Open e-course

Policy Analysis and Forest Governance 101

Topic

This course introduces the foundations of policy analysis. It will increase learners' understanding of how policy analysis can improve forest governance. It provides tools for analysing laws. It shows what full and effective participation of civil society in legal reforms looks like and discusses how civil society can participate in and influence policy and laws through networks and multistakeholder forums. The course also introduces how policy analysis can be used for advocacy.

Learning objectives

At the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Define basic concepts about policy analysis for improved forest governance
- Introduce examples of policy analysis tools
- Appreciate the importance of civil society networks and multistakeholder forums and their participation in processes for making policies and laws
- Recognize the role of policy analysis in advocacy

Structure

This course is self-paced and takes about seven hours to complete.

Sessions	Content
Introduction	
Session 1 Key concepts on policy analysis for improved forest governance	Provides background of the concepts about policy analysis for forest governance that are needed to understand the course.

Session 2 Policy analysis and tools	Presents examples of policy analysis tools that can be used in analysing the content of laws. Focuses on the Toolkit for Enabling Laws on Community Forestry developed by ClientEarth, but other examples of legal analysis tools are presented as well.
Session 3 Effective participation of civil society in policy and law reform	Looks at what full and effective participation means and the process by which civil society can participate in and influence policy-making through networks and multistakeholder forums.
Session 4 Role of policy analysis in advocacy	Explains how policy analysis can be used for advocacy. Provides practical ways to do different advocacy actions, such as raising awareness and lobbying.
Parting words	

Recommended prior learning

We recommend that learners have basic knowledge of community forestry and natural resource management and governance to benefit more fully from the course. Check out the Community Forestry 101 e-course.

Competency tag

Forest governance and institutions

Grading system

A certificate is available upon completion of the course if you pass the assessments. The assessments are of two types: The first is the auto-grading assessments, which give immediate feedback on right or wrong answers to the quizzes. The point value for each question is mentioned below the question, and you are allowed two attempts to pass a question. You should have a score of 75 percent or higher to be considered as having passed the auto-graded assessment.

The second type of assessment is the Workbook, which is an offline assignment. It will take time for the Training and Learning Team to check and provide a grade.

Below is the grading system for the course:

Session 1 Key concepts on policy analysis for improved forest governance	10 points, auto-graded
Session 2 Policy analysis and tools	10 points, auto-graded
Session 3 Effective participation of civil society in policy and law reform	7 points, auto-graded
Total	27 points
Session 4 Role of policy analysis in advocacy	A Workbook that is assessed using this rubric: 0 (Insufficient) 1 (Needs work) 2 (Satisfactory) 3 (Excellent) You must have a score of 2 to 3 to pass.

Send the Workbook to app.elearning@recoftc.org

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