

Forests and SDG5: Empowerment of Women and Girls



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1. Global Forest Goals and SDG5 – setting the scene



- 2. Analytical framework for forests and SDG5: rights, power and equity
- 3. A gender transformative agenda for forests
 - issues and data to aid decision making

1. Global Forest Goals and SDG5 – setting

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Goals

Gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls

SFM – reverse loss of forest cover

End Discrimination

Eliminate violence

Eliminate harmful practices

Value unpaid care and domestic work

Equal rights to economic resources, ownership and control of land and other assets, financial services

Empowerment of women through technology

Strengthen and enforce policies and legislation – empowerment of all women and girls

Protected areas and sustainably managed forests – management plans, sustainable products

Forest based economic, social and environmental benefits – financing for SMEs and integration to value chain

Additional financial resources for SFM, scientific and technical cooperation and partnerships

Governance frameworks for SFM – FLEG, forests in land use planning and development

Enhance cooperation

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It does not matter where we are in the globe – women face challenges in the forest sector



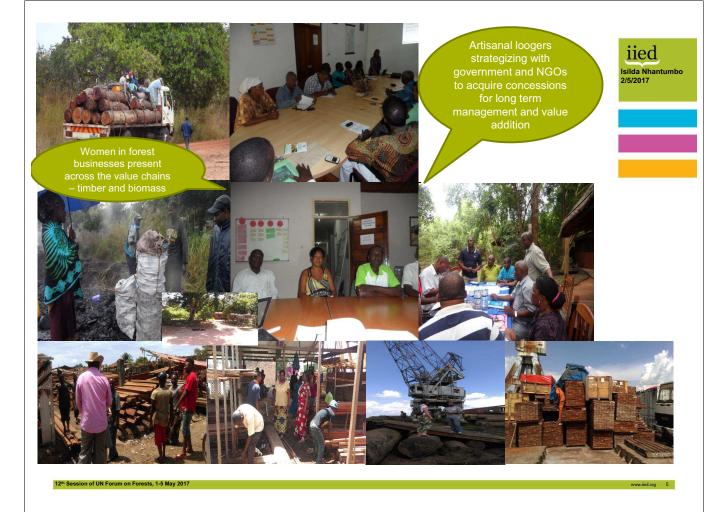


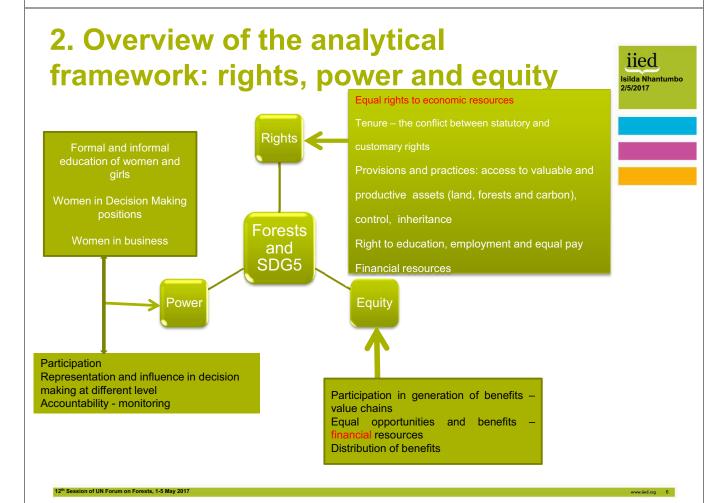
Sharing the load in different forest activities (above); conducting research (below)...



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Exercising power - Skills, access to technology and networks





'For the first time, women are now in leading forestry roles in both Forestry Commission Scotland and at the Scotlish Government' – 2015.

https://www.farminguk.com/News/Changing-face-of-modern-forestry_36035.html

Work-life balance – care responsibilities and time women invest in networking



Source: http://theforestsdialogue.org/ - public and private sector, different Sectors and regions, NGOs, donors and multilateral agencies

Equalitree – forestry training for women Right weight of equipment, right size => right technique versus physical strength!





