Quick summary of

Workshop to share experiences on National Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD+

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Workshop objectives achieved
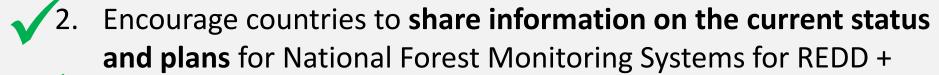
1. **Inform countries on the UN-REDD document** *"National Forest Monitoring Systems: Monitoring and Measurement, Reporting and Verification (M & MRV) in the context of REDD + activities".*

2. Encourage countries to **share information on the current status and plans** for National Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD +

3. **Share experiences and lessons learned** from doing NFMS

4. Identify **gaps in skills** and the **main needs of each country in NFMS for REDD+**, exploring opportunities for regional support and training where common needs are identified

Outline of the workshop

Day 1: Introductions and presentations on NFMS for REDD+ MRV, + regional overviews from Central and southern Latin America

Day 2: 3 sub-groups :

1) National Forest Inventories

2) Monitoring forests using satellite images

3) Collection of other information in NFI's including socio-economic and biodiversity data, consultation and safeguards

Day 3: Field trip to see forest inventory plots in Amazon forest

Day 4: Experience of other projects in REDD+ , and M&MRV

- Identification of capacity building needs / priorities for NFMS for REDD +

What worked well

- The agenda worked well with intro day then break-out sub groups to discuss technical work

- Model can adapt to suit other regions needs

- Technical discussions good, could be more detailed and engage countries better in future

- Communication: Francisco Ortiz taking notes, photos, interviews, Denise support (thanks)

- Evaluations were very positive overall

Outcomes from the workshop?

- Outputs
  - A report on the workshop, including notes on issues requiring further work to develop countries NFMS capacity

- Outcomes?
  - Improved knowledge, skills and networks on NFMS for REDD+
  - Will help countries UN-REDD and other agencies plan work

- Sessions summarising country needs can help plan future work

- Look forward to your input on future workshops

63 Participants, from 11 countries (not all shown here), thanks to all for input!

Some formal presentations, lots of active working groups: