



## ***Communities and the Wood Value Chain in Latin America*** (Comunidades y Cadena de Valor de la Madera en América Latina) **Call for contributions**

Tropenbos International is inviting interested authors to present contributions for the publication **Communities and the Wood Value Chain in Latin America**, which will be carried out within the framework of the [Working Landscapes Programme](#). The objective of the publication is to disseminate and examine the experiences of communities in wood value chain in Latin America. A more detailed understanding of how communities interact with other agents and actors within the wood value chain is considered key to improving the effectiveness of forest and tree management in the diverse contexts of Latin America. This publication is aimed at organizations that provide assistance to or are linked to forest dependent communities.

The publication will include an exhaustive review of scientific and non-scientific literature on the relationship between communities and the wood value chain in Latin America; the articles of this call on experiences at community level; and a synthesis and comparative discussion of the literature findings and lessons learned from the experiences included in the publication.

Communities and/or their representatives, public, private and civil society support organizations (national and international), governments (local, regional, national and foreign), business partners, professionals and others who have participated in initiatives involving both communities and the wood value chain are invited to share their experiences by writing an article that will be part of the publication. The authors of the selected articles who submit their complete manuscript in due time will receive a monetary incentive of USD500.

**If you have a story on the approach and the various aspects that have been considered to involve communities in initiatives related to the wood value chain and would like to share it, please send a short outline of 300 words to: Charlotte Benneker ([charlotte.benneker@tropenbos.org](mailto:charlotte.benneker@tropenbos.org)) and Oscar Martinez ([o.martinezcortes@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:o.martinezcortes@mail.utoronto.ca)) by 31 May 2022**

During the preparation of your article, we recommend you take into account the following questions that this publication is looking to answer...

- How did it emerge and what is the business model that has been promoted and/or implemented?
- How has it been organized from the technical, operational, commercial, financial, administrative and community points of view?
- What has been the role of the communities in the different links of the wood value chain, the reasons for playing that role and how does it relate to community expectations/interests?
- What have been the most important milestones and events in its development and how did the internal and external context make the initiative take any certain course?
- What are the detailed characteristics of the products and markets targeted and what have been the financial utility of these products, the financial profitability of the initiative, and the main barriers to access the target markets?
- How has the community benefited and who have been the specific beneficiaries in the communities, what have been the main co-benefits, and what have been the sources of funding?
- What has been (and will be) the financial, ecological, and social sustainability of the initiative?
- What have been the relevant lessons learned for adjusting business models related to wood value chain in the geographical context where the initiative has been implemented?

It is in the editors' interest that the answers to the guiding questions are a balanced combination of descriptive text, data, and infographics. Authors are encouraged to include, among others, a map of the local, regional and national location showing the transportation network to markets, an infographic with key data on the forest management and harvesting plans and product processing and transportation (e.g. area under management, species and volumes available for cutting, size of annual cutting units and their volumes, harvesting, processing and transport systems, among others), a timeline with milestones and events, and data tables on product costs and prices, and finances of the initiative. The editors will discuss, with the authors of the selected articles, the feasibility of orienting their articles in this direction and will provide support, if necessary, on these and other details for the preparation of the manuscripts.

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All submitted abstracts will be reviewed and evaluated by the editorial committee, and the results of their deliberations will be returned to all contributors. Subsequently, the authors of the selected articles will be requested to prepare a draft article of around 5,000 words without counting references, before **July 31, 2022**. It is expected that the final edition of *Communities and the Wood Value Chain in Latin America* is published online in **November 2022**. Only abstracts and manuscripts will be received in Spanish, except for those that come from organizations and individuals located in Suriname, which may be in English.

If you have any questions about the call, please contact Óscar Geovani Martínez-Cortés at the following email: [o.martinezcortes@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:o.martinezcortes@mail.utoronto.ca)