

# The Forests Dialogue (TFD) Dialogue on REDD Readiness - Ghana

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## Initiative Sponsors

- Norad
- IUCN
- WBCSD

## Local Support

- IUCN Ghana
- Government of  
Ghana – Forestry  
Commission



# Welcome

Meeting Co-Chairs

- **Emelia Arthur**
- **Stewart Maginnis**
- **James Mayers**



## Founding

- Civil Society and Private Sector Leaders

## Mission

- MSD platform for leaders to pursue SFM, build trust, share learning and seek collaboration

## Structure

- Steering Committee
- Secretariat



# TFD Initiatives

## Priority SFM Issues

- Forests and Climate
- Investing in Locally Controlled Forestry
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent
- Forests & Poverty Reduction and Rural Livelihoods
- Intensively Managed Planted Forests
- Illegal Logging and Forest Governance
- Forests and Biodiversity Conservation
- Forest Certification



# TFD's M.O.

(modus operandi)

## TFD's Mission

“To address significant obstacles to sustainable forest management through a constructive dialogue process among all key stakeholders.

TFD's approach is based on mutual trust, enhanced understanding and commitment to change.

Our dialogues are designed to build relationships and to spur collaborative action on the highest priority issues facing the world's forests”



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TFD operates under the  
Chatham House Rule

*"Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed".*



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## Spirit of Participation

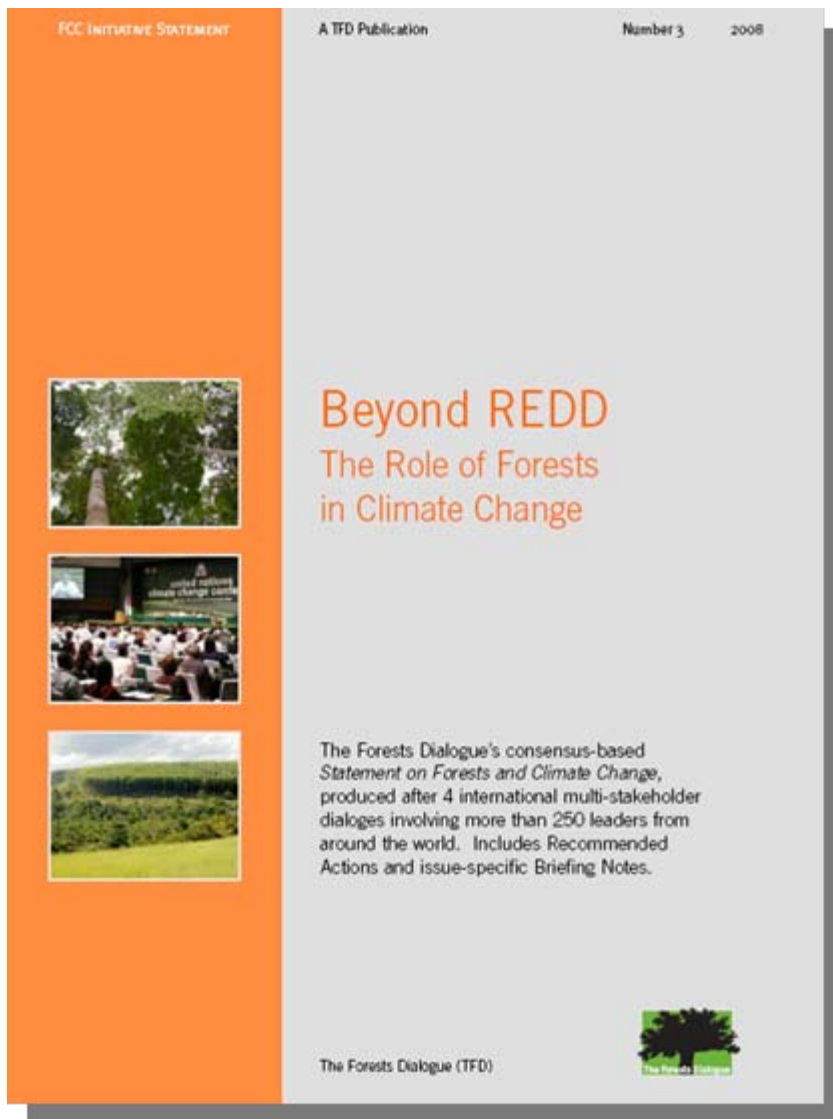
- Active Listening
- Constructive, solution oriented Interventions
- Participate as individual
- Help define and own the outcomes





## TFD's FCC 2008

- 4 Dialogues
  - Bali (12.07)
  - DC (4.08)
  - Gland (7.08)
  - Global Forest Leaders Forum, DC (9.08)
- 275 Leaders
- Consensus Statement “Beyond REDD”
- 5 Guiding Principles



# TFD Statement

“Consensus on forests is rare. When it is achieved, the world should listen. When it offers a solution to climate change, the world *must* listen.”

