

(DAY 2) Working Group Discussion: Strategizing to Influence National REDD+ Processes and Build Regional Alliances



1. What are the key drivers of deforestation and forest degradation from your (CSO/IP) perspective?

Key Drivers:

- Illegal logging
- Agricultural expansion: Industrial (including trees, oil palm...) and small holder
- Unplanned development
- Fire
- Extraction of mineral resources
- Fuel collection (firewood)
- Hydro power
- Infrastructure
- Poor timber harvesting procedures
- Poor development procedure, e.g. infrastructure, road expansion, electricity...
- Over-exploitation of NTFP

Underlying:

- Corruption
- Weak law enforcement
- Including demand – move to market economy
- Conflicting sectoral policies
- Unclear tenure
- Lack of recognition of rights
- Legal loopholes
- Lack of respect for rule of law
- Conflict
- Access to energy – energy policy
- Lack of awareness of forest values
- Uneven relationship with the government



2. What potential policies and measures can or should be addressed?

- Develop better land policy, including tenure issues...
- Government policy coordination
- Create space for dialogue
- Forest policy recognizing customary policy, Traditional knowledge, Empowerment...
- FLEGT (Forest Law Environment Governance Trade)
- EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment), (independent) – SIA/HRIA (SESA) and other assessments
- Institutionalize FPIC
- Private sector engagement
- Evidence Based Policy – including Joint Research, Non-governmental Policy Analysis
- Right to Information Law
- NGO/IP organizing to publish (monitoring)
- More social research
- Grievance mechanism
- Whistleblower protection
- Forest certification
- **Training/capacity building:**
 - IPs, esp. Women and Youth
 - Forest law enforcement agencies
 - Judiciary
 - Government departments (outside/inside forest agency)



3. How will you organise yourselves to engage more strategically with the government counterparts, specifically, and in the national REDD+ processes, generally?

All can be at regional and local levels:

- Identify representatives to engage
 - Self-organization
 - E.g. IP Assembly in Sri Lanka
- Consider Joint Forum with CSOs
- Establish communications channels to grassroots, e.g. Radio
- UN-REDD IP Engagement can help
- Regional Exchanges
- Identify “Champions” in the government and IP Representative
- Capture and communicate lessons learned and good practices by IPs
- Agents of Change Team
- Media sensitization
- Promote women’s involvement in decision making
- Engagement with different government/ministries (outside the forest government/sector)
- Build alliance, e.g. TI, media...
- **Monitoring:**
 - UNCAC
 - Cancun Safeguards
 - Right to information (B & D)
 - Indicators (PGA process)



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