

“Sustainable Wood for a Sustainable World” - Report

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Objectives

1. Raise awareness and build capacity to unlock the full potential of sustainable wood value chains' contributions to the SDGs, in particular poverty eradication, sustainable growth and decent employment, sustainable rural and urban landscapes development, climate neutral economies, and the circular bioeconomy.
2. Promote and share examples of inclusive forest value chains, including their contribution to the bioeconomy and social inclusion.
3. Deliver actionable recommendations and a roadmap to address priorities to strengthen sustainable wood value chains.
4. Catalyze investments in sustainable wood value chains.

The main objective of FAO was to create a base line in each thematic area with inputs of experts from different sectors to develop a roadmap for the next 5-10 years action plan in the Latin America forest sector.



Target Public

- Governmental authorities.
- International organizations and relevant donor country representatives,
- Business leaders from the wood producers and consumers sectors (eg. Construction).
- Producer associations (including Indigenous Peoples and forest communities).
- Financial organizations/investment funds.
- Forest NGOs.
- Research community women's group.
- Youth representatives.
- Other relevant civil society organizations.

Most of the participants were from government, NGOs, research organizations and universities.



Thematic areas

1. The business case for wood from natural forests.
2. Increasing production from planted forests.
3. Wood in the bioeconomy.
4. Governance and policy for sustainable wood for sustainable world.
5. Finance and investments.

I was in charge with Cesar Sabogal for the first thematic area, to introduce and moderate the discussion about this topic.



Methodology

1. Informative sessions.
2. Facilitated group discussions on relevant thematic areas.
3. Presentation and consolidation of group conclusions and discussions to be reported at the IUFRO Latin American Conference, final report circulated to participants for validation, and once finalized, made publicly available on the SW4SW webpage.

For the discussions group all participants were divided by sector and each group had between 30 - 45 minutes to discuss with the facilitators in each thematic area. Facilitators had to take notes from all inputs.



The business case for wood from natural forests – Guiding Questions

1. What are the keys to promote business in the value chain for legal, sustainable and inclusive wood for the communities and smallholders?
2. Which are the capacities that are needed along the sustainable wood value chain in the region to satisfy the demand?
3. What strategies should be implemented for diversification of wood products to match the standard of local and international markets?

