



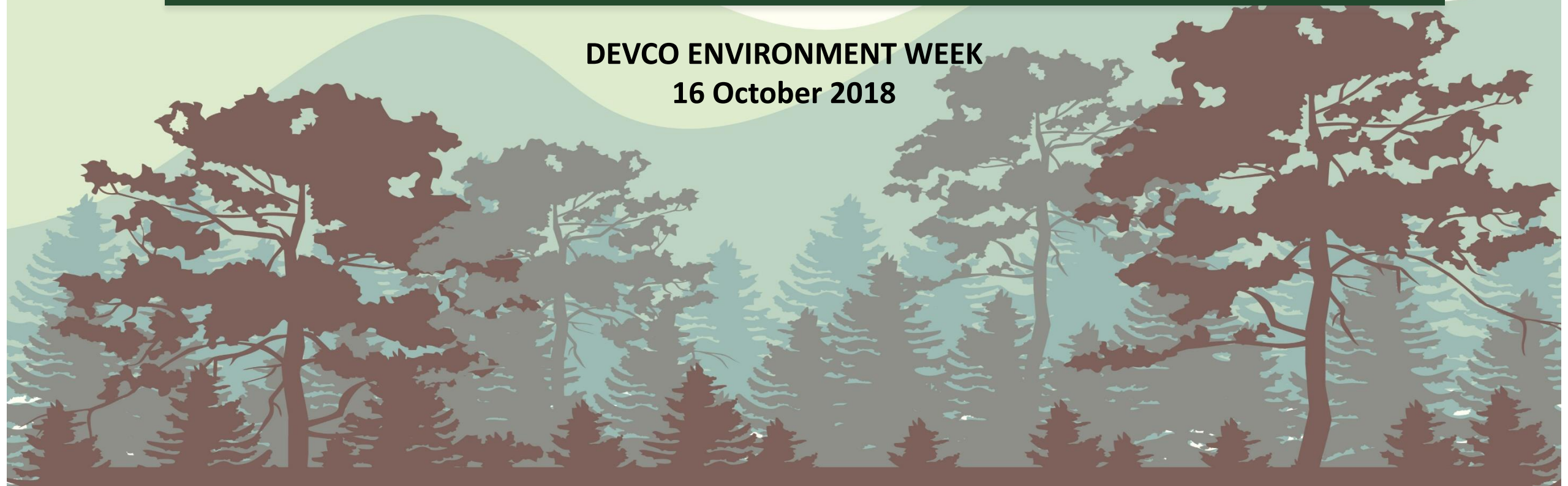
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Forest Contributions to the UN 2030 Agenda

Generating jobs and development through sustainable forest value chains in the forest sector

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Some relevant findings about forest and socioeconomic benefits

- ◆ Forest dependent communities are among **the poorest and most vulnerable in the world**.
- ◆ Forest value chains **are highly informal**.
- ◆ **Policy instruments delivering combined policy objectives** can have high environmental and social economic impact.
- ◆ Evidence highlight the **entrepreneurial role that women play**, especially in the informal sector, and their leadership role in community and participatory forest management.
- ◆ Sustainable management of natural forests can deliver **deforestation and degradation reduction while increasing the opportunity cost for land use change**.





SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth



Forests provide formal
employment for
>13 million
people



Informal employees can
be

1.6 to 3 times

higher the number of
employees in formal
forest activities

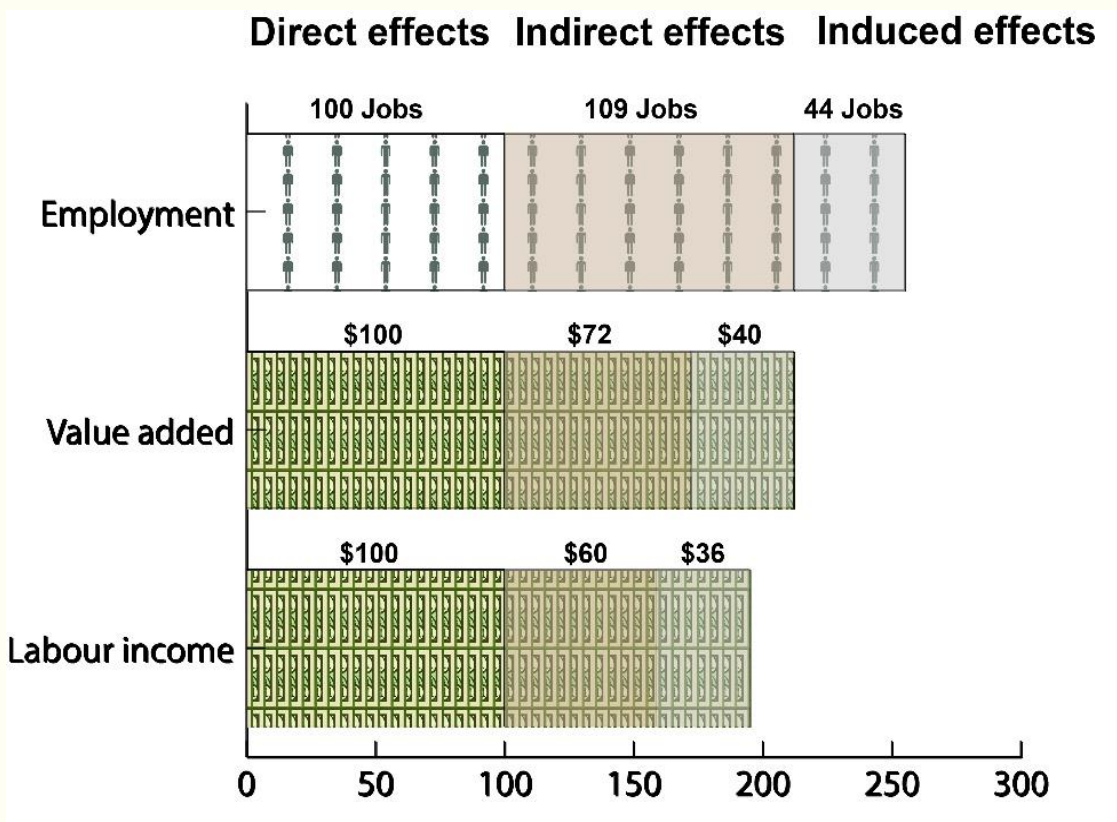


...but there is much more...





Economic contribution of the world's forest wood sector and its ripple effects



Total
(direct, indirect
and induced
effects)

45
Million jobs

1 298
USD Billion

579
USD Billion

**Every dollar spent in the forest sector generates more than twice the
same amount of transactions in other sectors of the economy**





However...

- ◆ Great part of the socioeconomic benefits generated are invisible due to the high informality in the forest sector.
- ◆ Informal employment (e.g., fuelwood collection and production, non-wood forest products collection) and value added are often not captured in national statistics.
- ◆ Some issues persist in the forest sector regarding - but not limited to - the quality of the job generated, child labour, low adoption of health and security standards.



