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Forests & Transparency

Webinar: Open and transparent – forest data setting the course for green future under the Paris Agreement

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Building global capacity to increase transparency in the forestry sector

Key messages

- **Forests** play a central role in combating climate change.
- A fully functioning **multipurpose** NFMS allows countries to track progress on climate action.
- Building **partnerships** helps ensure the impact of forest monitoring support.

FAO/GEF CBIT-Forest project

- A two-year (2019-2021) global project to step up developing countries' ability to collect, analyse and disseminate forest-related data, to make **forest data transparent, accessible and available** in line with the ETF.
- Aims to increase institutional and technical **capacities** and to boost **knowledge-sharing** and **awareness-raising** about the ETF particularly in the forest sector.

How

- 26 countries targeted as well as 187 countries and territories included.
- Strengthened network of key partners such as UNFCCC, GFOI, UNEP, UNDP, etc.
- Upgraded FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) reporting and dissemination platform, to make forest data reporting easier in the future.
- Tool developed to facilitate the assessment of gaps and needs in a country's NFMS.
- Outreach and sharing of case studies and best practices on transparency in the forest sector.
- E-learning course to enable access to knowledge about the ETF and forests to anyone anywhere.

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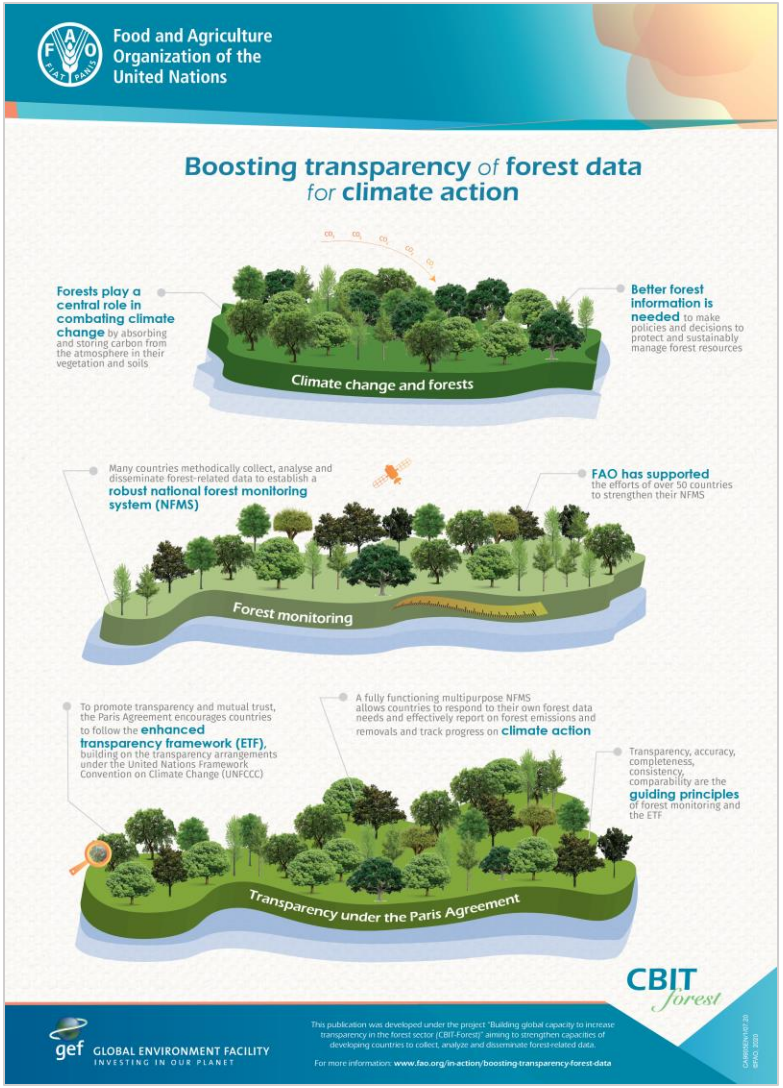

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E-learning course: “Forests and transparency under the Paris Agreement”