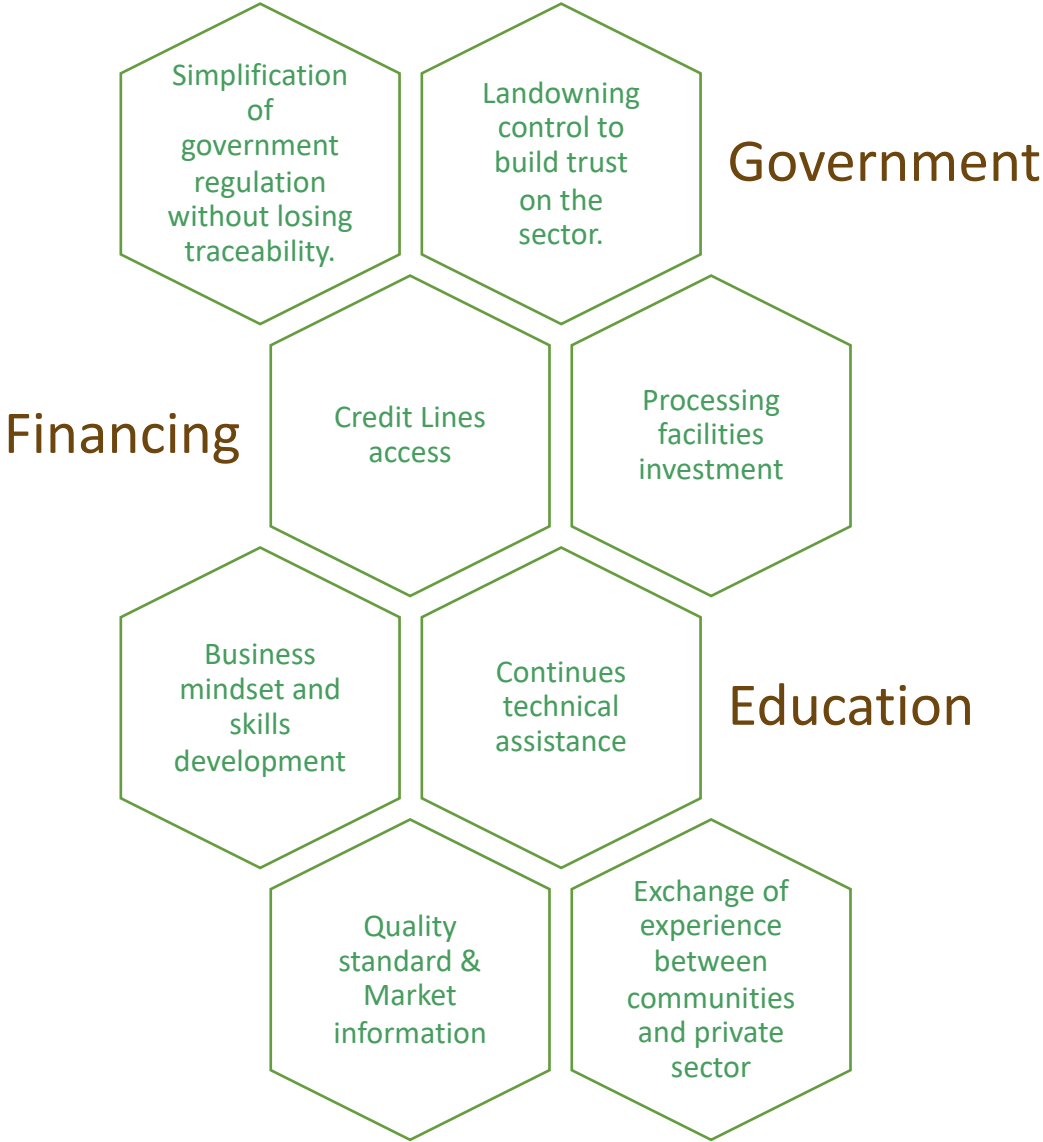
Te questions were prepared with Cesar and FAO staff. A relevant point on discussion is that FAO wanted to focus only in wood (value chain), and in the forest as a whole ecosystem.



