



Implementing Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management

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CI-SFM Recommendations Enhancing C&I implementation

At national and sub-national level

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the pan-European set of C&I

- Has served as a **framework** for dialogue and communication
- Has served as an **adequate tool** for monitoring and reporting on sustainable forest management
- Has **made limited contribution** to assessing progress towards sustainable forest management
- Has **facilitated** the development and adaptation of national policy instruments
- Has **only generated limited** information of intersectoral relevance



Review implementation at the national and sub-national level

- **Constructing** a national/sub-national C&I set, based on the pan-European C&I set, if they do not already have such a set
- **Preparing** a national/sub-national report on the state of forests, if they have not already done so, or repeat an earlier reporting exercise
- **Using the concepts** underlying the C&I set, and the data collected in accordance with it, more intensively to inform policy and policy instruments
- **Structuring** national forest resources assessments around the C&I set
- **Exchanging** experience in the use of C&I between stakeholders



Promote smart use of criteria and indicators

- **Streamlining** collection of data connected to C&I with collection of standard management information
- **Linking information collection**, distribution and analysis at the Forest Management Unit (FMU), sub-national, national and international levels
- **Collecting only** the information **required** for use by managers and policy makers
- **Focusing improvement** efforts on areas where there are major gaps or inadequacies
- **Integrating** international needs into national, sub-national and FMU level data collection systems
- Using **data originating outside** the forest sector, e.g. national labor force and economic statistics



Develop capacity in the field of criteria and indicators

- Many countries do not have the **necessary capacity** to implement C&I, in the comprehensive way described by this project
- A set of **workshops**, could be organized in regions where countries have experienced difficulties in implementing C&I
- These should, take place **before the start of any revision** of the pan-European C&I set
- Ensure that countries concerned can make a **full contribution** to the revision process and find their specific circumstances fully taken into account at the pan-European level



Develop or enhance the use of criteria and indicators at the sub-national level

- C&I sets are used at the sub-national level, in countries where forest policy responsibility is at that level
- An effort should be made to share this experience and widen knowledge of the use of C&I at a sub-national level



Use criteria and indicators indirectly to improve practice at the forest management unit (FMU) level

- The Pan-European Operational Level Guidelines for sustainable forest management (PEOLG) are **based** on the pan-European C&I set
- The PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification), is explicitly based on the PEOLG (therefore indirectly inspired by the pan-European C&I set)
- Many countries and experts consider that the pan European C&I set is having a **major indirect impact** on forest management practice
- When revising the C&I set, stakeholders should take this **indirect influence** of the pan-European set into account



Discussion

- Please review these recommendations and propose changes and additions
- Thank you