Local Leadership for Global Challenges through the International Model Forest Network (IMFN)

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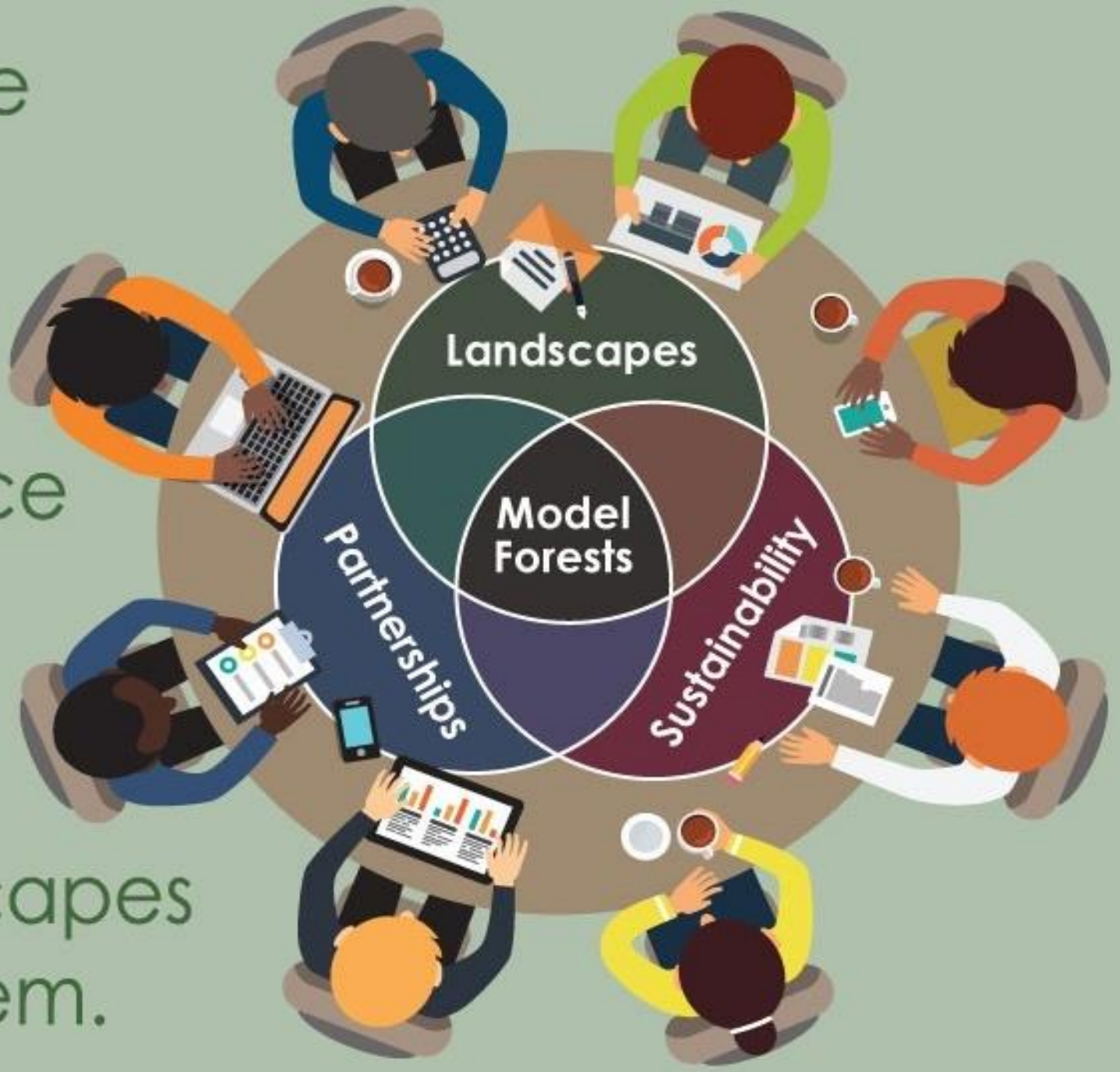
30 YEARS OF CONVENING POWER

Model Forests, Multi-stakeholder Partnerships and Sustainable Development

FORESTS FACE MANY COMPETING PRESSURES DRIVING LAND USE CHANGE AND CONFLICT:

Sustainable solutions to these challenges must be focused on a common vision and shared interest

Model Forests are a proven multi-stakeholder platform for good governance and shared stewardship of forests and the larger landscapes that surround them.



