

Workshop in Oslo, October 19-20, 2015

Policies and Programmes which encourage increased production of timber from family forests and small producers: A comparison of experience from Canada, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Germany

Hosted by Norges Skogeierforbund, the Norwegian Forest Owners Federation, in collaboration with IFFA and the Forest and Farm Facility.

Workshop programme

Oct 20

09h00 - 09h30 Welcome and brief introduction (Norwegian chair and IFFA chair)

9h30 – 11h00 **Detailed introductions from participants** (10-12 minutes, each association)

11h00- 11h15 Short break

11h15 – 12h00 Introductions cont'd

12h00 -12h30 Setting the overall scene: general introduction to the three discussion topics

12h30 – 13h45 Lunch break

13h45 – 15h00 **Topic 1** Presentations: four- five national reports (12 +/- min each) + discussion

15h00 - 15h15 Short break

15h15 – 17h45 Topic 1 cont'd

Evening: informal exchanges

Oct 21

09h00 – 11h00 **Topic 2**

11h00 – 11h15 Short break

11h15 – 13h15 **Topic 3**

13h15 – 14h15 Lunch break

14h15 – 15h00 Open discussion: other relevant topics

15h00 – 16h00 Conclusions: What have we learned? How can we use it? Is there value in continued sharing of national experience? How could a workshop like this

be improved, how might it be better designed to be more effective?
Followup?

Outline of discussion topics.

Detailed introductions from participants

- Who are the family forest owners in your country?
- What is the history and structure of your local, regional and national associations?
- What role does the association play, what needs does it attempt to meet?
- What are your main current challenges?
- Is there potential to increase timber production from family forests in your country? Who sees this as important: industry? Governments? Family forest owners themselves?

Topic 1.

Income and property tax policies and other financial incentive policies and programmes

- (i) Income tax policy – how are revenues from sale of timber treated?
 - How are forest management expenses treated?
 - Are there other aspects of income tax policy that encourage or discourage timber production?
 - Overall, is the policy in your country favourable or not? How might it be improved?
- (ii) Property tax policies – how do they affect timber production? Is there potential for improvement?
- (iii) Other taxes – affect on timber production/potential for improvement
- (iv) Other types of financial incentive programmes – affect on timber production/potential for improvement

Topic 2.

Producer associations: services which support market access and value added production

- (i) Do your associations at the local/regional or national levels provide services which are specifically intended to improve access by owners to markets?
- (ii) Is support provided for adding value as a marketing tool?
- (iii) How effective are these programmes and how might they be improved? What are the limits on what owners through our associations can do for ourselves?

Topic 3.

Extension services, and other government and association services and programmes as tools to **encourage** small producers, including **young owners, urban owners, female owners**, to become involved in management of their forests and in their association.

- (i) What are the trends of involvement by young, urban and female owners in timber production?
- (ii) What extension, education, and training programmes are available? Who provides them? Do they attempt to target these groups of owners? How effective are they? How could they be improved?
- (iii) Are there other programmes in place which attempt to influence these trends?