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### **Side-benefits**

The conference provided a forum in which particular interest groups were able to make progress on their own agendas. Some of the outcomes are described below.

#### Brazil

Community and civil-society representatives from across Brazil used the event to meet—for the first time in several years—prior to the conference and to prepare a set of recommendations for the country's Minister of Environment, Marina Silva. Ms Silva later pledged to develop a new policy and program to support community forestry and enterprises and has already organized staff in Brasilia to get it under way. The meeting received plenty of press attention, with journalists asking government officials to explain why tenure and regulations remained such large barriers in Brazil.

#### Africa

About 26 delegates from Africa attended the conference, including Minister Pembe from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the head of that country's forest agency, Sebastien Malele, and Rosalie Matondo from the Forest Department in the Republic of Congo; there were also strong delegations from South Africa and Cameroon. During the conference, African delegates met to assess the implications of the CFE movement for Africa and to prepare their own set of recommendations, including to convene a meeting next year in Africa, a plan to set new targets for community tenure and enterprises for the continent by 2015, and collaboration between South Africa and the rest of the continent to promote CFEs.

African officials and community leaders called for 'substantial support' for the continent in realizing the potential of CFEs. They were struck by the extent to which communities in Asia and the Americas have control of forest lands, and noted in

their statement that the environment for community forest tenure, management and enterprise in Africa is particularly challenging. "Progress is going to require the kind of honesty we haven't seen in a long time," said Kyeretwie Opoku, coordinator of the NGO Civic Response, which works to empower West African community groups on issues relating to mining, water and forestry. "This underlying problem of land ownership plagues all of us. You have to give people a chance to live their own lives, using their own resources."

In their statement, the African participants called on ITTO and its partners to support a meeting in 2008 to further discuss a plan for supporting CFEs, one that would set targets and a date by which such targets would be met. Anicet Minsouma Bodo, an official with the Ministry of Forestry of Cameroon and one of the signatories to the statement, said that the results of the study released at the meeting, and the presentations he had heard regarding successful enterprises in Africa, Asia and the Americas, had inspired him. "Cameroon is putting into place new procedures for dealing with the forest with the participation of communities and civil society," he said. "Now we will take into account the outputs of this conference in this process. Cameroon will do what it can to take the results of this meeting to heart."

#### **Communities**

GACF used the event to strengthen its numbers and organization. It was a co-organizer of the event and co-chaired sessions, powerful signals in themselves. GACF representatives also coordinated the drafting of the Rio Branco Declaration and met after the conference to develop new plans. Overall, the event strengthened the connection of GACF to ITTO and RRI, providing a strong base for collaboration in the future.

#### **ITTO**

ITTO representatives briefed participants on activities relevant to CFEs to be included in the Organization's 2008–2009 Work Program. Relevant activities included:

- additional funding for civil society-private sector partnerships towards SFM and certification, some of which had benefited CFEs under ITTO's 2006–2007 Work Program;
- assistance for poor local/Indigenous communities to develop ITTO project proposals to support SFM in community forests:
- analysis of CFEs in the three tropical regions to understand the range of business models, products, enterprise structure(s), constraints and enabling conditions for community forest management/timber production;
- · assessment of tropical forest tenure at the global level;
- assist market remuneration for environmental services provided by tropical forests; and
- promoting value-added production by small and mediumsized forest enterprises.

Funding of around \$US1 million would be sought for these CFE-related activities.

## Civil Society Advisory Group

Several government participants expressed their support for a much broader role for the Civil Society Advisory Group, a body comprising representatives of civil society that performs an advisory and lobbying function in the International Tropical Timber Council. The governments of Brazil, DRC and Guatemala all recommended that ITTO play a more active role in the development of CFEs and recognize them as private-sector clients, not just social actors living in and around forests.

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