

THE ROLE OF SOUTHERN NGOs

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WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? Producer Support Organizations

- Local or nationally based development NGO's - various emphases
- Academics and research groups based at universities and private research centres
- Church based NGO's
- Networks of NGO's - E.g. RESPOMIN
- Specific Government programs working with ASM

What is the ROLE of Producer Support Organizations

- Work with ASM to develop and lobby for enabling public policy and laws
- Building capacity for empowerment - formation of ASM leadership
- Training on the ground to improve performance
- Build capacity for strategic business planning and for fund raising for specific programs

What is the ROLE of Producer Support Organizations

- Support in developing traceability and ethical supply chains
- Facilitate networking and exchange of experiences among organised ASM
- Support in market development and business matching
- Support diversified local development strategies with ASM communities
- Document the process

What are the NEEDS of Producer Support Organizations?

- Developing sustainable administrative and financial platforms for long term planning and programs development
- Keeping the best people after training them
- Improving fund raising skills
- Improving English language skills
- Training in supply chain approaches
- Greater continuity of processes
- Engagement with regional and global networks to build critical mass to move forward

What EXPECTATIONS do they have?

- Longer term program development perspective
- That donors recognise their commitment to working on the ground through training opportunities, and better working conditions and salaries
- That miners recognise them as crucial partners in this process
- Working more closely with Northern NGOs around shared issues of concern
- Engaging with industry around ASM-LSM and local/national development issues