

- **On Trade Liberalization and Import Standards:** The group had quite a lengthy discussion on the whole issue of trade liberalization, whether it should be pursued in the context of APEC or whether the time would be better spent coming up with our own vision, understanding trade itself.
- Strategies supported by the Forests Session participant group were felt should be broader, not just limited to one APEC statement.
 - For our work to be covering broader issues and reaching wider usefulness, we need to bring these messages back to our communities to make them understand this APEC.
 - For many people who are not so fortunate to have funding to come here, they won't know what's going on. It is good for us to take the message back.
 - On Communities, we felt it is important that we recognize community rights and tenure rights of forest resources. All APEC decision-makers must look deeper into forest-dependent communities and indigenous people.

On Full-Cost Pricing and Subsidies: in the discussion of forest products and resources, a key issue is how not to view "the resource" only in terms of monetary value, but to recognize other valuables. Discussed issues for attention include:

- **PROMOTING VALUE ADDED TAX;**
- Continuing to discuss and establish a common understanding of **What IS SUSTAINABLE? Is it in terms of yield? management of forest products? This discussion group felt it must be seen in a more integrated sense, with ecosystem related to lives and livelihoods, especially those dependent on the forests.**
- **Capacity of the forest-dependent communities, and indigenous communities, who live physically and in other ways closest to the forest, closer than most of us, that capacity must continue to be developed to work with these global trade issues and forces.**
- **On Certification and trade restrictions, the group felt it is difficult to come up with a uniform or common standard. It proposed that minimum standards, reference to examples, and the experiences of communities themselves be "triangulated" to come up with a working code of practice.**

Outcomes and Next Steps

Having these diverse viewpoints presented, the exchange of experiences, sharing among the countries and organizations we represent, as well as individually, we came out of the session with a commitment that **whatever happened in our discussion, will not stop today. We must follow up, continue even when the People's Summit has ended.**