

## Participation: Political Rhetoric or Real Necessity

21 October 2009, 12.45 - 14.15 Jacaranda Room, Yellow Pavilion

## Background

The NFP Facility has been created in 2002 as a response to intergovernmental dialogue and resolutions on forests, which have recognized the essential role of national forest programmes (nfps) in addressing forest sector issues.

The NFP Facility stimulates participation in the nfp processes in more than 70 partner countries by providing grants directly to stakeholders to implement activities planned by their nfp. The allocation of grants is based on a competitive and transparent process led by the national multi stakeholders steering committee to call and select proposals by stakeholders.

In addition the NFP Facility offers information services to its partners including some training workshops on nfps, conflict management, national forest financing strategies and participation.

## **Objectives**

The general objective of the side event is to share good cases of participatory processes and to explore how stakeholders (such as civil society organisations, ngos, cbos and national institutions and associations) have contributed to the success (or failure) of nfp processes.

Country experiences of stakeholder involvement from Sudan, Uganda, Uzbekistan, El Salvador, Paraguay, the Philippines and Cambodia will be shared.

Concrete actions and reflections to enhance stakeholder participation in nfp processes will be discussed.

## For more information

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"Nfp's for All" - Training workshop on participation:
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