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ABOUT THIS REPORT

The forum “Criteria and Indicator Initiatives in British Columbia: A dialogue on science, experience and innovation” was held on February 21, 2006 in Victoria, British Columbia. This report summarizes the evaluation feedback from forum participants. Twenty-five percent of forum participants completed and submitted an evaluation. The results presented in this report reflect that input. Results of the forum evaluation will be used by FORREX and the Common Ground initiative to guide future forums and assist the forum presenters in improving future presentations.

FORUM EVALUATION RESULTS

Overall, how worthwhile was the forum?

Ninety-four percent of respondents said that the forum was very worthwhile or worthwhile. Five percent felt it was only somewhat worthwhile. No respondents felt that forum was not at all worthwhile.

How would you rate the quality of the forum organization?

The majority of respondents (88 percent) stated that the forum organization was excellent or very good. Twelve percent felt that the forum organization could be improved and suggested better up-front information about the forum as well as earlier and improved communications and feedback regarding registration and other forum details.

How would you rate the quality of the facilitation at the forum?

Thirty-six percent of respondents felt that the overall facilitation was excellent while all respondents felt the facilitation was good to excellent. Seventy-five percent felt that the facilitation of the dialogue session was excellent or very good with the remaining 25 percent indicating it was good.

Did this workshop increase your knowledge of:

- a) Science, experience and innovations relating to criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management?
- b) National, provincial and local criteria and indicator initiatives?
- c) The use, relevance and costs of using criteria and indicators?

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Fifty-nine percent of respondents felt that the workshop increased their knowledge of science, experience and innovations relating to criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management. Seventy-one percent indicated that the workshop improved their knowledge of national, provincial and local criteria and indicators. Thirty-eight percent indicated that the workshop improved their knowledge of the use, relevance and costs of using criteria and indicators while 62% felt it had not increased their knowledge in this area, particularly as it relates to cost of application.

Did the workshop increase your ability to participate in a dialogue with other resource professionals engaged in criteria and indicator work?

Over 75% of respondents felt that the forum increased their ability to participate in a dialogue with other resource professionals engaged in criteria and indicator work, while 25% felt that the forum only somewhat enabled this objective. No respondents felt that the forum did not at all achieve this objective.

Please indicate your opinion on the topics presented at the forum.

Forum participants were asked to evaluate the level of usefulness of the topics presented and the dialogue session. Figure 1 shows the percent of respondents that chose very useful or somewhat useful for each of the topics.

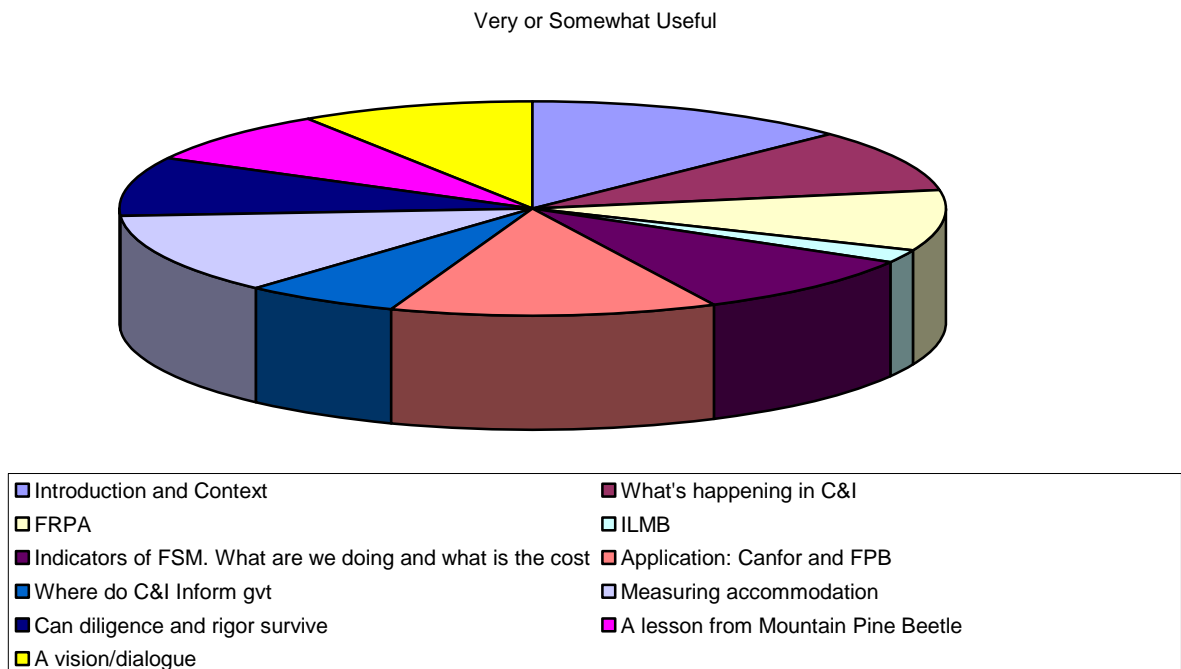


Figure 1. Percent of forum respondents that said topics were very useful or somewhat useful.

