Call for success stories on Community-Based Forestry

Context

Over the past 40 years, several countries in the world have adopted different models of community-based forestry (CBF). Community-based forestry (CBF) includes “initiatives, sciences, policies, institutions and processes that are intended to increase the role of local people in governing and managing forest resources”. In practice, CBF is used as an umbrella term that describes a spectrum of regimes that includes participatory conservation, joint forest management, community forestry with limited devolution, community forestry with full devolution and private forestry.

In 2016, FAO undertook a global review of CBF. The review confirmed that CBF remain a potent vehicle to protect and enhance natural capital, build social/institutional, human and financial capital. It concluded that CBF often does not achieve its potential. Despite this, there are numerous noteworthy community-based forestry initiatives that can serve as excellent models for current and future projects.

Objective

The main objective of this call for abstract is to identify CBF success stories for the preparation of a synthesis report which will provide evidence of CBF effects on forest condition and local livelihoods, including their positive externalities; make recommendations on how to learn from the successes in addressing emerging issues, such as forest restoration, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and for policy reforms and normative work.

Content

The proposed abstract should describe the success story in terms of CBF effects on forest condition and local livelihoods, and the key factors that contributed to the described success. The factors may be one or a combination of the following: innovations in legal reforms, institutional arrangements, forest producer organization, governance models, inclusivity with respect to the impoverished, gender, youth, and other vulnerable groups, use of technology for enhancing collective action or monitoring impact, advancing landscape level socio-economic impacts etc.

The abstract should be written to portray the outline of the paper and should include but not limited to:

- a catchy title,
- an Introduction describing the context and major challenge
- the body should include what actions were taken, and the result, what changed for the community, what was learned in the process, powerful statistics or numbers that show/capture change over a period including beneficiary quotes
Geographic focus

Even though the initiative focuses on Africa, Asia and Latin America, we will also welcome success stories from Europe, Near East and North America.

How to apply and process of developing the success stories

Abstracts should be between 800-1000 words max and should be sent via email to a.awono@cgiar.org and f.munoh@cgiar.org

The authors of selected stories will be invited to write and publish the full story in about 3000-4000 words max and will be offered a support of up to USD 1000 to enable them collect additional information and meet up with other supplies to develop the story. FAO and CIFOR-ICRAF will technically assist the authors of selected abstracts to write and publish the success stories.

Language: The accepted languages are English, French and Spanish

The tentative timeline for the project is as follows.

- **December 7, 2021.** Launch of call for success
- **January 7, 2022.** Deadline for abstract submission
- **29 Jan -11 March 2022.** Preparation of full success stories: and submission of first draft
- **11 March- 04 May 2022.** Authors receive feedback on first draft
- **20th May 2022.** Authors submit their final chapters
- **31st July 2022.** Deadline for Book to be edited, formatted and published

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