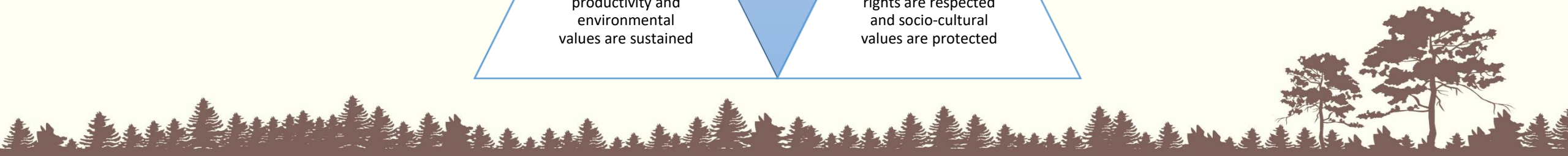
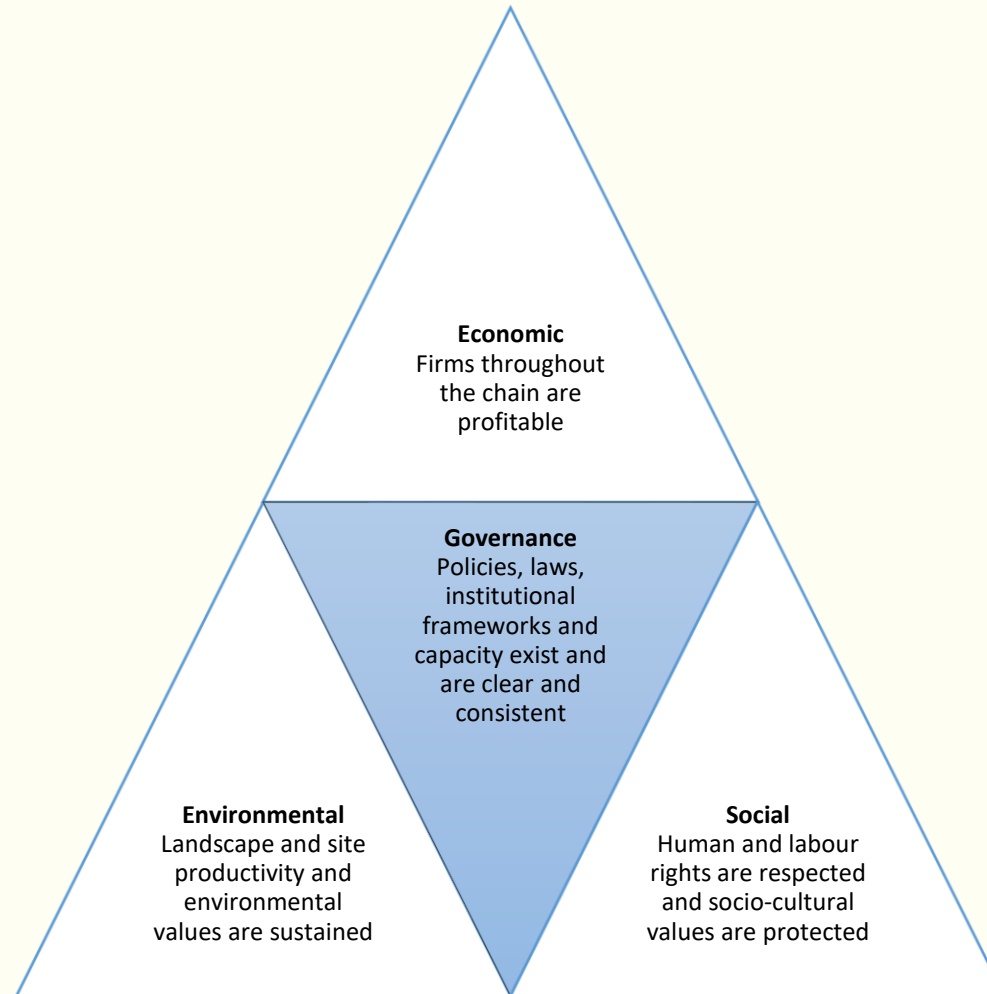