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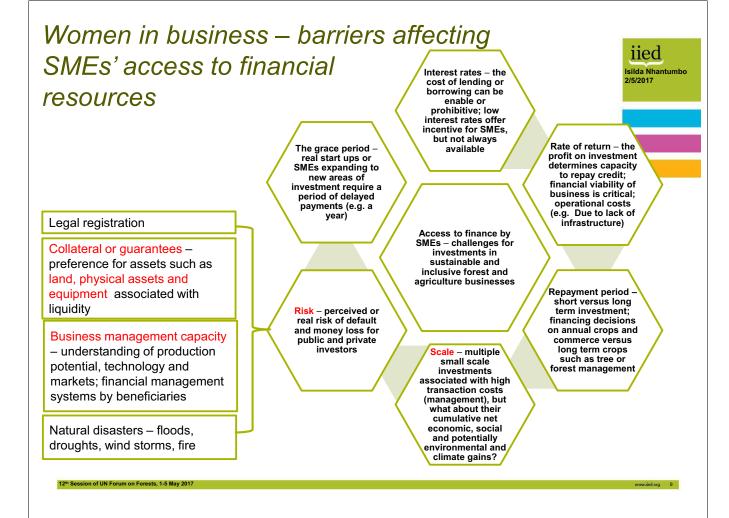
Female employees in the forest sector

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Country	Share of female employment (2010)	Number of female employees
Mali	90%	180,000
Mongolia and Namibia	45%	
Bangladesh	40%	600,000
Brazil and France	18%	Brazil - 90,000
Sweden, Switzerland	5-8%	

Source: Whiteman et al, 2015

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EIGE – gender in entrepreneurship



- Women empowerment and social inclusion makes economic sense –OECD countries
- constraints to entrepreneurship and gender inequalities
 - Access to credit, finance and capital lack of collateral such as land or property, women's lower income, absence of financial products for women; work and family life balance; networking opportunities;
 - unfavourable business regulations, cultural barriers, information and training gaps;

Local voices - Nepal

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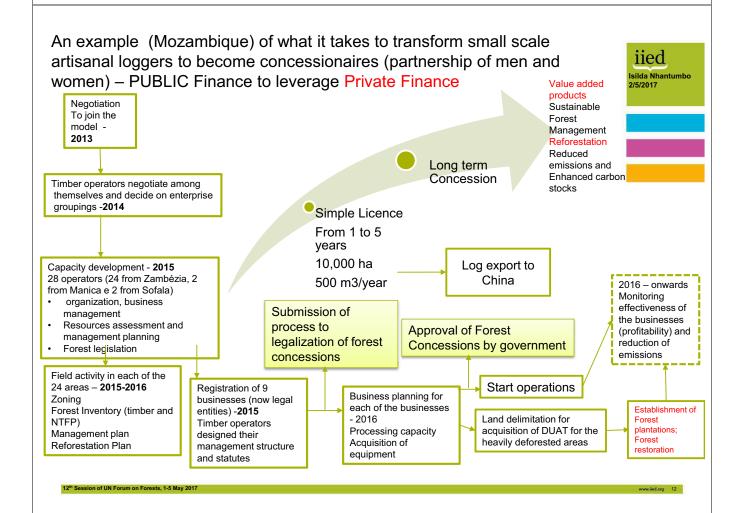
'Women have a huge responsibility – cook food, take care of children, fetch fuelwood from forest and they have no time to take part in the CFUG meetings that make decisions on the rules regarding resource use in their forest. And how can one blame a women on breaking forest rules' A woman member, Janakalyan CFUG, Nawalparasi



'A sukumbasi doesn't have land to seek loans, nor has any money to start a business, so why wouldn't he chose to sale forest products to earn a living. So until and unless the government come up with alternative livelihood plan for the sukumbasis, deforestation and forest degradation will not stop' A user group member, Janakalyan CFUG, Nawalparasi

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3. A gender transformative iied Isilda Nhantumbo agenda for forests Data: responsive curriculum to emerging trends in the sector; training of women and girls; statistics on enrolment and graduates at different levels Gender Equal rights to Education of sensitive forest women and girls based SD resources at all levels Employment in public and Subsector, responsibility, pay gap, private sector Address scale Gender friendly financing instruments 12th Session of UN Forum on Forests, 1-5 May 2017



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