

# THE NATIONAL FOREST PROGRAMME **FACILITY**

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# Mission & Strategy

To assist **countries** to develop and implement **national forest programmes** that effectively address local needs and national priorities, and reflect internationally agreed principles, through informed **participation** of all relevant **stakeholders**



# Strategic orientations

- Integrating **SFM** into **poverty reduction** strategies and broad intersectoral processes
- Developing a **consensus** on how to address issues relevant to forests at the **national level**
- Translating commitments at the **international level** into **national forest policy and planning**



# Country Support

## Purpose

- Creating an **enabling** environment for national forest programmes
- **Catalytic** role → easing bottlenecks

## Focus of its support

- **Information and knowledge**
- **Capacity** development



# Activities

- **Civil society participation in nfp**
- **Formulation and adoption of policies**
- **Strengthening skills**
- **Knowledge access, use and sharing**



# Information Services

- Making information **available** on the Web
- Developing dynamic knowledge **dissemination** and **learning** processes
- Enhancing knowledge and **capacities** of nfp practitioners worldwide
- **Promoting** Facility approaches and results



# Facility in South Africa

- **Partnership Agreement**
- **Stakeholder workshop-setting of priorities**
- **Call for proposal-participation by civil society**
- **Evaluation-ranking of proposals**
- **Implementation of activities by civil society**
- **Monitoring of activities**



# NFP Stakeholder workshop-Durban



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# Key Priorities-Durban Stakeholder w/shop

- Development of an information hub for dissemination of information to SMEs
- Promotion of entrepreneurship in the Forestry Sector focused on SMEs
- Strengthening the enabling environment for industry associations
- Technical support of the FED component of the R&D Strategy and Plan for the Sector through identification of the bottlenecks to FED
- Raising of the profile of industry (industry promotion)



# Raising the profile/contribution of forestry to rural development

- **Communication strategy**
  - ✓ **Focus on different target groups**
  - ✓ **Identifies key role player**
  - ✓ **Suggests appropriate messages to be communicated**
- **Information brochures fliers to reach the public.**



# Brochures / Fliers

## FORESTRY & POVERTY ALLEVIATION

### Employment and Income Generation

Employment creation is one of the most significant contributions that forestry is making towards poverty alleviation. Forestry employs an estimated 106 844 people of which 67 469 people are formally employed in forest operations, and a further 39 375 employed through small grower arrangements. In addition to direct employment in forestry operations, there are also 63 181 people employed in primary processing activities. Formally employed plantation workers earn in total approximately R2.6 billion per year.

Employees in the forestry sector

household livelihood is met by forestry-related employment, either in primary plantation activities, or down-stream processing.



In contrast to formal employment arrangements with commercial

include the provision of clinics and schools. It is estimated that more than 14 000 children are schooled in forestry-sponsored schools. Approximately 65 % of employees receive some formal training in any given year, including adult literacy classes. This number will increase in future now that the Forestry Charter has come into effect. Many forestry sub-contractors provide food rations to employees, which reduce food insecurity within the rural household, but with a trade-off of in lower cash wages.

Labour outsourcing has, however, brought along instability in forestry employment. Over the last fifteen years in South Africa the industry has outsourced the majority of its operations to approximately 320

### Institutional Arrangements to Address Poverty and Economic Development

Within the Forestry Sector a number of arrangements exist to address poverty and rural economic development. These include:

- Social responsibility development programmes of forestry companies;
- Black Economic Empowerment arrangements; and
- Company and cooperative outgrower schemes.