'Basket' of sustainable value chains

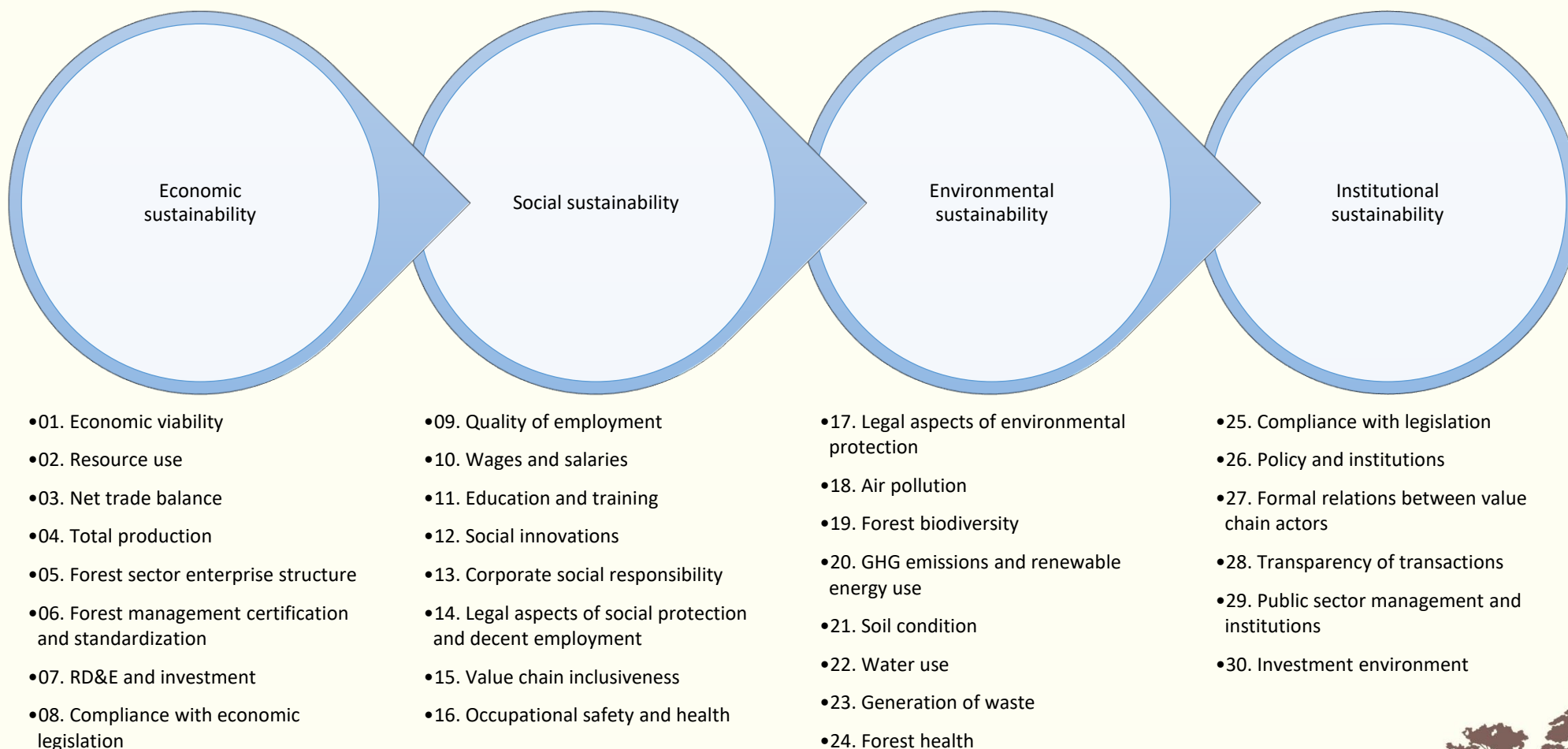




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Moving towards sustainable forest value chains and employment

- ◆ **Mapping all relevant forest value chains (products and services) and establishing sustainability indicators** to identify policy and investment priorities at landscape level.
- ◆ **Building cross-sectoral dialogue platforms integrating existing programmes (including for conservation)** for monitoring progress towards sustainability of the value chains.
- ◆ **Designing specific instruments to SMEs and forest producer associations**, incentivizing formality and better access to markets;
- ◆ **Combining social objectives**, such as increase of social protection coverage attached to incentives to forest conservation or plantation by small holders.
- ◆ **Working with the private sector** and harness the high impact of salaries paid to forest labour on social services sectors.





Moving towards sustainable forest value chains and employment

- ◆ Reducing transaction costs for compliance with sustainability good practices.
- ◆ Connecting the forest production with public procurement policies.
- ◆ Recognizing the climate change mitigation role of sustainable wood products, in particular in the construction sector.
- ◆ **Building sfm-sensitive REDD+ strategies** to address peoples' needs while strengthening governance for forest conservation.





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Thank you!
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