

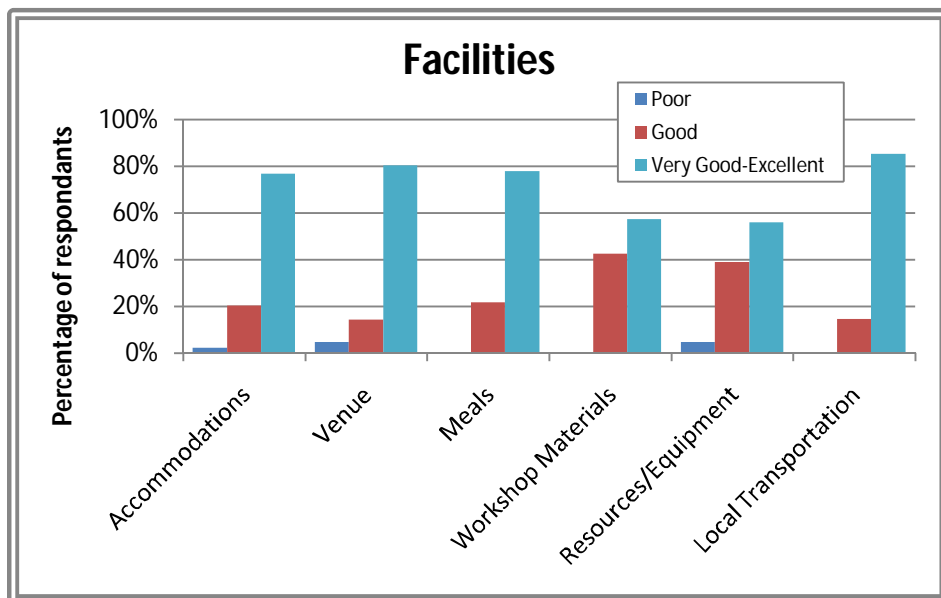
Major Groups-Led Initiative in Support of the United Nations Forum on Forests

Applying Sustainable Forest Management to Poverty Reduction: Strengthening the Multi-Stakeholder Approach within the UNFF
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Workshop Evaluation Highlights

A total of 41 participants completed the workshop evaluation form. The following report provides a brief overview of participants' experiences and feedback.

1. Facilities



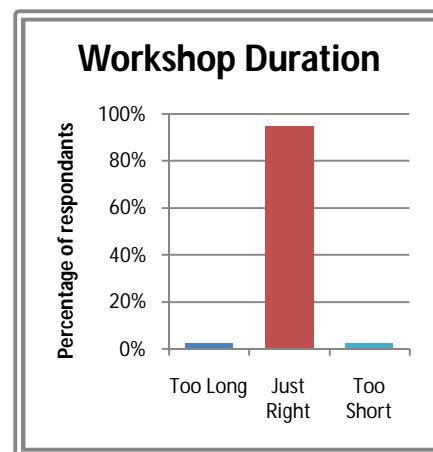
The overall satisfaction level with the workshop facilities was very high, with participants' awarding an average rating of 'very good' across all categories. Accommodations: Participants were generally quite satisfied with the accommodations; however some delegates suggested that sharing rooms was not ideal, and that individual accommodations would have been preferable. Other concerns included a slow internet connection and disruption in the accessibility of conference facilities.

Meals: Suggestions included providing

dinner for delegates throughout the week (in place of a per diem) or providing more information about the per diem in advance to help participants with their planning. Workshop materials: One delegate suggested that it would have been useful if the material presented during the workshops had been printed and distributed to participants. (Note: Workshop organizers had specifically decided to reduce paper usage and to make workshop materials available for download from the event's website. This choice could be re-evaluated for future events.)

