

## global caucus on community based forest management

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## Would you like to be involved?

The Caucus is evolving, reflecting the energy, momentum and support for local and indigenous approaches to forest management. The above list reflects the number and diversity of groups that have participated in the Caucus, but it is not a definitive list of members. ***We are in the process of defining our collective vision, values, and membership criteria.*** To get involved, join the email listserv, [globalcbfm@yahoo.com](mailto:globalcbfm@yahoo.com) or contact one of the interim facilitators (Lisa Ambus [lisa.ambus@shaw.ca](mailto:lisa.ambus@shaw.ca), or Rosario Ortiz [rosa.ortiz@sympatico.ca](mailto:rosa.ortiz@sympatico.ca)). Background information is available at [www.wrm.org.uy/subjects/CBFM.html](http://www.wrm.org.uy/subjects/CBFM.html) and [www.forestsandcommunities.org](http://www.forestsandcommunities.org).

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**Forests. Justice. Community.**

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## History

Working together under the banner of the global caucus on community based forest management we were successful in influencing government delegates at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development to:

*“Recognize and support indigenous and community based forest management systems to ensure their full and effective participation in sustainable forest management.”*

43(h) WSSD Plan of Implementation, 2002

## Goal

To create political spaces to advance community based forest management at the local, national and global level.

## Objectives

- Support and connect grassroots movements at the national level and in all regions of the world.
- Contribute to the elimination of rural poverty and increase environmental protection through fair trade.
- Increase organizational capacity of local people in managing responsibilities resulting from devolution of power.
- Create strategic alliances and coalitions with other national/international movements related with social justice (i.e. land reform).
- Influence national legislation and policies to shift national subsidies to support community base forest management.
- Organize community based forest management cooperatives to serve local uses and needs.
- Influence international forums and processes (i.e. United Nations Forum on Forests, Convention on Biological Diversity) to recognize community based forest management globally, and to implement intergovernmental commitments nationally and locally.



***We are a global movement of diverse peoples and organizations committed to ensuring forest conservation and the livelihoods of forest-dependent peoples.***

### Vision\*:

Local communities and Indigenous Peoples assert their rights and assume their responsibilities to manage and use their forests<sup>1</sup>.

### Mission\*:

We are a global movement that advocates and promotes the rights of local communities and Indigenous Peoples to manage their forests and forest resources in ways that are socially just, ecologically sound, and economically viable.

### Principles\*:

1. *Local communities and Indigenous Peoples*: must always have a meaningful role in managing forests where they live. Such peoples should be the prime decision-makers with clear rights and responsibilities to manage, use and control forest resources.
2. *International Actors and Processes*: should recognize CBFM and support local communities and indigenous peoples to manage, use, and benefit from forests.
3. *Governments*: should create an enabling environment through appropriate policies, regulatory frameworks and institutions to support CBFM.
4. *Forest resources*: should be managed an ecologically sound, socially equitable and economically viable manner.

\* DRAFT. Feb 17 2004 version

<sup>1</sup> The term *forest* excludes monoculture timber plantations.