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Content

- Background to review process
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- Progress – Convenor's view
- Outline of work for week

Why Criteria and Indicators?

- Need for a common framework for sustainable forest management
- Critical need to address forest in their broadest context—social, economic biologic and physical
- Significant lack of reliable information about the trends and conditions of lands and uses
- Lack of common terms and definitions in forestry
- Difficulty to assess impacts of changes in policies

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- ## The role of an indicator is:
  - ▸ to monitor performance (over time and across cases)
  - ▸ to quantify (reduce uncertainty) and,
  - ▸ to simplify (reduce complexity).
- ## "Indicators fulfill the social purpose to improve communication" (WRI 1995)
- ## Depending on the audience, indicators should:
  - ▸ describe and diagnose trends of states and developments, and identify limiting factors
  - ▸ educate the general public,
  - ▸ help prepare political decisions and,
  - ▸ contribute to evaluating measures that have been undertaken

Vision for the outcome of the indicator review

A clear, well defined, and focused set of indicators that is relevant to each country's stakeholder desires and needs, does not necessarily depend on data availability, is equitably distributed across the social, economic, and environmental pillars of sustainability, is broadly recognised as a tool to describe progress towards sustainable forest management, and which allows all Montréal Process member countries to participate according to their capacity in implementation.

Indicators that have been reviewed through a unified approach, cross-referencing with other C&I processes and local, national and international implementation initiatives, resulting in the identification of common elements and gaps, a better understanding of SFM and C&I, and leading to improved co-operation and harmonisation between domestic stakeholders and international processes.

Progress

- Development of indicator review plan – Argentina
- First indicator review meeting – Russia
- Second indicator review meeting – Chile
  - Draft revised indicator set for WG
- 17th Working Group Meeting – Japan
  - Approve C1-6 indicators (with changes)
  - Request further work on C7
  - Request work on technical notes
- Intersessional C7 meeting – USA
  - Draft revised C7 indicators
- *Technical notes meeting – China*
  - *Technical Notes C1-6*
  - *Further discussion C7 draft revised indicators*
- *Working Group – Argentina*
  - *Present technical notes C1-6*
  - *Present draft revised C7 indicators and work programme for technical notes*

Convenors view on progress and the work ahead

- Excellent review progress has been made
  - But we are somewhat behind
- Technical notes a very good basis for development
- Key questions
  - What does a good set of notes look like?
    - Who is the audience?
    - Do they reflect the revised indicators
    - Do they suit all member countries
      - i.e. 80:20 rule, international document that can be tailored to be country specific
    - Are they like version 1?
  - How do we best complete the notes?
    - Detailed committee discussion of all text not possible
    - Suggest technical writer involvement
  - Is completion of draft C1-6 feasible by WG 18 (Nov 2007)

Purpose of technical notes

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- To explain and support the indicators
- Common overview and source of information for all countries and other processes
- First point for overview of application of indicators
- Not prescriptive, suggestive
- Not a fully comprehensive 'users manual'
  - ▸ Country specific technical notes will provide more detail (80:20) rule

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Technical notes – key ingredients

- Rationale
  - Clear and concise description of why this indicator is important
  - Short
- Approach to measurement
  - How could indicator be presented
  - Technically correct
  - Technically up to date
  - Reference to good examples
  - Short and simple, lots of references
- Fit to the audience
  - Non science, lay people, policy, scientists?

Proposed Outcomes of the Meeting

- Finalised scope and content of technical notes for C1-6
  - ▸ Key points
  - ▸ Actions needed to complete technical notes
  - ▸ Action plan pre Working Group
- Recommended programme of work for C7
  - ▸ Agreed indicators to present to WG
  - ▸ Work plan to complete technical notes

Proposed work outline 'road map' to 18th Working Group

- **TAC meeting**
  - ▶ Discuss approach and scope of technical notes
    - − Key criteria for a good set of technical notes
  - ▶ Work by criterion
    - − Coordinator
      - ◆ Set scene, identify key areas of work
    - − Country reps
      - ◆ Identify key areas of focus
    - − All
      - ◆ Discuss
      - ◆ Capture key points/information
- **Post TAC meeting**
  - ▶ Writing team - rewrite where needed
  - ▶ All – agree electronically by 30th September

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Agenda

- Tuesday
  - 9:30-10:00 - Opening remarks
  - 10:00-12:00 – background and agreement of programme of work
- Tuesday 14:00-Thursday 17:30
  - C1-6 notes
- Friday
  - 9:00-12:00pm C7
- Friday
  - 14:00-18:00 Summary
- Saturday
  - Field trip

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Sumary of Input to date

- C1 – some suggested revisions
- C2, C3, C5 – no, or minor suggestions
- C4, C6 - substantial suggested revisions
- Introduction – substantial input
- Glossary – one amendment

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