The context setting, application of criteria and indicators to the Canfor/Forest Practices Board case study, and measuring accommodation presentations were considered very or somewhat useful by over 80% of respondents. The presentations of what's happening with criteria and indicators nationally, provincially and locally, the Forest and Range Practices Act Resource Evaluation Program use of C&I, Indicators of sustainable forest management in British Columbia, Can diligence and rigor survive institutional and policy changes, and the dialogue session were thought to be very or somewhat useful by 60 to 79 percent of respondents. The presentation on the Integrated Land Management Bureau and where data goes was considered useful by 56 percent of respondents but many noted that they were unsure of the relevance of this topic to the forum. While only 40 percent of respondents consider the presentation on how criteria and indicators inform government to be very or somewhat useful, an additional 47 percent consider this information useful.

As a result of this workshop I plan to...

Workshop participants were asked to say what they will do as result of this workshop. The following statements reflect the feedback from those responding to the evaluation survey.

As a result of this workshop I plan to:

- Share the information with my team at work
- Propose a BC-wide update of land use changes (including forest harvesting and regrowth) as a context setting product for criteria and indicator monitoring
- Suggest a few modifications to two local-level criteria and indicator report frameworks that are under development
- Become more informed about FREP and its linkages to SFM
- Do more work in the balancing of ecological, social and economic [objectives]
- Share the information I've learned with my co-workers
- Learn more about FREP
- Pester Peter Bradford
- Help figure out how to increase industry acceptance of doing SFM backed up by meaningful C&I and using monitoring results to improve practices
- Investigate and be more aware of FREP process; expand my understanding of social indicators and survey methodologies; investigate "Common Ground"
- Boldly go where no man has gone before....actually, just keep on developing C&I stuff
- Continue to suggest the concept of looking for overlaps among the different processes that will save resources and money for all

APPENDIX 1: COMMON GROUND FORUM EVALUATION

Thank you for taking a few minutes to give us your feedback. This will help us plan future forums.

1. Overall, how worthwhile was this forum to you?

Very worthwhile
1 2 3 4 5 Not at all worthwhile
6

2. How would you rate the quality of the forum organization?

Excellent
1 2 3 4 5 Poor
6

3. How would you rate the quality of facilitation at the forum?

Overall Forum

Excellent
1 2 3 4 5 Poor
6

Dialogue Session

Excellent
1 2 3 4 5 Poor
6

Please provide any additional/more specific comments to help us improve our performance:

Meeting forum objectives:

4. Did this workshop increase your knowledge of:

- **Science, experiences and innovations relating to criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management?**

Very much
1 2 3 4 5 Not at all
6

- **National, provincial and local criteria and indicator initiatives?**

Very much
1 2 3 4 5 Not at all
6

- **The use, relevance, and costs of using criteria and indicators?**

Very much
1 2 3 4 5 Not at all
6

5. Did this workshop increased your ability to participate in a dialogue with other resource professionals engaged in criteria and indicator work?

Very much
1 2 3 4 5 Not at all
6

6. Please complete the following sentence:

As a result of this workshop, I plan to...

7. Please indicate (✓) your opinion on each of the topics/presentations and dialogue using the chart below:

Opinion Scale	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Useful	Not useful	Interesting but not relevant to my work
Topics presented at this workshop					
Introduction & Context Setting					
What's happening with Criteria and Indicators in BC and Canada?					
The Forest and Range Practices Act and links to Criteria and Indicators					
Integrated Land Management Bureau: Role in Land Information Management and Access					
Indicators of sustainable forest management in BC: What are we monitoring and what is the cost?					
Applications of Criteria and Indicators: Experience using C&I in Forest Practices Board audit processes. – CANFOR biodiversity case study.					
Where do C&I inform government policy?					
Measuring Accommodation? It's Easy!					
Can diligence and rigor survive institutional and policy changes?					
A lesson from the mountain pine beetle on sustainable forestry: Do criteria and indicators help?					
A vision for the future: Dialogue					

8. Please provide us with any additional comments you have regarding the usefulness of the various topics covered in this forum and/or priority information needs for future events. Include suggestions for improvements to the forum overall, as well as specifics about presentations listed above.

9. Is follow-up required: Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please provide your contact information:

Name: _____ Email: _____
 Phone: _____

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!!