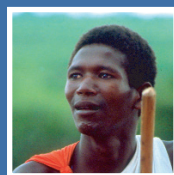




Through capacity development and knowledge sharing, the Facility helps countries...

- integrate sustainable forest management into poverty reduction strategies and broad intersectoral processes;
- develop consensus on how to address issues relevant to forests at the national level;
- translate commitments made at the international level into national forest policy and planning...

for dynamic national forest programmes.

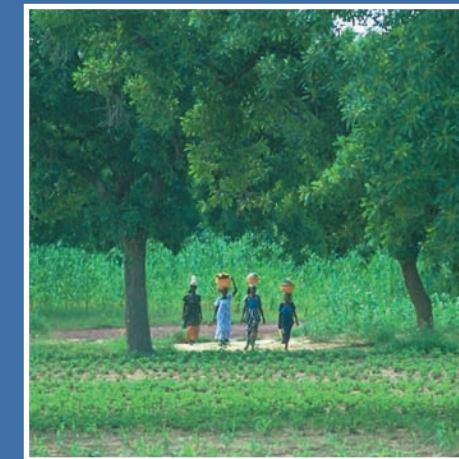
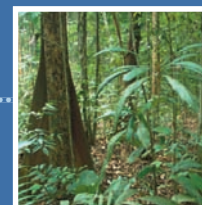
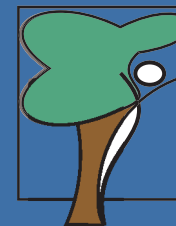


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An innovative partnership
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Origin and organization

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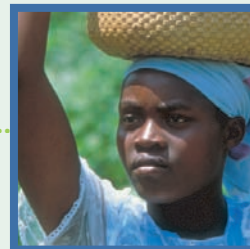
National forest programmes play an essential role in addressing forestry sector issues. This role has been recognized by resolutions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests and the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests and has been confirmed by the United Nations Forum on Forests.

The establishment of the National Forest Programme Facility by a number of international partners and FAO is a direct response to these resolutions.

The Facility is hosted by FAO and guided by a Donor Support Group and a Steering Committee which includes representatives of funding partners, beneficiary countries, FAO, the World Bank, research institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), foundations and the private sector.

Main beneficiaries

- Stakeholders actively participating in national forest programme processes such as national and local government agencies, other institutions, NGOs and community-based organizations
- People involved in forest programmes worldwide
- International funding partners and investors with an interest in the forestry sector and in the development of effective national forest programme processes



Country support

The Facility focuses especially on knowledge sharing and capacity development to ensure the informed participation of a broad range of stakeholders in national forest programme processes.

Under three-year partnership agreements with countries, the Facility provides financial support to stakeholders through countrywide calls for proposals.

Catalytic funding to these stakeholders supports activities such as workshops, fora and in-country training, policy analysis, and information and knowledge management systems.

Information services

The Facility is developing information services to facilitate the exchange of knowledge relevant to national forest programme processes worldwide:

- Web sites providing an overview of national forest programmes and more specific country information
- Information exchange through workshops, communities of practice and consultations
- CD-ROMs and printed outputs

