

# ISSUES FOR PANEL DISCUSSION

- Volumes of books and papers have been published outlining the potential role of forests and forestry in lifting people out of poverty. But are there any examples/ instances where forestry has made a perceptible impact in addressing poverty?
- Governance improvement is considered as a key to poverty reduction. But we all know that poor forest governance is a symptom of larger governance failure. If there is an improvement in overall governance, will there be a need for forestry to address poverty?
- During the last three decades we have witnessed a significant reduction in poverty. Did forestry play any significant role in poverty reduction that occurred during the last three decades?

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- Lifting the remaining poor out of poverty will be much more challenging. Is it realistic to assume that forestry could take on the role of poverty reduction of the people left out?**
- There is a lot of discussion on the need for value addition efforts to enhance income and thus to reduce poverty. How do we ensure that value addition technologies actually increase the share of income that goes to the poor and not deprive them of what they were getting earlier?**
- What are the challenges in reforming forestry institutions – especially public forestry agencies - to enable them pursue the poverty reduction agenda? Or are they beyond reform?**
- We have witnessed periodic emergences of various international initiatives. How do we assess their real impact on poverty reduction?**