

# **Prospects for the Future**

**A Synthesis of Community Forest Management in  
Southeast Asia**

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# Outline

- Why this session?
- Where are we now?
- Supportive Forces
- Constraining Forces
- What next?

# Why this session?

- To wrap up the last four sessions that relate to our experiences of the last three years
- To look ahead - how can communities move forward?

# Where are we now?

- More people by the forest and for the forest supporting people in the forest (Session 1)
- Increased number of policies directly or indirectly enabling community forestry activities (Session 2)

# Where are we now?

- Processes practiced have common features but need quality improvements (Session 3)
- CFM has many potential applications (Session 4)

# Supportive Forces

- Expanding Role of Civil Society
- Local Knowledge and Community Institutions
- Enabling Market Transitions
- Development Agency Support
- International Commitments and Conventions
- Adoption of CF by other SEA countries

# Constraining Forces

- Absence of Political Will & Endemic Corruption
- Flawed CFM Plans and Agreements
- Taxes & Regulations, Contractual Agreements
- Ideological Conservation & Crisis Reaction
- Limitations of Government Human & Financial Resources
- Disempowered Rural Communities

## INFLUENCED BY

## CBFM FOCUS

Globalization

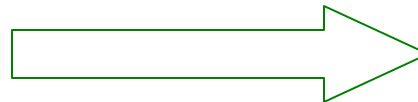
International agendas



International  
&  
Regional

National Priorities

- Awareness
- Related issue

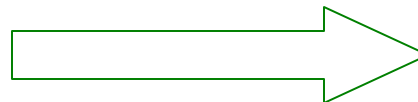


National

Decentralization

Health – water sources

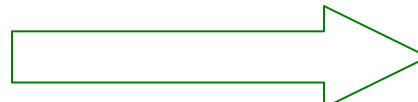
- Illegal activities
- Land use planning



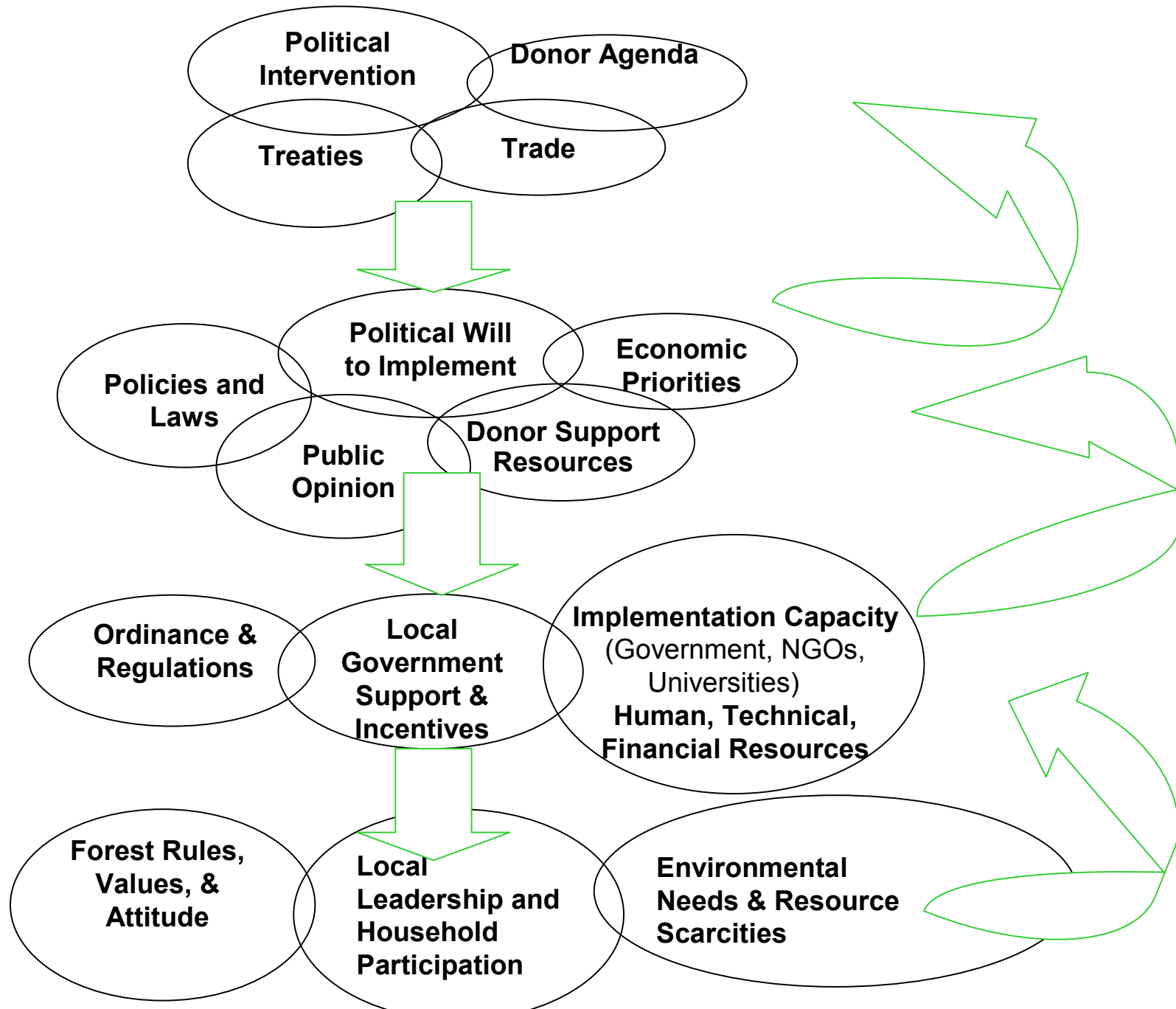
Local  
government

Recognition of  
basic needs

Market needs



Local leaders  
& community



# The movement forward not just policy but

- Program learnings and flexibility
- Gaps to experiment within
- New Shoots:  
champions, applications, media & communications
- Emerging strategies take account of:
  - ✓ *Immediate* –family and organizational growth
  - ✓ *Medium* –indicators and markets – local land use planning and spatial analysis, watershed integration & partner diversity
  - ✓ *Long term* – biodiversity, local economies