



Report on the Sapporo Meeting of the Montreal Process Working Group

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Refining the Indicators

- Why now?
 - Recent completion of one round of reporting
- Why change?
 - Make indicators more measurable, more relevant, less redundant.
 - Not designed to be complete overhaul
- How was U.S. proposal developed?
 - 2005 workshops
 - 2006 meetings
- Who participated in Sapporo?
 - U.S. delegation = feds, states, industry, NGOs, academia

Outcomes of Meeting: Criteria 1-6

- Revised set of indicators for next round of reporting
- Modifications to existing indicators – a few examples:
 - #1: Area and percent of forest by forest ecosystem type, successional stage, age class, and forest ownership or tenure.
 - #15: Area and percent of forest affected by biotic processes and agents... beyond reference conditions.

Outcomes of Meeting: C1-6 (continued)

- New indicators – a few examples:
 - #18: Proportion of forest management activities that meet BMPs or other relevant legislation to protect soil resources.
 - #24: Avoided fossil fuel emissions by using forest biomass for energy
 - #27: Revenue from forest based environmental services
 - #38: Resilience of forest dependent communities
 - #44: The importance of forests to people

Outcomes of Meeting: C1-6 (continued)

- What is there to like?
 - Provides a better picture of forest conditions and changes
 - Distinguishes between concepts
 - Captures new ideas
 - Eliminates redundancies/combines related ideas
- What's not to like?
 - We have more indicators, not fewer!

Outcomes of Meeting (continued)

Criterion 7

- Recommendation to Working Group:
 - Collapse the 20 indicators down to 5; essentially the criterion “sub-heads” used in 2003
 - U.S. proposed a very different set of more specific indicators
- Interim Working Group decision:
 - No change. Use the old 20 indicators
 - Inter-sessional meeting hosted by U.S. in Oct 2006 to discuss options. Reconsider at next Working Group meeting if consensus emerges on new indicators for Criterion 7

Considerations for 2010 Report Process

- Potential RSF involvement
 - Contribute to several indicators in Crit. 1-6
 - #27: Revenue from forest based environmental services
 - #38: Resilience of forest dependent communities
 - #44: The importance of forests to people
 - Possibilities not yet clear for Crit. 7



Questions for clarification?

Discussion