

Family Forestry *is* Family Farming

12:30 – 17:45, 26 June 2014, Iran Room
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What Are Our Objectives?

1. Learn more about the **principle characteristics** of family forests
2. Hear directly from smallholder, community and indigenous producer organizations on the **opportunities and challenges for family forestry** and farming in forest landscapes
3. Hear government and family forest partners discuss practical efforts to **improve the enabling environment** for family forests and producer organisations
4. Invite the audience to **share their experiences** by responding to key questions during the facilitated discussions



What Is Our Programme?

- 12:30: 'Family Forestry' light lunch, featuring Ramón products
- 13:00: Opening words: Eva Muller (FOE), Francesco Pierri (OPCA), Peter deMarsh (IFFA)
- 13:15-15:15: Session 1 – Importance and role of Family Forestry
- 15:15-15:30: Coffee/tea break
- 15:30-17:30: Session 2 – An enabling environment in support of Family Forestry
- 17:30-17:45: Wrap-up – IFFA and FFF



Session 1: Importance & Role of FF

Each speaker will talk (5 minutes maximum) on the importance of one of the following **key principles** of Family Forestry:

- **Liberia: *Robert Bimba***, Managing Director, Farmers Union Network Liberia (FUN) – **family farming and forestry linkages**; ***Ethel Wion***, Gender Officer, FUN – **family farming-forestry linkages, especially for women**
- **Nepal: *Apsara Chapagain***, Chairperson, FECOFUN – **secure land tenure**
- **The Gambia: *Alagie Basse Mboge***, President, National Farmers' Platform of The Gambia (NFPG) – **freedom to form associations**
- **Guatemala: *Grecia Magdalena López Peralta***, Representative, Ramón Women Producer Group – **fair market access**
- **Mexico: *Manuel Garcia***, Managing Director, CONOSIL – **access to extension and other support services**



Liberia: Farm – Forestry Linkages



Nepal : Forest Landscape



Gambia: freedom of association



Guatemala: Ramón collector



Mexico: supporting family forest producers



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- Each speaker may elaborate (5 min max) on one of the key principles highlighted by the other speakers



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Facilitated audience discussion: Participants may respond (3 min. max) to these key questions:

- 1) Why is it important to **strengthen** the understanding and support for the **connections** between family forests and family farms?
- 2) What are some of the **innovations** in connecting family forest and farm producers to **markets**?
- 3) How can Producer Organizations **balance** the need to do advocacy with the need to improve services to their members?



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4) What are key steps that can be taken to help **secure tenure** for family forest and community forests?

5) How can we help ensure that **women farmers** are able to fully participate in associations, markets and have access to services?



Session 1: Importance & Role of FF

- The speakers may briefly comment on the responses from the audience



Session 2: Enabling Environment for FF

Each **country team** will address the questions below; civil society and government participants are invited to exchange their views (15 minutes/country team):

- How would you describe the **working relationship** between the forest producer organization and the government in your country? How did you arrive at the relationship that you have today?
- What **benefits** would you say are flowing from this relationship? Are there particular **processes or policies** that are helping to facilitate this relationship? What is **working well**, and what accounts for this success?
- What **challenges** do you anticipate in the future?