### Corporate Social Responsibility Programmes



on education, ranging from infrastructure and financial support to adult education and teacher support. These projects are seen as essential in ensuring a good relationship with local communities and in ensuring

### Forestry & Poverty Alleviation



Increasing the extent to which black women and men, workers, cooperatives and other collective enterprises own and



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# Strategy to promote SMME in the sector

- **An integrated national SMME strategy for the forest sector**
- **A detailed implementation plan of the strategy**



# Protection strategy for pests, diseases and fire

- **An integrated strategy for the control of forest fires, pests and diseases**
- **A detailed implementation plan of the strategy**

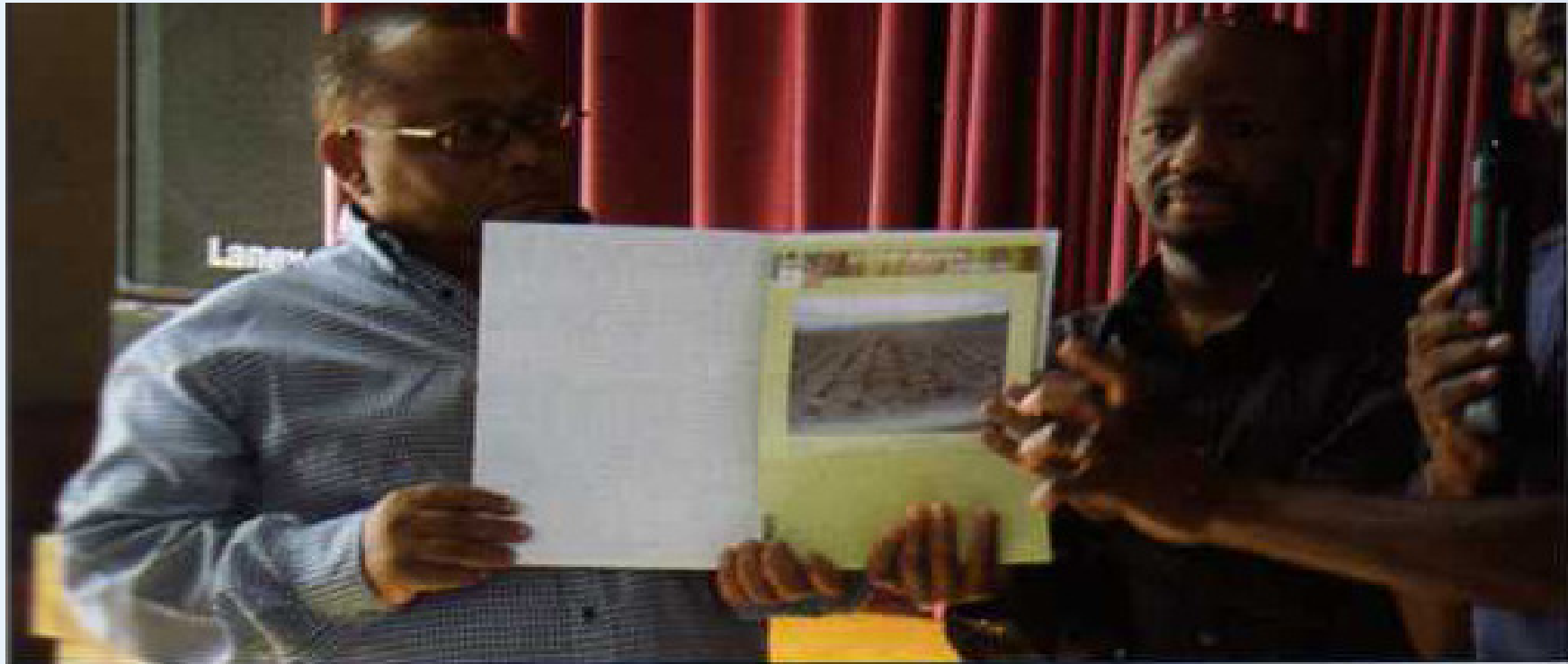


# Development of an ETG tech tool kit

- **A Technical Tool Kit to assist the ETG**
- **Empowered / Trained ETG in South Africa.**



# Launch of ETG Tech Tool Kit



*From left, Mr Yeni of DWAF, the late Mr Gezane of Fieta, and Steven Ngubane of FSA during the launching of the toolkit at the South Coast Small Forest Enterprises workshop*



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# Way forward

- **Development of a Saw Log Strategy**
- **Integrated Resource Assessment and Monitoring-Technical Mission**
- **Stakeholder Lessons Learned Sharing/ Workshop**



**Thank you!**

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