

**Criteria and Indicators**  
**at the**  
**National Level**

## *Key Questions*

- **Are conditions improving?**
- **Is the trend toward sustainability?**
- **How do we know?**

# *Adding Value at the National Level*

- **Contextual framework**
- **Conceptual framework**
- **Knowledge framework**

# *Contextual framework*

- **C&I provide a Common Language**
- **C&I Define the Boundaries**

## *Montreal Process C&I*

- **Biological diversity**
- **Productive capacity**
- **Ecosystem health**
- **Soil and Water conservation**
- **Global carbon cycles**
- **Socio-economic benefits**
- **Institutional framework**

# *Conceptual framework*

- **Fit the pieces together**
- **Clarify “how the world works”**
- **Models of sustainability**

# *3 Spheres of Sustainability*

- **Ecologic**
- **Social**
- **Economic**

## *Knowledge framework*

- **Nat'l Report on Sustainable Forests**
- **USFS National Assessments**
- **USFS Forest Planning**
- **Heinz Center State of Ecosystems**
- **NASF Principles and Guides**
- **Certification Systems**

# *National Report on Sustainable Forests*

- **Accounting of 67 indicators**
- **U.S. position in global context**
- **Context for regional/local actions**

## *No Singular Interpretation*

- Forest area
- Tree size
- Recreation supply/demand
- Species ranges
- Fragmentation
- Growth/harvest
- Consumption of wood
- Efficiency of wood use
- Imports and exports

# *Seeking the Best...*

- **Data**
- **Dialog**
- **Decisions**