

Recommendations on the three main conference themes

Theme 1:

Remote infrastructure quality & progress monitoring

- Real time monitoring and feedback loops are essential in moving resources to what's working well from things that are not working well
- Data collected through local expert tech and data providers (local NGOs, companies, research) provides important value and advantages and needs to be connected more systematically to governments and donor programs.
- Donors need to lead the change towards digitizing assistance & allowing for innovative procurement.



Theme 2:

Involving target groups & project-affected people

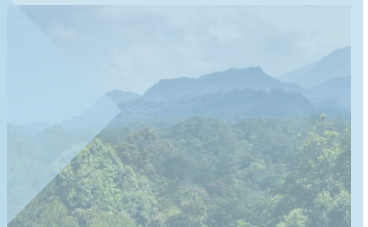
- Public service providers need to provide both face to face and digital mechanisms of citizen participation & capacity building to ensure wider inclusion.
- The more users on the ground are involved in the design of an app, the better the chance you will get an actively used tool.
- We need to build large-scale and sustainable mapping of very remote areas with low-tech, open and collaborative technologies and methods, together with grassroots organizations and the impacted communities
- Building on the success of established and sustainable local tech, open data, open source & crowdsourcing communities & initiatives, governments, donors and ESG investors can replicate and scale this success by collaborating with them.



Theme 3:

Remote outcome, impact & do-no-harm monitoring & evaluation

- **Remote project evaluations** are better than expected and should be considered more systematically, especially those with environmental aspects
- **Partnerships** are the best way to **experiment more** in joint outcome, impact & do-no-harm monitoring (pull together the needs of different partners, mutualise R&D costs, reduce cost of experimenting by institution) and **learn faster** (sharing experience, avoid investing or choosing the wrong path twice, etc.)



Recommendations on the four main topics: RMMV4...



... Crisis Contexts

- Both, the **complexity** of multiple, recurrent & permanent crises together with the increasing **availability** of the **respective digital tools** not only require a shift to **more real-time monitoring**, but also of monitoring **as evaluation & distributed decision making**.
- Keep solutions **simple** and **adaptive**. In fragile contexts, simplicity, **built-in flexibility** in project design and **tailored solutions** towards local needs, capacities and dynamics are essential. RMMV systems must be tested and improved constantly using evidence.
- Ensure there is **no-one left behind** and **capitalize on integration** with government systems/registers, if possible, to ensure coordination.



... Traceable, Deforestation-free Supply Chains

- The **new EU regulation** helps to make **smallholder farmers** visible and access knowledge, finance, and carbon markets.
- There is still a risk that they are left behind and excluded -> Need to foster the inclusion of smallholders, indigenous peoples, & local communities while safeguarding their land rights.
- Certification 4 small & mid-scale farmers & incentives are key!
- Major investments are needed for accessible datasets.
- **Harmonization** in data and methods requirements between government and private sector is **critical!** All supply chain stakeholders should subscribe and support interoperability efforts like GIZ's DIASCA initiative.



... Citizen-Centric Accountability

- International donors, NGOs & governments must acknowledge the need for the international aid sector to truly **localize their priorities**, approaches & needs for innovation.
- When **citizens** and **public service providers work together** and solve problems, this does **build trust** between them.
- **Multiply input channels** and being **permanently available** are important aspects of remote feedback mechanisms.
- Create **data democracy**: return data back to the data-providing citizens, farmers in supply chains and their organisations.
- Local ownership of data and tools is key to sustainability!
- Digital Transformation is not a technological change, it is a **change of mindset**.



... Improving Coordination

- The Transparency Index **Report Publish What You Fund** has proven to be a motivator for institutions to engage more with their data quality and consistency. So has the Global reporting Initiative done for Sustainability reporting. A similar initiative for **impact measurement** is needed!
- The joint use of simple **open-source monitoring technology** & a **common cartographic vision** allows for better communication and coordination with partners. The objective is **not to redo** the work already done by a partner!
- **Harmonizing measurement** across institutions remains a challenge.

