



FORESTRY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (FED)

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Making PFM Happen

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Overview of Presentation

- What is FED?
- Examples and categories of FED
- Is FED working?
- What is needed to make it work better?
- Who does what?
- FED and PFM

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What is FED?

Context

Criteria

Content

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- Context

- Specific to South Africa
- Forests or afforestable areas
- DWAF vision:
 - People-based
 - Sustainable forestry management
 - Decentralised management
- GovSA position on broad-based BEE

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- Criteria
 - Poverty alleviation
 - Participative
 - Substantial beneficiation
 - Pragmatic
 - Sustainable

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- **Development:** active, process, needs planning, resources, facilitation, implementation, monitoring, replication
- **Enterprise:** income, profit, wealth, organised, people-based, new or expansion
- **Forestry:** natural forests, woodlands, plantations, primary, secondary

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Possible definition of FED:

**The promotion and facilitation of
community-based, market-driven,
profitable business ventures, involving the
sustainable use of forests and forest-
based resources**

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FED examples and categories:

- **Timber production/agro-forestry:** e.g. private woodlots, outgrower schemes, natural forest management, transfer of ownership of state assets, wattle conversion
- **Contracting:** e.g. nurseries, silviculture, fire control, harvesting, transportation
- **Timber processing and marketing:** e.g. sawmilling, pole treatment, charcoal, furniture, firewood collection, timber sales, carving
- **NTFPs:** e.g. medicines, fruits and foods, ferns and foliage, honey, tourism

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Is FED working? Is it successful?

- Given the above examples, the answer must be YES, but
- How well is it working? A harder question requiring considerable knowledge which is largely missing. Refer to: case studies, sectoral reports, other reports?
- Subjective value judgement on FED but some conclusions on what it takes to make things better

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Enabling conditions needed to facilitate FED

- Finance
- Training/knowledge
- Information
- Facilitation/promotion
- Conducive policies
- Adequate infrastructure
- Licenses
- Raw materials
- Certification
- Appropriate markets
- Institutions
- Organisation
- Partnerships
- Government assistance
- Corporate assistance
- Incentive schemes

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Roles and Responsibilities

Who does what?

**(Ref. Spreadsheet handout on Timber
production: work continuing)**

Forestry Enterprise Development and Participatory Forest Management

- PFM is not a function; it is an approach, a method of working. Could PFM be defined as **community forestry**? Forestry by the people for the people?
- The D:PF must help define and clarify the concept and ensure it is applied at all levels
- Understanding and overseeing the application of PFM involves:
 - developing PFM principles, policies and strategies;
 - developing the institutions to take PFM forward;
 - promoting the PFM approach in all forest management programmes and projects, e.g. FED, transfers, IFM, C&Is;
 - monitoring and evaluation of progress in PFM application