The business case for wood from natural forests – Discussions outputs Q1

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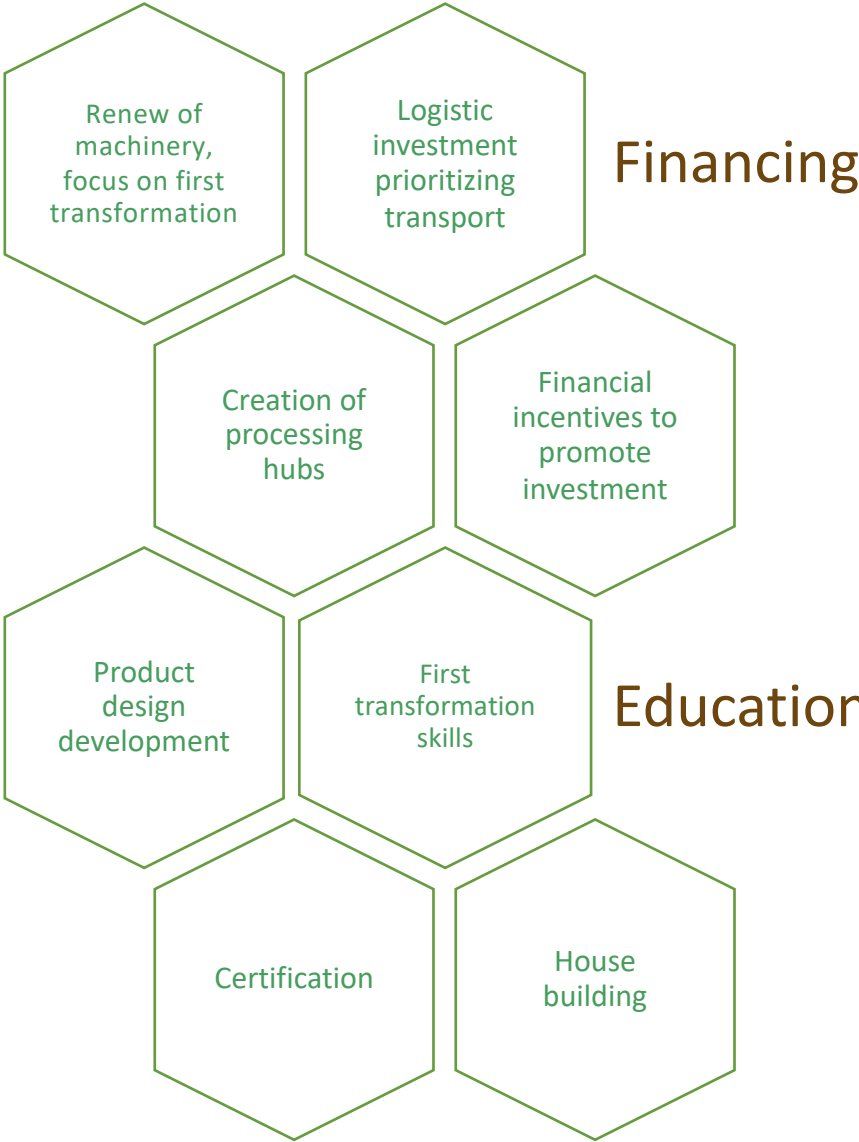
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The business case for wood from natural forests – Discussions outputs Q2

