

'Rethinking Good Governance: What can the Forest Sector tell us?'

The meeting will be held at 1 Great George Street, Westminster, on **Friday 26 April, from 9.30 am – 12.45 pm.**

The Monterrey Conference on Financing for Development has reaffirmed the importance of 'good governance' for sustainable development and poverty alleviation. But moving the governance agenda forward poses many challenges. How can good governance be reconciled with national ownership and partnerships, and the move from conditionalities to positive incentives for change?

The experience of the tropical forest sector has much to offer us here. Perhaps more than any other, the forest sector has long struggled with a range of practical governance issues. The seminar will ask what lessons we can learn from this pioneering experience with governance reform, and will explore the implications for donors and aid agencies seeking to promote democratic development and pro-poor change.

The seminar will be addressed by a distinguished panel of speakers, including:

- Jim Douglas, Senior Forestry Adviser at the World Bank
- Roger Wilson, Chief Governance Adviser at the Department for International Development (DFID)
- Jeff Sayer, recently retired as foundation Director-General of the Centre for International Forestry (CIFOR), and now Senior Adviser with WWF International
- Richard Tarasofsky, Senior Fellow, Ecologic – Institute for International and European Environmental Policy, Berlin.
- Andrew Bennett, Chief Natural Resources Adviser, DFID (Seminar Chair).

The programme is below. We are grateful for funding for this seminar from the UK Department for International Development

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Programme

Meeting organised by the Forest Policy and Environment Group at the ODI.

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<i>Panel 1:</i> <i>(9.30 - 10.45)</i>	Donor approaches to governance and forests <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jim Douglas, The World Bank</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Roger Wilson, DFID</i> <i>Followed by plenary discussion</i>
Coffee break	
<i>Panel 2:</i> <i>(11.15 -12.30)</i>	Leveraging good governance from above and below <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Richard Tarasofsky, Ecologic</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jeff Sayer, WWF-International</i> <i>Followed by plenary discussion</i>
<i>Concluding remarks</i> <i>(12.30 -12.45)</i>	<i>Andrew Bennett, DFID</i>