Five “thrust” areas to catalyze private sector investment in sustainable forestry

Forestry investors, bankers, project developers, technical service providers and development partners gathered in Solsona, Spain, in April for an expert workshop with an important brief: how to promote investment in sustainable forestry by reducing the risks for private sector investors.

The two-and-a-half day event was characterized by intense discussions and a review of various case studies. By the end of the workshop, the experts had identified five “thrust” areas that should lead to substantial progress in promoting private sector forestry investment.

The five “thrust” areas include:

- addressing fragmentation and building integrated value chains;
- bridging knowledge and communication gaps;
- developing a good pipeline of bankable projects;
- strengthening the enabling environment; and
- establishing a community of practice.

In her closing remarks, Meritxell Serret, Hon. Regional Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, of the Regional Government of Catalonia, stressed the importance of stepping up investments in forests in
the context of climate change and to meet the expectations of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Read more:

The following documentation prepared for the “Expert workshop on financial and institutional innovation for reducing the risks of private sector investments in sustainable forestry”, held at the Centre Tecnològic Forestal de Catalunya, Solsona, Spain, from 21–22 April 2016, can be viewed at this Forest Finance webpage:

- Final agenda
- Background document *Enhancing private sector investments in forestry: financial and institutional strategies for risk mitigation and management*
- Concept note *Promoting private sector investments in sustainable forestry: initiative on financial and institutional risk mitigation and management strategies*
- Workshop information note
- Draft roadmap: Financial and institutional innovation for reducing the risks of private sector investments in sustainable forestry: future “thrust areas” for future action
- Expert workshop presentations
- Group photo
Also visit the FAO Forestry Forest Finance and Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism websites.

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