

UNFF4 SIDE-EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

COUNTRY-LED INITIATIVE ON DECENTRALIZATION, FEDERAL SYSTEMS IN FORESTRY AND NATIONAL FOREST PROGRAMS: WORKSHOP REPORT

Tuesday, 4 May 2004, 1:15 – 2.45 PM, Room 22

Decentralization, in various forms, is occurring around the world. An estimated 60 countries are now undergoing decentralization processes. As a major driving force of policy and economic change, it has significant impacts on most sectors of a country. The Interlaken Workshop was organized to examine the impacts that decentralization is having on sustainable forest management, and how it is affecting equity and efficiency in forest management around the world. The workshop sought to draw upon countries' experiences to understand better how sustainable forest management can be furthered by and can contribute to effective decentralization. This side event presents the workshop's highlights, major conclusions and proposals for action.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening remarks by S.E.M. Wahjudi Wardojo, Secretary General, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia
2. Workshop Overview by Christian Küchli, Swiss Agency for Environment, Forests and Landscape, Switzerland
3. Participants perspective on workshop highlights
4. Communities views on decentralization, by Arvind Khare
5. Conclusions and Proposals for consideration, by Jürgen Blaser on behalf of CIFOR and Intercooperation
6. Discussion on the possible synergies between countries

Lunch will be served at end of the side-event.