- Launched October 2008
- Contents
  - Executive Summary
  - Guiding Principles
  - Indicative Actions
  - Briefing Notes



# TFD's REDD 2009

## REDD-plus Finance and Implementation

- 3 Dialogues
  - NYC (UNFF) – 4.09
  - Montreux – 6.09
  - Gland - 8.09
  - London Workshop - 9.09
- 100 Leaders
- Consensus Recommendations
- Launched 10.09

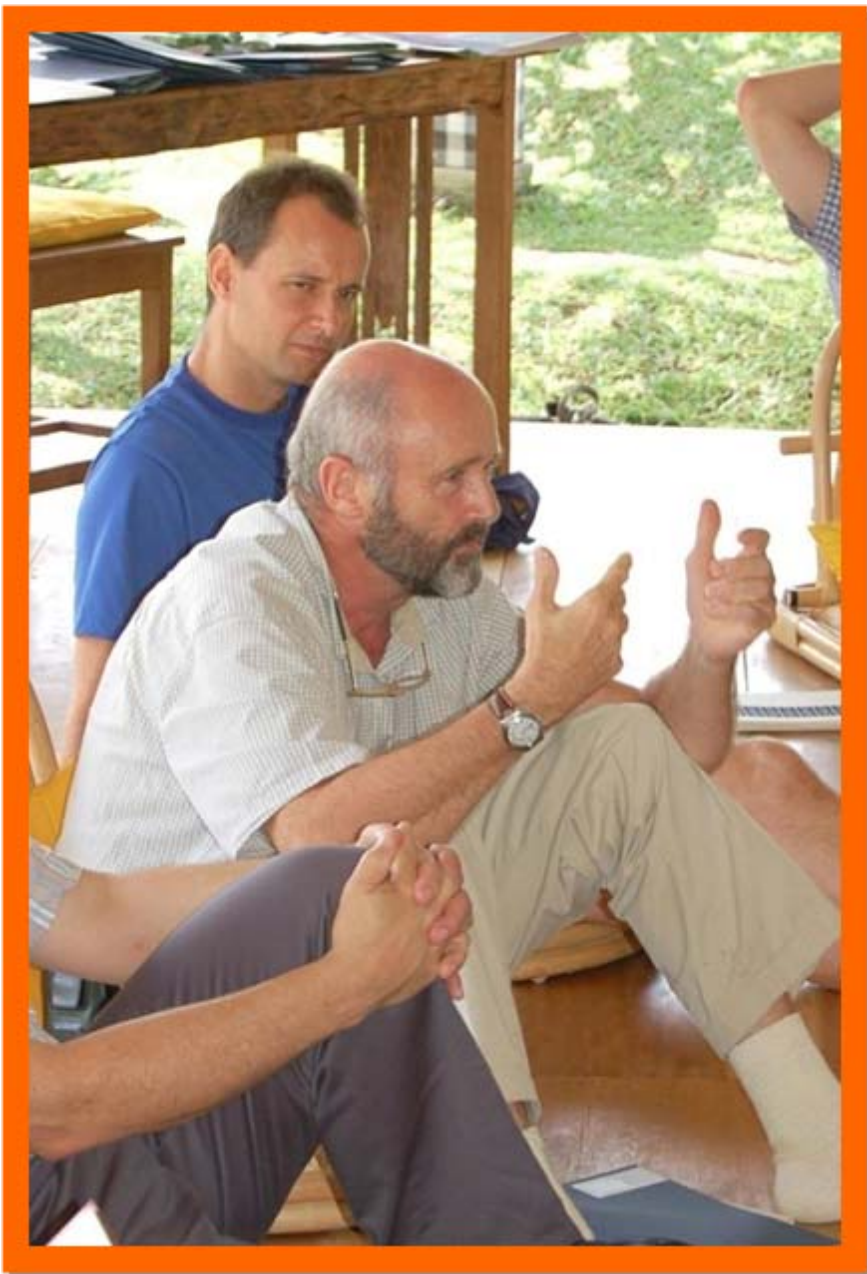




# TFD's REDD 2009

## REDD Readiness

- 3 Dialogues
  - Brazil – 10.09
  - Ghana – 11.09
  - Guatemala – 1.10
- Consensus Recommendations?



# Initiative Objectives

- Raise awareness and promote exploration of REDD readiness challenges among a wide spectrum of local stakeholders in Ghana;
- Provide well-targeted recommendations to overcome challenges experienced in the REDD readiness phase at the local, national and international levels including the UNFCCC processes;



# Initiative Objectives

1. Catalyze stakeholder engagement processes and, where necessary, create and support on-going mechanisms to continue REDD readiness discussions at a national and local level;
2. Educate a group of locally-rooted well-connected REDD protagonists that can continue to engage and make progress on the practicalities of in-country implementation of REDD initiatives;
3. Establish a feedback loop between international and local REDD related processes (for example link UN-REDD, FCPF, FIP, IWG-IFR and other multilateral and bilateral funds with national independent projects) on key REDD readiness issues.



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## TFD Documents and Publications

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# Today's Program

## Wednesday 28 October

9:00 Welcome and opening

9:30 TFD and FCC initiative Intro and Overview

10:00 TFD's dialogue on Investing in REDD-plus and outcomes

10:10 Background paper presentation

11:15 Field trip review and reflections

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Local stakeholder perspectives

Theme: Stakeholder perspectives on the challenges of implementation of REDD in Brazil

14:00 Breakout session

- 1) What does/will the REDD Readiness Phase look like in Brazil (in the context of phased approach)?
- 2) What should the role of the government be and what is the most productive role of civil society actors in REDD Readiness?

15:30 Breakout Group Reports

17:00 Adjourn



# Introductions

- Name
- Organization



# Five Guiding Principles

1. Ensure that forest-related climate change options support sustainable development in both forest-rich and forest-poor countries.
2. Tackle the drivers of deforestation that lie outside the forests sector.



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3. Support transparent, inclusive, and accountable forest governance.
4. Encourage local processes to clarify and strengthen tenure, property, and carbon rights.
5. Provide substantial additional funding to build the capacity to put the above principles into practice.

