

FINAL EVENT

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RESEARCH
PROGRAM ON
Forests, Trees and
Agroforestry

10 YEARS OF FTA RESEARCH
FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

Sustainable Value Chains, Finance and Investment in Forestry and Tree Commodities

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Three core thematic areas of research

1. Public, private or hybrid **institutional arrangements** that enhance the adoption of sustainability practices and social inclusivity in the value chain
2. **Business models** involving smallholders and SMEs that are economically viable, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable
3. Adoption of **responsible finance** among financial service providers that improves sustainability and support smallholders



Scaling solutions creates new challenges

Development of certification systems and sustainability standards for several agro-commodities

But, later studies showed:

- Restrictions for smallholders
- Are sustainable and inclusive value chains as inclusive as they seem?
- Investors influence direction of changes (scale, profit and risk)



Searching for inclusive scaling

Influence policy dialogue through new, neutral and credible knowledge

- Role of smallholder producers in value chains
- Role of gender in specific value chains (shea, oil palm, cacao)
- Importance of multilevel governance to ensure that international value chains and finance contribute to sustainable landscapes



Research for impact

Supporting policy dialogue

- FLEGT –national wood markets and informal smallholders
- FSC – impacts of certification, quality of assessments and alternative standards for SMEs and communities
- RSPO – learning from impacts (on gender, peatland) to improve performance



Conclusions/Key messages

- Research as a process, in response to and engaging with a broader array of multistakeholder platforms at different levels
- Co-design and deliver evidence-based solutions that address supply chain and investment constraints
- Requires a system approach