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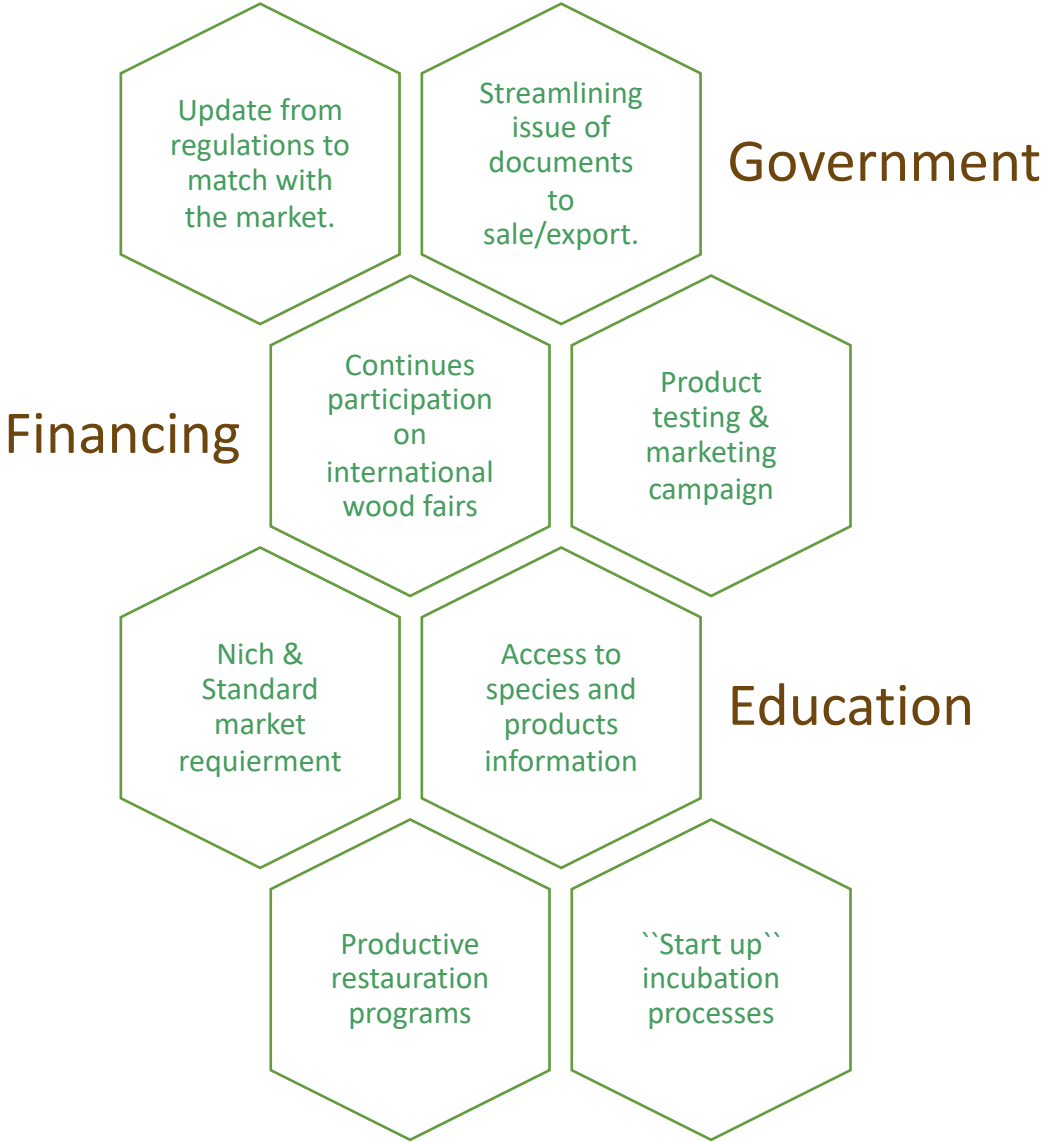
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Conclusion & Relevant Information

The most representative countries participating were Brazil, Perú, Uruguay, Chile and Argentina.

Peru forest director from SERFOR is interested to collaborate with Precious Woods, mainly to train their forest regent.

The ``Laboratorio de productos forestais`` is using some species we have to build their training centers, and are open to collaborate. They will be in Belem, and I can discuss further with them at the end of November.

Besides having the ``baseline`` for roadmap, FAO wanted to use this event for political incidence.

The event worked as a follow up on FAO and Precious Woods partnership.





This platform can be used as potential *opening doors* for ATIBT in the region.

Brazil has 500 millions hectares of forest, but 96% of local industry consumption comes only from 10 millions hectares of plantation.

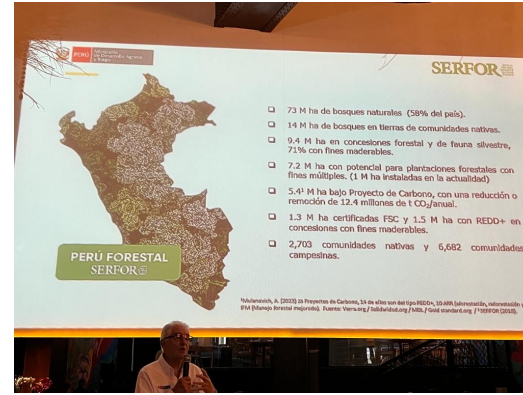
Perú has 73 millions of natural forests, that represents 53% of the country area. From which 14 million are under a community structure, and 9.4 million hectare are under concession. From all this forests, only 1.3 million hectares are FSC certified.

As a ``success case`` on the event was presented a big industry from Uruguay but from plantations. This is something we should have more incidence on future events like this, presenting natural forest cases.

Annexes

Invitation	Agenda	Concept Note	Guidance for facilitators
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Pictures



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