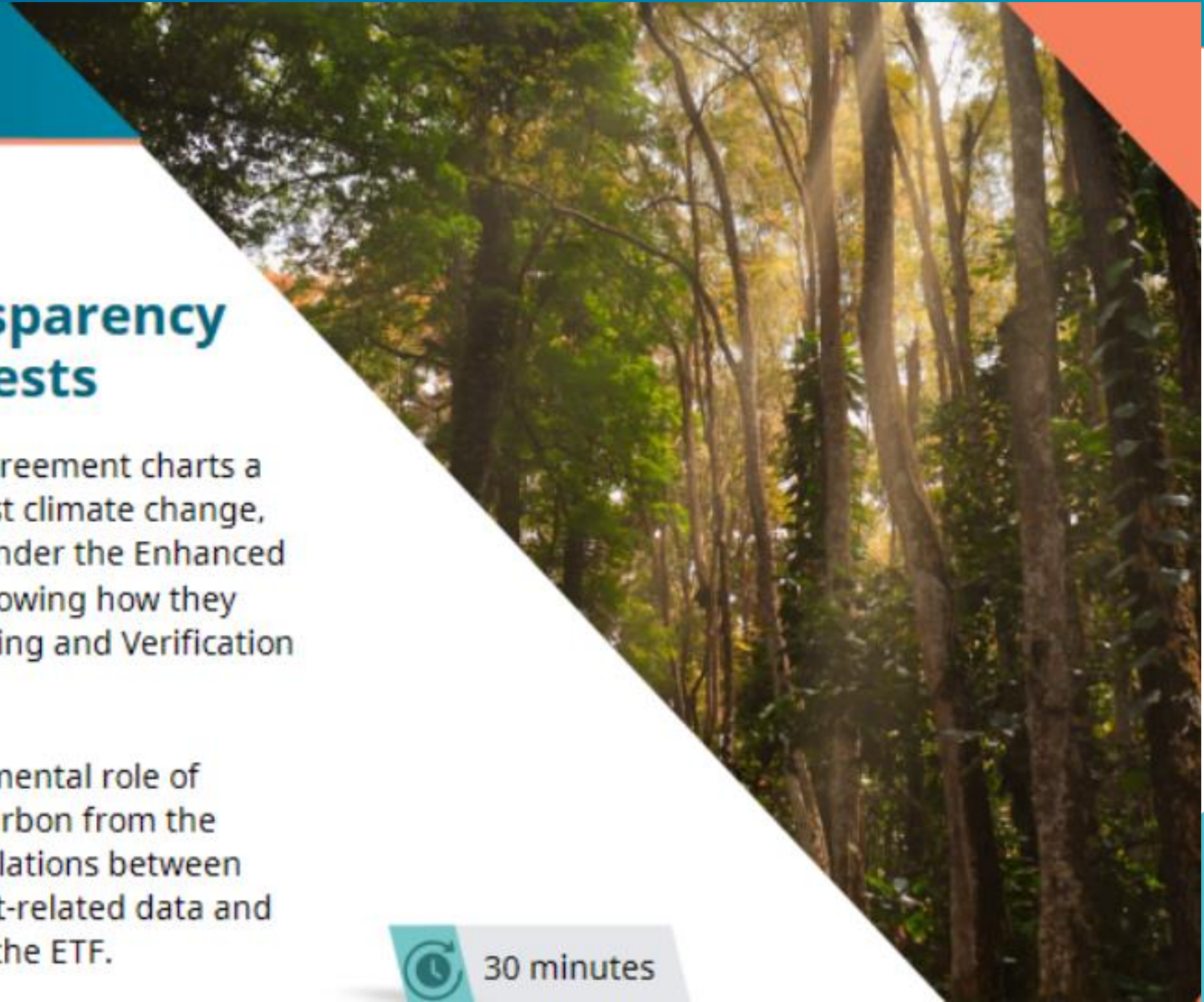
Learn about:

- the role and importance of forests in tackling climate change.
- how the ETF under the Paris Agreement can be addressed in the forest sector.
- how the national forest monitoring systems can help countries to meet the requirements of the ETF.

How long does it take? 3 modules, 1 hour 30 minutes

Access the course online or download (English version):
https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=587

LESSON 1



The Enhanced Transparency Framework and forests

Lesson 1 explains how the Paris Agreement charts a new course in global efforts against climate change, and illustrates the requirements under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), showing how they build on the Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) framework.

The lesson also reviews the fundamental role of forests in absorbing and storing carbon from the atmosphere and highlights interrelations between the collection and analysis of forest-related data and the requirements foreseen under the ETF.

30 minutes

How are forests related to the Enhanced Transparency Framework?

Forests relate to several aspects of the ETF.

REPORT **REVIEW**

National inventory report	Progress tracking in NDCs	Report on support	Report on impacts and adaptation	TER and FMCP
are related to forests because...				
Forest emissions and removals should be reported and reviewed in a GHG Inventory.	Parties may choose to include forests in their **NDCs**, and they are required to report mitigation actions across all sectors, including agriculture and forestry.	Parties report on financial, tecnical and capacity-building provided or received related to forest projects/activities.	Forests provide a key role in adaptation and can help to build resilience.	Forest-related information is subject to review and facilitative multilateral consideration of progress.