What began in Canada in 1990 is now the world's largest network dedicated to sustainable landscape governance

AREA AND NUMBER OF MODEL FORESTS PERCENTAGE PER REGION

60 MODEL FORESTS

37 COUNTRIES

73 MILLION HECTARES

22 MILLION PEOPLE

WE HELP REALIZE NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING:

BONN CHALLENGE

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

UNFCCC

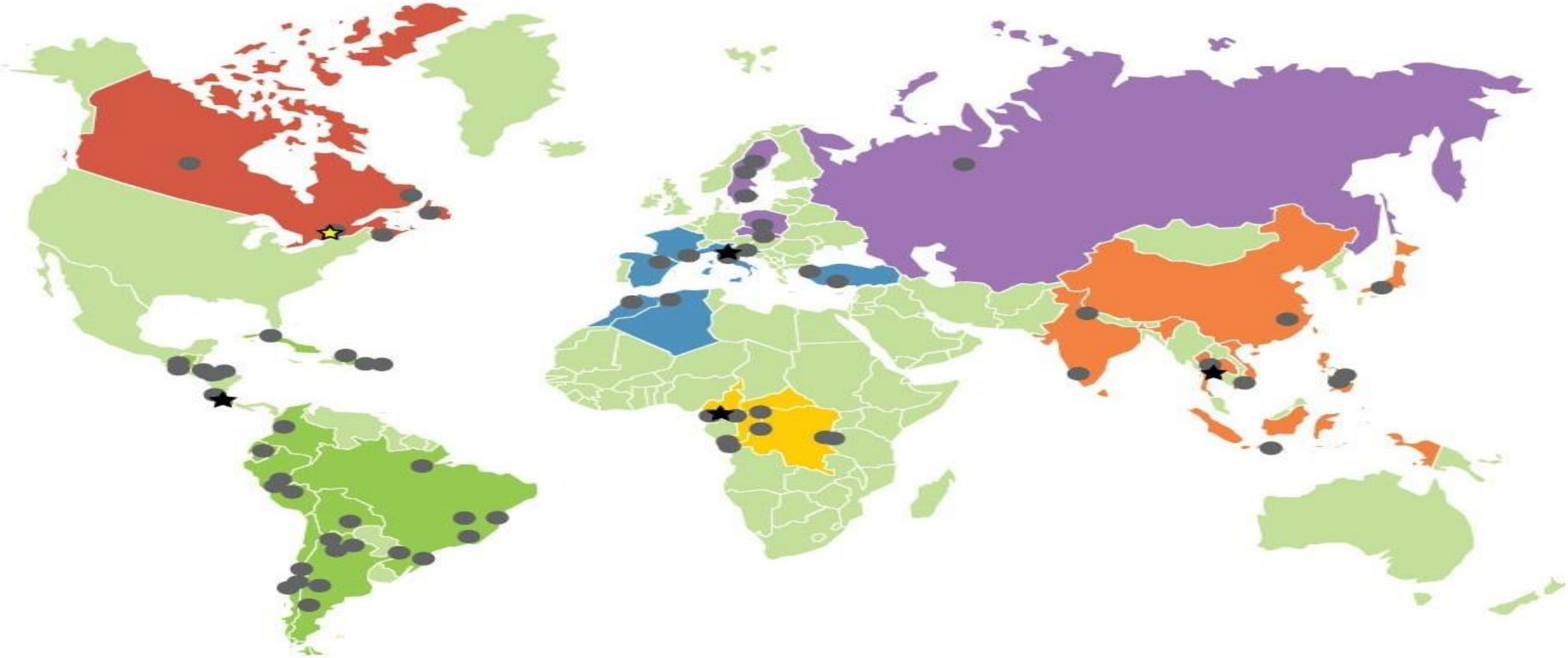
REDD+
Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation

CBD

GLOBAL FOREST GOALS

Each Model Forest is unique but all are governed by the same principles of **trust**, **transparency** and **collaborative decision making**.

