

Roundtable Review of Alternative  
Models and Finance Mechanisms for  
Sustainable Forest Use in the  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
(DFID, UK)

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# UK-DFID Roundtable - Purpose

To facilitate a consultative process leading to....

- a roadmap for the engagement of development partners in DRC forestry
- an agreed set of policy actions by the DRC government, development partners and new actors from the private and financial sectors, in pursuit of....

...new models of forest management and finance for sustainable forest use and conservation in the DRC.

# UK-DFID Roundtable - Context

- Opportunity and willingness to develop and implement new forest uses in DRC.
- Environmental services and other non-extractives uses have not, to date, generated tangible benefits for the DRC government and people
- UK-DFID and World Bank programmes supporting the management of natural resources for the benefit of all DRC people

# UK-DFID Roundtable - Participants

- Representatives of DRC administration and civil society
  - Ministry of Environment
  - CENADEP
- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs):
  - Forest Monitor
  - Global Watch
  - Greenpeace
  - WWF
  - Rainforest Foundation
- The World Bank
- UK – DIFD (convenor as well as stakeholder)

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# UK-DFID Roundtable - Methodology

## Research and Consultation

- Research in two areas:
  - Sources of financing
  - Alternate models of use
- Consultative meetings agree
  - key issues
  - most promising areas of research.

## Feasibility in DRC context

Recommendations for pilot studies, estimation of financing needs, engagement of potential new partners and roadmap for further development.

# UK-DFID Roundtable – Research

## Models of forest use

- Environmental Services (ES), plus Avoided Deforestation (AD)
- Conservation
- Community-inclusive forest management

## Finance mechanisms

- Payments for Ecosystem Services – formal and informal
- Payments for conservation
- Asset backed forest bonds - securitisation

# UK-DFID Roundtable - Timeline

- November 2006 to March 2007
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings of the Roundtable in December 2006 and January 2007 (two interim reports)
- Belgium Conference February 2007
- Potential 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting March 2007
- Final report March 2007

# UK-DFID Roundtable - Key outputs

- Final report and recommendations
- Recommendations for development of alternate models of use and finance mechanisms
- Identification of possible providers of finance
- Further research, as necessary
- Next steps and roadmap for the onward engagement of partners in development.

# Connection to DRC process

Outputs from the UK-DFID Roundtable contribute to:

- Development of a broader vision of multi-purpose forest uses within the Priority Agenda for forests in DRC
- Promotion of non-extractive forest uses and innovative financing mechanisms

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The End – Thank you

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