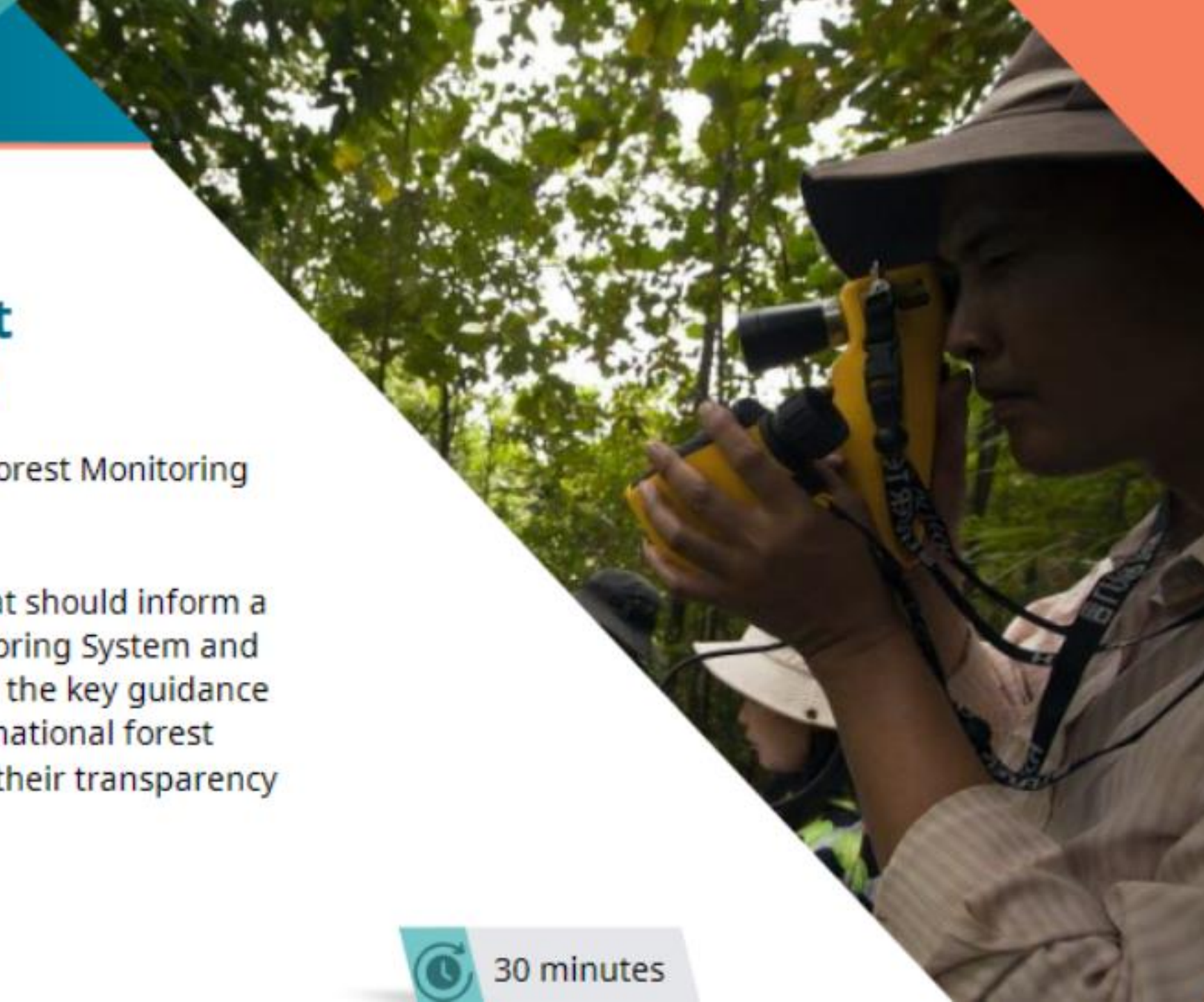
Who will be involved in a TER?

LESSON 2

The National Forest Monitoring System

This lesson reviews the National Forest Monitoring System, its goals and scope.

It also illustrates the principles that should inform a sustainable National Forest Monitoring System and describes, through real examples, the key guidance elements required to strengthen national forest monitoring capacities, increasing their transparency and long-term reliability.



30 minutes

Principles and elements of a sustainable NFMS

Typically, an NFMS requires a long-term vision and interdisciplinary collaboration, and should inform the principles and include the elements reviewed in this lesson.