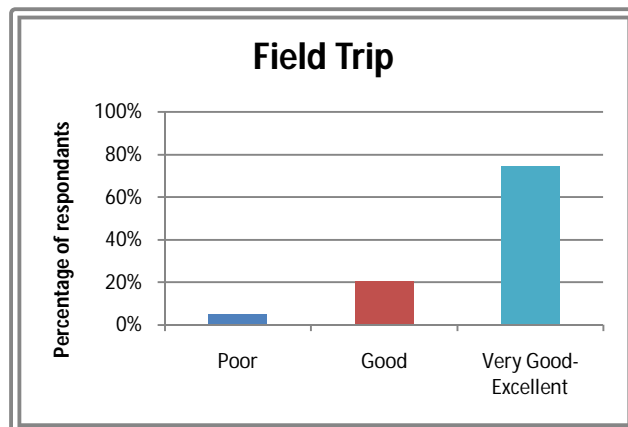
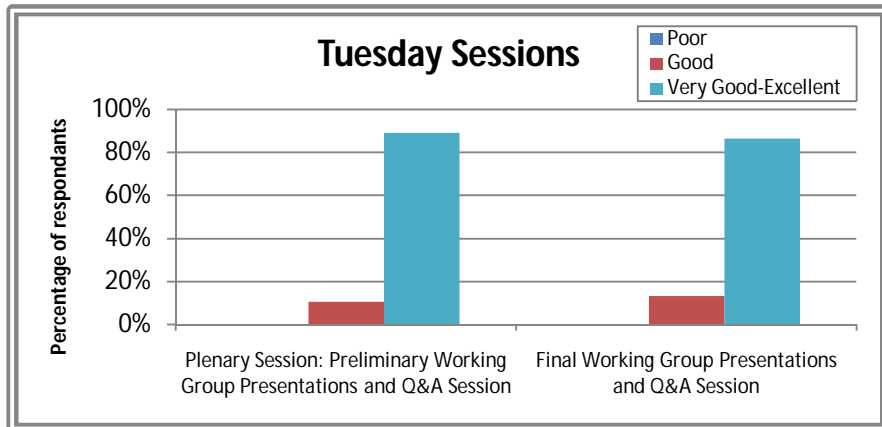
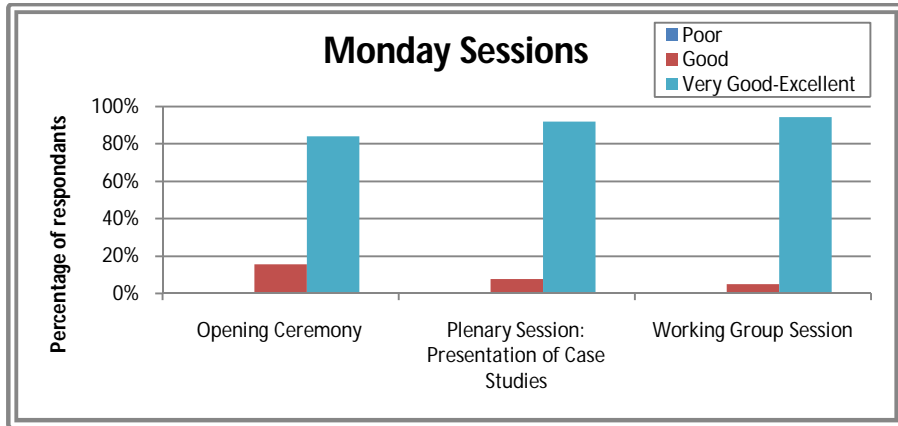
2. Duration

