Stream 5. Inclusive governance for sustainable landscapes: Participatory processes in landscape governance and mgmt

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Key messages

(1) Change is more likely when strategic goals drive the tactics (tools)

• Building transparency, participation and accountability – key constituents of accountable governance – is not a linear process but rather iterative and reciprocal.
(2) Insider and outsider perspectives and strategies may differ.
• What is legitimate to one may not be to the other; the indicators of success may be different.
• Enhancing participation in landscape governance needs to consider both insiders’ and outsiders’ engagement.

(3) Multi-stakeholder forums can be useful, provided they address historically-rooted power imbalances both inside and outside the room.
• As means to an end, they may be one of several tactics that constitute a larger change strategy.

(4) Both quantity and quality of participation are important in landscape governance processes.
• Just as there are degrees of participation, we might also consider degrees of accountability.
• Research, the development of indicators and independent monitoring should consider different perspectives as well as what authorities are actually doing, not just what people think might work.
• Independent monitoring is crucial for knowing if power holders are doing what they say they’re doing.

(5) Strategies for change are complex and multi-level, enable collective action and institutional capacity, and build the countervailing power of under-represented groups.
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Session 2a: Land and Forest Tenure: Implications for Sustainable Management and Inclusion

Chair: Marlène Elias

• What are effective mechanisms for securing the tenure rights of marginalized groups?

• How does the formalization of land rights influence the achievement of multiple economic, social, environmental outcomes?

Session 2b: Landscape and jurisdictional approaches for governance and sustainability

Chair: Peter Minang

• What principles, criteria and indicators can help guide and monitor effectiveness and equity in landscape and jurisdictional approaches?

• What mechanisms can support synergies and reconcile the priorities and objectives of diverse stakeholders in complex socio-ecological systems?