Networking 'speeds up' sustainability by sharing successes and failures



LANDSCAPE APPROACH IN ACTION

IMPACT NOTES #08

1 Model Forest publishes guide book on traditional Aboriginal medicinal plants

The Lac-Saint-Jean Model Forest is located in the heart of the great Canadian boreal forest in Eastern Canada. It operates under a unique and innovative partnership in which Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal participants have equal responsibility. The guide book highlights 27 plants in the region. The project meets an urgent need to document traditional knowledge and practices that are at risk of disappearing.

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5 Model Forest in Finland facilitates cross-border assessment of fire risk with Russia

The Ilomantsi Model Forest shares a 100 km long border with Russia. On the Russian side there are large tracts of forest with little fragmentation, few roads and almost no fuel management procedures. By spatially identifying the location and size of potential fire risk, researchers were able to map and classify, on both sides of the border, areas of high-medium and low fire risk. This information helps in fuel management and harvesting regimes.

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4 From the forest to the table: Forest product traceability in the River Mirna Model Forest

Croatia's Model Forest is better known for its non-timber forest products (NTFP) than timber industry. As part of its goal to enhance the economic sustainability of the region, the Model Forest has created an online NTFP traceability tool. The tool allows consumers to use their mobile device or computer to learn the story behind each NTFP in the region – where it comes from, how it's harvested, who produces and manufactures it, as well as its common uses.

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IBERO-AMERICAN MODEL FOREST NETWORK

Model Forests and Initiative 20x20

Initiative 20x20 is a country led effort seeking to change the dynamics of land degradation in Latin America and the Caribbean by bringing 20 million hectares of land into restoration by 2020. The Ibero-American Model Forest Network has identified 17 Model Forests in 11 countries which combined hold 1.6 million hectares of degraded land area with potential for restoration, allowing countries that are not officially participating in the initiative to get involved, but also serving as pilots for territories in which the Model Forests have constructed good governance.

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2 Mapuche women develop eco-tourism in Panguipulli Model Forest

Community-based tourism is where visitors connect with rural and Indigenous communities while they stay in local homes, benefitting from a hands-on experience that reflects local identity through customs, social norms, foods and beliefs of the host community. Cooperation, dialogue and discussion were key in developing this tourism-based project that respects both the Mapuche worldview and that of the territory's other inhabitants.

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3 Bio-fertilizer nurturing local economic growth in Cameroon

The African Model Forest Network has facilitated the distribution of bio-fertilizers to stakeholders in the Campo-Ma'an and Dja et Mpomo Model Forests in Cameroon through a Bio-fertilizer Production Centre. Bio-fertilizers provide eco-friendly organic agro-input and are more cost-effective than chemical fertilizers. Many positive outcomes came out of this initiative.

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WORLD

Food Security and Model Forests

Model Forests contribute to local, regional and global food security by strengthening local engagement and participatory governance over the natural resources within their territories. Some examples of sustainable food systems in Model Forests include: market opportunities for piñon products in Chile, a heliciculture project (the raising of snails) in Cameroon, a sustainable truffle harvesting strategy in Croatia as well as a non-timber forest products recipe book from around the world.

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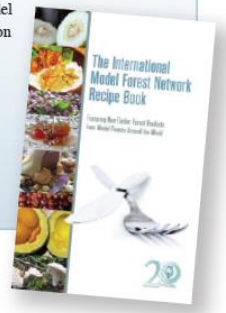

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