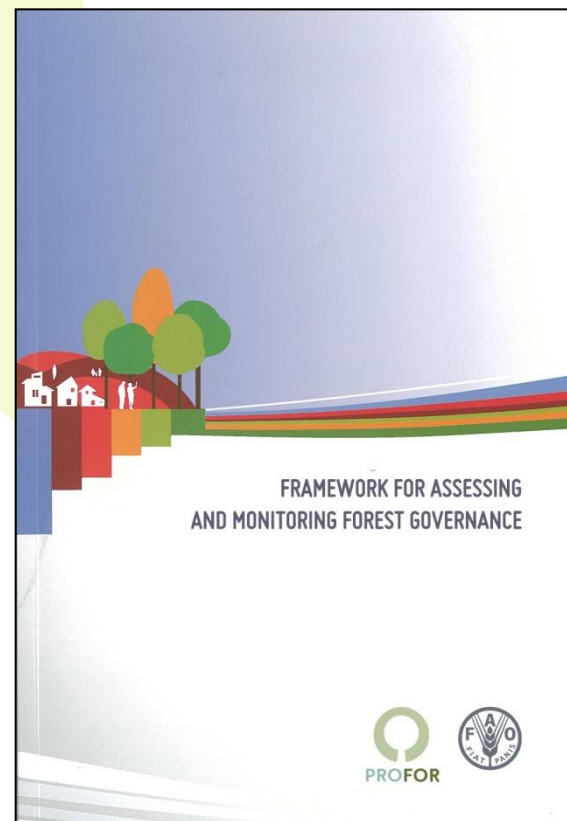


Evidence-based policy making

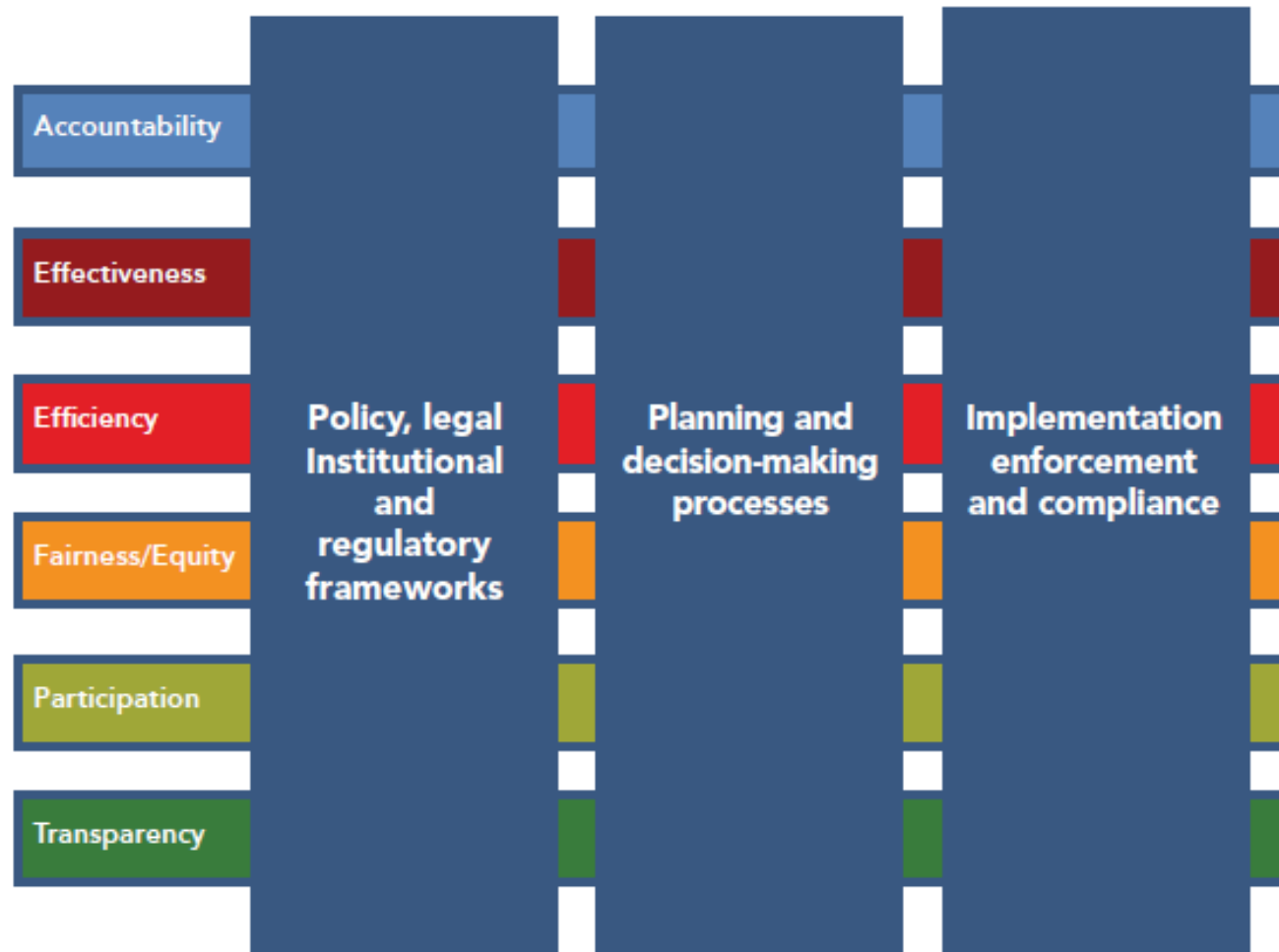
- Data availability ↔ policy decisions
- Alignment of information needs with policy goals
- Stakeholder involvement
- Institutional collaboration:
 - Efficiency of data collection
 - Data legitimacy
 - Long-term sustainability
 - Availability of broader sets of data

Assessing and Monitoring forest governance

- Good governance essential for progress towards SFM
- FAO/World Bank Framework: Pillars and principles of good governance
- Frame of reference for organizing forest governance-related information
- May be used for variety of purposes



Pillars and principles of governance



Points for consideration

The Committee may wish to invite countries to:

- Strengthen forest and natural resources information systems to support evidence-based and future-oriented policy making
- Strengthen their information and knowledge base on forest governance by using the FAO/WB Framework for Assessing and Monitoring Forest Governance

Points for consideration

The Committee may wish to recommend
FAO to support:

- Guidance, capacity building and tools to strengthen national forest information systems
- Transfer of applicable and cost-efficient new technologies
- Capacity building for forest governance assessment and monitoring
- Promoting inter-organizational collaboration

Thank you!

