

Indicative examples of change projects

The examples of CPs below illustrate the broad variety of possible and relevant CP subjects and objectives. The suggested collaborations are only indicative, and CPs can be done individually if no individuals/organizations to team up with are available. CP teams can be in pairs or larger.

1) Enabling conditions for locally controlled forest restoration

What policies, funding opportunities, training etc. are available and what needs to be developed to enable local farmers to have access and user rights to local forest land and have incentives to restore and manage these forests long term?

Local/regional/nation governments + local farmers/farmers associations.

2) Business case for a local small-scale sawmill in a known area

Production needs (# farmers or area, timber quality/species), investment need, processing, market.

Possible collaboration between: local/rural/farmer CSO + private sector + extension service.

3) Managing forests for water

Developing guidelines for best practices for restoring and managing forest for clean water access downstream the forest area. Eg. Choice of tree species, densities, and suitable areas for restoring forest in the landscape (adapted to the specific climate, topographic and soil context).

Possible collaboration between local/rural/farmer CSO + academy + extension services.

4) Small credits for forest sector

Inventory for existing/possible credits and forms, differences between national regions, needs for changes to be implemented – tenure, extension, education, smallholder organization.

Possible collaborators from: local/rural/farmer CSO + private sector + extension service.

5) Forest water ecosystem services

What forest ecosystem services are available in this area, how are they used and who uses them? What forest management practices are needed to ensure they will be available long term?

Possible collaboration between local communities, environmental NGOs, local government, extension services.

6) Developing case for demonstration/promotion of small-scale sawmill

Inventory of available and potential technologies, elaboration of/preparing demonstration cases/pilots.

Possible collaboration between: private sector + local/rural/farmer CSO + extension service + government.

7) Urban market development for wood in selected city(ies)

Available wood-building technologies, building sector interest/preparedness, local govt planning.

Possible collaboration between: private sector + urban/environment CSO + government.

8) Managing water related biodiversity within production forests

Inventory of biodiversity in forest streams and surface waters, and best practices to protect biodiversity with forestry plans and strategies.

Possible collaborative partners: Local/rural/farmer + forestry industries+environmental NGOs + extension services + universities.

9) Developing case for demonstration/promotion of wood-building technologies

Inventory of available and potential wood-building technologies, elaboration of/preparing demonstration cases/pilots.

Possible collaboration between: private sector + urban/environment CSO + government.

10) Adapting forestry practices to promote climate change and climate change adaptation

Identifying probable changes in climate change and likely precipitation pattern changes and considering forestry practices to adapt to these for sustainable income and access to natural resources in and from the forest such as wood, water, food etcetera.

Possible collaborative partners: Local/rural/farmer + forestry industries+environmental NGOs + extension services + universities.

11) Young entrepreneurship around forest restoration

Inventory of existing examples and potentials of cases in and around emerging sector.

Possible collaboration between: private sector + local/rural/farmer CSO + extension service + government.

12) Forest restoration/forestry plan for a specific area

Current forests and stocking, water related challenges in the area, suitable areas for planting, species selection, possible production of timber, poles and charcoal, longer rotation/plantation/wood lot/agroforestry, needs for tenure reform.

Possible collaboration between: local/rural/farmer CSO + private sector + extension service + government.

13) Training and research needs for LoCoFoRest

Inventory of current education, knowledge and teacher availability, needs for development ahead.

Possible collaboration between: Academy + government + CSO's.

14) Governance and tenure development

Current forms and possible models for development to promote local forest production, examples and experiences.

Possible collaboration between: Academy + government + CSO's.

15) Gender balance in a growing forest sector

Current and potential change in gender roles in households and business in evolving local production. Possible action for desired development.

Possible collaboration between: private sector + local/rural/farmer CSO + extension service + government.

16) Biodiversity in managed forest and agroforestry

Simple field assessment and/or literature, contrasting degraded and restored land with primary forest, understanding landscape mosaics, needs for better knowledge.

Possible collaboration between: Academy + environment NGO + extension service.

17) Identifying multi stakeholders platforms for restoring productive and sustainable landscapes

What are the stakeholder groups in the area that use and rely on the natural resources in the landscape and should be part of a stakeholder platform for participatory development of strategies and policies for the forest landscape management.

Possible collaboration between: local/rural/farmer CSO + academy + local forest, water and environment authorities + NGOs.

18) Forest restoration and hydro-power sustained production

Current problems with dam-sedimentation and potential for improvement from more trees in the landscape, prioritised areas for forestation, possibilities, benefits or trade-offs with PES.

Possible collaboration between: Academy + environment NGO + private sector, government.

19) Bioenergy now and in future

Sustainabilisation of charcoal production and trade, production of energy from wood waste in milling and processing, logistics and business cases.

Possible collaboration between: Academy + environment NGO + private sector, government

20) Tree-planting practices and benefits in dry areas

Interaction with pastoralism, limits of tree/forest densities, silvipastoralism and agroforestry – case descriptions and regional comparisons.

Possible collaboration between: local/rural/farmer CSO + academy + extension services.

21) Role of carbon mitigation for LoCoFoRest

REDD+ in local business cases, effect of LoCoFoRest for regional and national carbon schemes, available/needed forest sector statistics for national evaluation.

Possible collaboration between: Academy + government + CSO's.

22) Smallholder and local people's preparedness for LoCoFoRest and their future visions of local society

Perceptions of prerequisites for positive rural development, strength and belief in positive visions, preparedness in education needs, gender equality, options for rural youth, etc.

Possible collaboration between: local/rural/farmer CSO + academy + extension services.