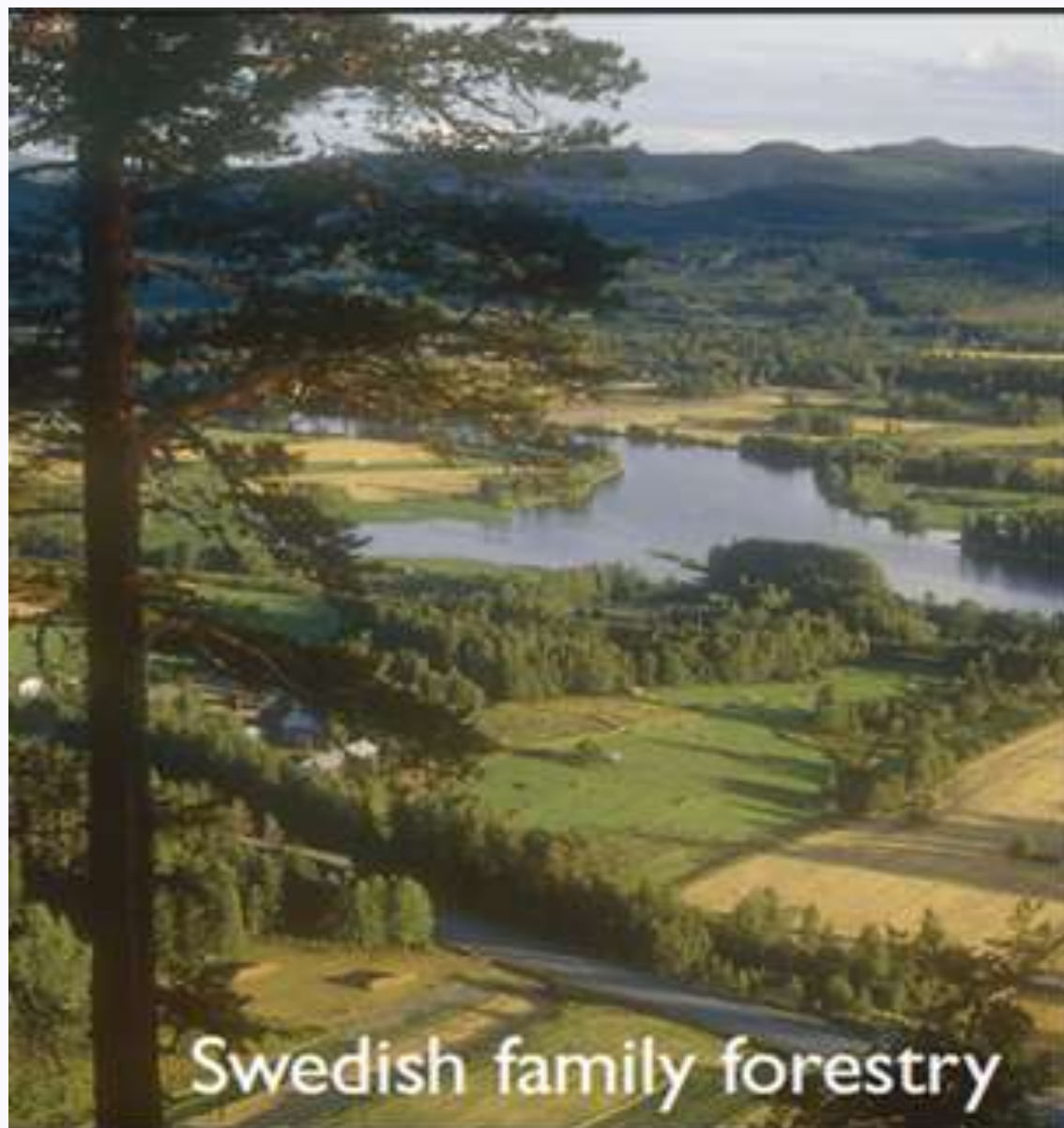


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Country teams (government / civil society):

- **Sweden:** ***Bjorn Merzell***, Swedish Forest Agency / ***Lennart Ackzell***, Senior Advisor for International Affairs, Federation of Swedish Family Forest Owners (LRF) and Vice-Chair, IFFA
- **Guatemala:** ***Amauri Molina Alvarez***, Assistant Director, National Institute of Forests (INAB) / ***Marcedonio Curtave***, Director, ACOFOP, founder and executive member of national and regional alliances
- **Kenya:** ***Patrick M. Kariuki***, Deputy Director of Extension, Kenyan Forest Service / ***Geoffrey Wanyama***, Executive Representative, Family Forest National Federation
- **Myanmar:** ***Tint Swe***, Director, Forest Department, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry (MOECAF) / ***U Win Pen***, Chairman of Ale Chaung Village Community and ***Aung Thant Zin***, Myanmar Environmental Resources Network





Swedish family forestry



Swedish family forestry



Guatemala: farmers planting trees



Guatemala: firewood collection



Kenya – South Coast Forest Owners



Kenya :



Myanmar: community meeting



Myanmar: cross sectoral stakeholder workshop



Session 2: Enabling Environment for FF

***Facilitated audience discussion:** Participants may respond (3 min max) to these key questions:*

- 1) What is needed for forest and forest-and-farm POs to engage in a **constructive process** with government?
- 2) What are some of the most **practical steps** countries can take in the short-term **to improve the enabling environment**?
- 3) Can you give us an illustrative **example** of some **benefits** when there is a good enabling environment for POs?



Session 2: Enabling Environment for FF

- The speakers may briefly comment on the responses from the audience



Session 2: Wrap-up

- Final comments and responses from IFFA and FFF



Thank you very much for your active participation and valuable contributions!!

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