Overview of Workshop
Objectives, Expected Outcomes and Programme

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This workshop is:

☐ A country-led initiative in support of UNFF

☐ Part of a series of global and regional workshops on forest governance and decentralization

☐ An effort to bring diverse perspectives and constituencies to jointly take stock and identify lessons and necessary action
Workshop Objectives: -1

- 1. Distill and share lessons learned from experiences with decentralization and forest governance reforms in Africa

- 2. Facilitate shared understanding of
  - key trends and issues,
  - General lessons,
  - workable approaches
3. Strengthen cooperation and enhance partnerships among countries and key stakeholders in addressing common challenges

4. Recommend approaches for strengthening policies, institutions and practices of decentralized forest governance
Expected Outcomes - 1

- Common understanding of concepts, patterns of decentralization implementation in Africa
- Identified opportunities for coordinated policy responses, capacity building and implementation of best practices
- Identified instruments for improved decentralization to the local level
- Identified strategies for overcoming constraints to effective decentralization and sustainable management at different levels
Expected Outcomes - 2

- Contribute to UNFF process-related outcomes:
  - Regionalization of UNFF in Africa
  - Provide ideas to UNFF and widely disseminate workshop results
Workshop Design

Presentations, panel discussions, working groups and field visits on three themes:

- I. Decentralized Forest Management and Livelihoods
- II. Conservation, Sustainable Forest Management and Forest Governance
- III. International Trade, Finance and Forest Sector Governance Reform
I. Decentralized Forest Management and Livelihoods
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- Democratic decentralization – from theory to practice
- Institutional infrastructure for decision-making, revenue and benefit sharing
- Tenure, dynamics of rights and power transfer
- Empirical evidence of livelihood impacts or lack thereof
II. Conservation, Sustainable Forest Management and Forest Governance
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- Decentralization and conservation paradigms – opposing tendencies
- Challenges to sustainable management under uncertainty and instability
- Conservation and livelihoods outcomes at local level
- Gender equity, inclusion and power
III. International Trade, Finance and Forest Sector Governance Reform
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- Evolving patterns of forest trade and investment
- Reforming governance through voluntary, market based instruments and supra-national initiatives
- Transfer payments and compensation schemes
- Governance implications of market integration of forest communities
Programme Overview

- **Day 1**
  - Opening and Setting the Stage
  - Theme 1 keynote, parallel sessions, synthesis
  - Theme 2 keynote

- **Day 2**
  - Theme 2 parallel sessions and synthesis
  - Theme 3 keynote, parallel sessions, synthesis
  - Group discussions and presentations by theme

- **Day 3**
  - Field trips

- **Day 4**
  - Group reflections in light of field visits, by theme
  - Finalization of Workshop recommendations, in plenary