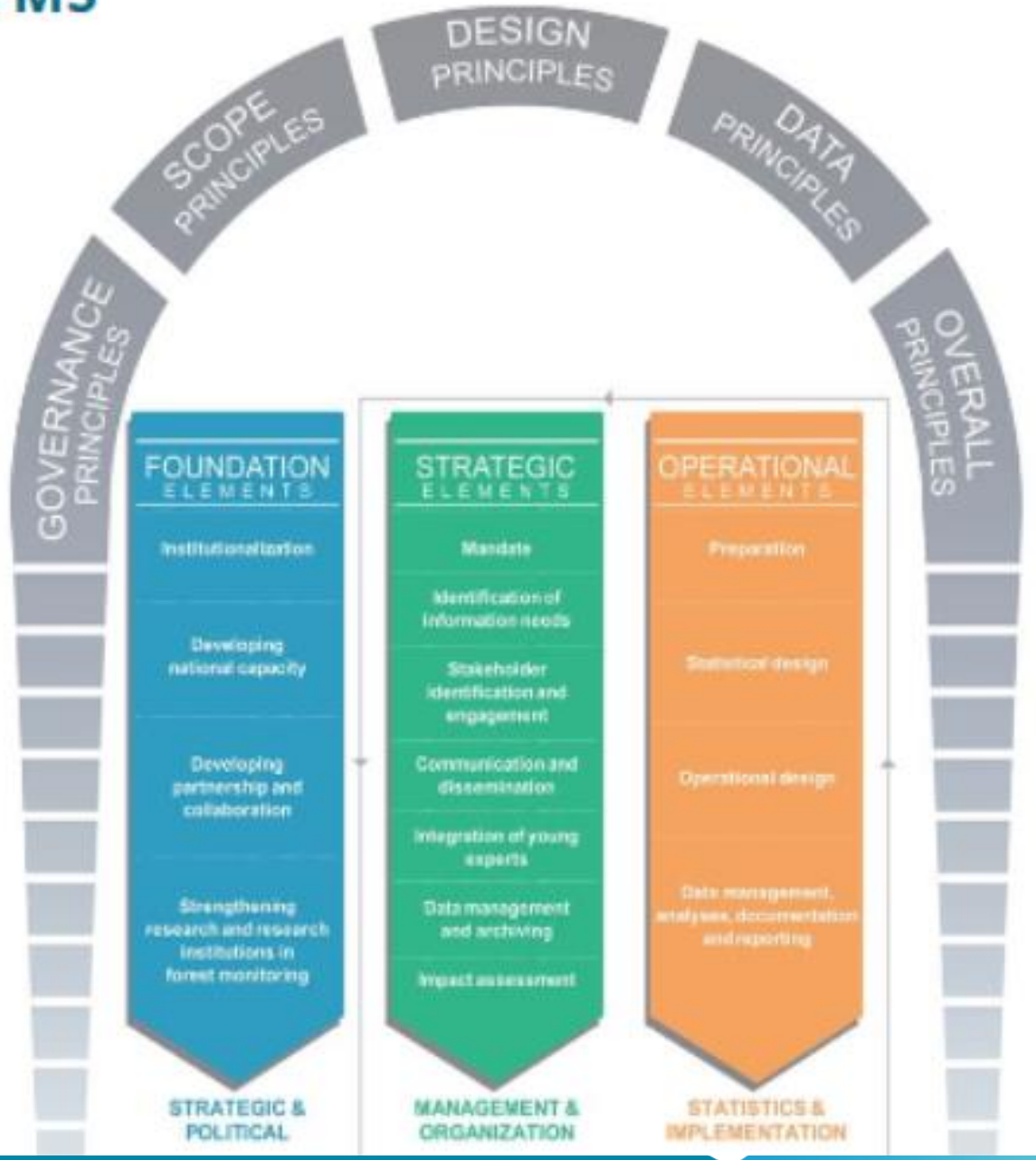
These are schematically presented in this diagram.

They refer to a variety of planning issues, some of which are technical in nature, while others are organizational or strategic.

The overall aim is to provide detailed and comprehensive guidance for establishing a sustainable NFMS.

The NFMS assessment tool

Zoom



LESSON 3

Forest data for the Enhanced Transparency Framework under the Paris Agreement

This lesson discusses how a National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) that is informed by principles of transparency, accuracy, consistency, completeness and comparability enables countries to produce **reliable** and **transparent data**, and thus to meet the reporting requirements under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF).

30 minutes

Case study - Costa Rica

This provides more consistent, accurate, comparable, complete and transparent information on the land-use sector at national scale.

Costa Rica

Costa Rica has developed a National Land-Use, Land Cover and Ecosystem Monitoring System known as SIMOCUTE.

Ownership of SIMOCUTE* comes under the Ministry of Environment and Energy and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

SIMOCUTE is a decentralized system where different institutions and entities share their data and information, according to their mandates and roles, and on the basis of established requirements and standards.

The success factors of this project

Thanks for your attention!

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