Seminar "Next Generation Leadership Forestry"
Oaxaca is a state forest, characteristics, resources and community governance schemes
Location and State properties

12,000 species of flora and fauna, more than 800 species are endemic; (Biodiversity Oaxaca, 2004).

Present ecosystems: rain forests, tropical forests, temperate forests, dry forests, thorn forests and desert areas.

Oaxaca is located at the Southeast of Mexico

- **Total Area**: 9.3 million hectares
- **Forest Cover**: 6.2 million hectares
- **Forests**: 3.31 million hectares
- **Rain Forests**: 2.65 million hectares
- **Type of property**: 90% is social property
- **Municipalities**: 570
- **Total population**: 3.3 million residents
CULTURAL DIVERSITY: 16 ethnic groups: Amuzgo, Chatino, Chinanteco, Chocho, Chontal, Cuicateco, Huave, Ixcateco, Mazatec, Mixe, Mixteco, Nahuatl, Triqui, Zapotec, Zoque and Popoloca endangered.

Around 2 million people are indigenous 6 of 10 Oaxacan belong to a certain ethnic group.

8 regions: Cañada, Costa, Mixteca, Sierra Norte, Sierra Sur, Papaloapan, Valles centrales e Istmo.

1,583 agrarian cores: 810 773 share lands and communities.
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<td>Forest Surface in the State:</td>
<td>6.2 million hectares (66% of the total surface of the State)</td>
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<td>Planning surface with land use (Territorial Community Planning):</td>
<td>1.9 Million ha</td>
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<td>Volume of wood production (roundwood):</td>
<td>432,760 M3 annual</td>
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<td>Surface with payment schemes for environmental services:</td>
<td>450,310 ha</td>
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<td>Surface with payment schemes for environmental services in the form of concurrent funds:</td>
<td>42,400 ha</td>
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<td>Forest Certification (FCS):</td>
<td>93,254 hectares on 8 communities</td>
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<td>In certification process (ATP y NMX):</td>
<td>113,673 hectares on 22 communities</td>
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<td>Regional Committees of Natural Resources in the State:</td>
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Forests and rainforests of Oaxaca were concessioned to private companies until 1982.

From that year, communities and share lands have been building their own community development schemes taking as central rational use of forests and jungles, based on the scheme of Community Forestry.
Wood production with sustainability criteria and certification of good forest management, trade integration processes.

Diversify production: Packaging spring water, pine resin, community ecotourism, ornamental plants, craftwork, mushrooms, other non-timber forest products.

Management plans of community conservation areas (PSA, Voluntary Carbon Market).

Advances in restoration, reforestation and forest protection processes.
Community Government Schemes in Oaxaca

IMPARTICION OF JUSTICE, THE CAR OF LIFE COMMUNITY, CONFLICT RESOLUTION (USES AND CUSTOMS)

Activity carried out by those who occupy certain offices that are part of a hierarchical system, civil and religious, in some cases, involving the whole community.

All adult male members have to play some of the lowest charges, the highest are occupied by those who demonstrated greater skills when they served in the past.

Everyday conflicts or crimes of various kinds are being reported to authorities that occupy the highest positions in this system, whose experience and supported by the domestic unwritten rules take relevant decisions.

In some communities, if the problem is very complex often request support from respected elders, councils of elders or characterized councils, it can be inclusive taken to the communitary assembly.
Community Government Schemes in Oaxaca

- CAPITAL SOCIAL Organización Comunitaria Sistemas de Gobierno Comunitario
- Customary Rules
- Assemblyism
- Communication
- Judgment
- Responsibility
- Confidence
- Mutual Assistance
- Reciprocity
Communities with community enterprises
(traditional scheme)
**Communitary territorial orderings:** Analysis of environmental variables and needs of usage to determine the use of land, according to its vocation.

**Defining rules for use of common resources to strengthen community life through Communal Statute:** Document prepared and approved by the community, through which provides effective control over forest resources commonly used by agreements that enabling the design and strengthening of its rules.

**Construction of a medium and long term vision to guide local development in a more orderly and coherent way (communitary development plans);**

**Promote a better organization and land use, ensuring natural resources and promoting regional balance.**
Thanks for your attention and welcome to Oaxaca
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