

## **Group1: Synthesis of Lessons learned / success factors for improving country capacities for national forest monitoring (for REDD+) ...**

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### **1. Institutional issues**

- Clear mandate from the government, need of buying in from high level (e.g. REDD coordination office associated with MRV agencies)
- Coordination of different agencies within countries to be encouraged (avoids competing issues)
- Foster long term sustainability of the REDD MRV agencies (institutional memory)
- Encourage REDD Office to involve a broad stakeholder community (local communities and government, consulting groups, logging companies)

### **2. Field inventory**

- Assess, use existing inventory information
- Adapt existing/design new inventories while trying to keep it as multi purpose (REDD MRV and NFI synergies)
- Call for suitable statistical and forestry expertise for design phases if not available in the country (optimize sampling strategy to costs)
- Ensure field inventory strategy is accepted both at national and local levels
- Recommend stepwise approach

### **3. Remote sensing / monitoring**

- Encourage transparency on methodological aspects through reports and publications
- Data access:
  - systematic and coordinated acquisitions
  - encourage easy free and open data access
- Encourage access to user-friendly tools for interpretation of satellite imagery