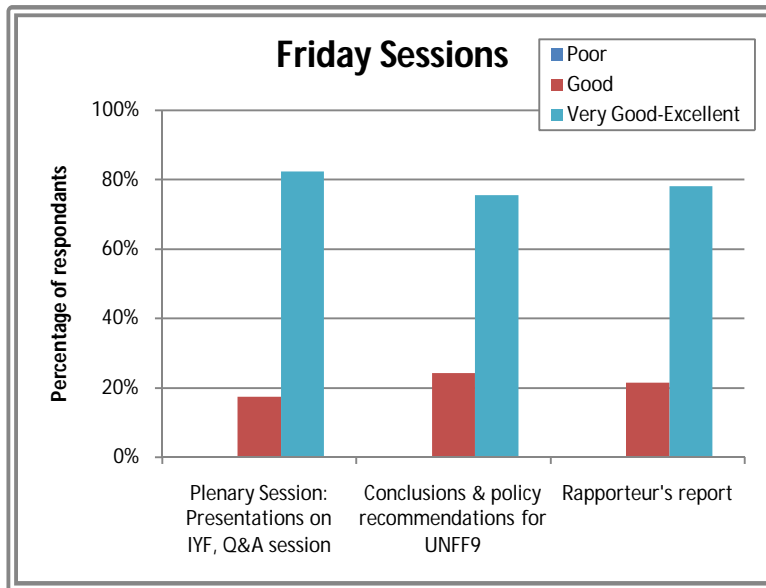
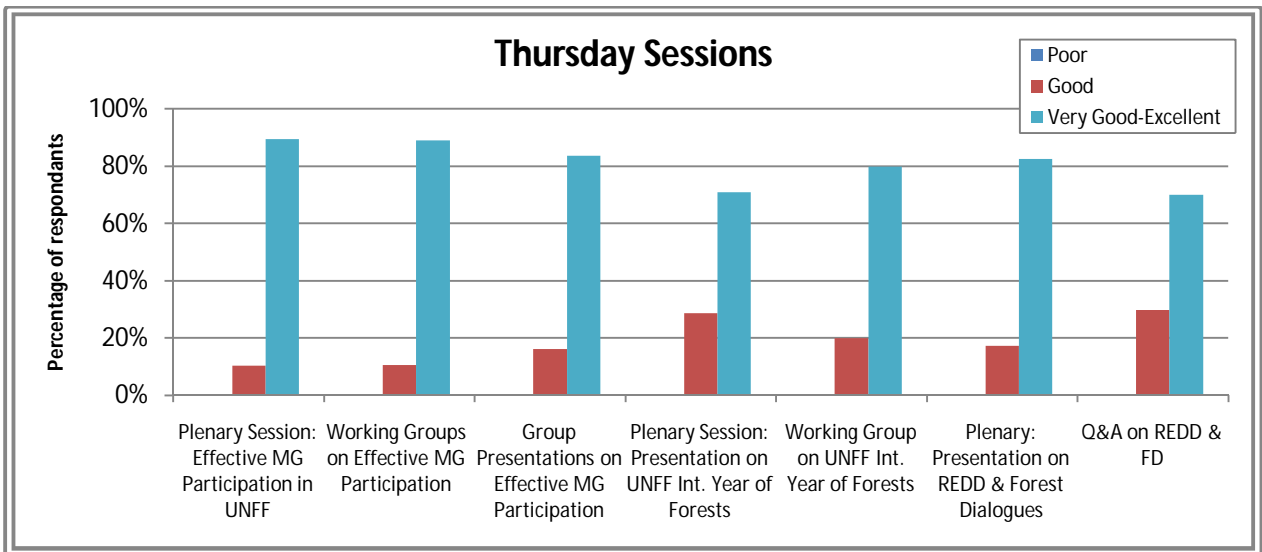
Nearly all delegates agreed that the workshop's duration had been 'just right'. Delegates noted that time management during the workshop had been very good. One recommendation for the future was that for workshops of this length, organizers should find creative ways to monitor energy levels and adapt as necessary, in order to maintain optimum productivity.



3. Sessions

Almost all participants agreed that the week's sessions had been of high quality. The following charts indicate participants' ratings of each day's sessions.





4. Ideas for Follow-Up Workshops and General Suggestions

Annual or Bi-Annual Major Groups-Led Workshops

Many participants noted the importance of Major Groups-led workshops to the UNFF process. Participants suggested that similar workshops be held annually or in advance of each UNFF session. Delegates emphasized that future workshops will further improve the cooperation between the Major Groups and allow them to expand and strengthen their recommendations to UNFF and the member states, and the stakeholders. It was also suggested that Major Groups make an effort to meet again in advance of UNFF9.

National and Major Group Workshops

Delegates also emphasized the need for follow-up dialogue and/or workshops at the national level and within specific Major Groups. Some participants recommended soliciting field reports from Major Groups to see how recommendations are being put into action.

Local Interaction

Some participants suggested that in future workshops it could be valuable for delegates to have additional opportunities to engage with local people in order to understand their perspectives on forest conversation.

Simultaneous Translation

Some participants noted their inability to participate fully in the workshop due to language limitations and suggested that French and Spanish translation services be made available where possible.

Overall, participants agreed that the workshop had been productive and had achieved its goals.

"I think [the workshop] has been a wonderful period of learning and sharing of information. The experience and knowledge of the participants were effectively utilized in the discussions. The selection of participants was appropriate. On the whole, a very good meeting!"