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Abstract Session 5.3 – What is at stake and what does it take? Cross-boundary collaboration and policy (in)action in the adoption of a National Forest Programme.

Inspired by the Integrative Framework for Collaborative Governance (IFCG), this paper analyses the emergence, process and outputs of a cross-boundary collaborative process initiated by the Swedish government in 2014. It builds on an extensive empirical background and ongoing research from the Swedish efforts to launch and implement a National Forest Programme (NFP) between the years 2014-2019, including semi-structured interviews, participant observations, stakeholder comments, records of public hearings and enacted policy documents. The results show that the collaborative endeavours had many merits, particularly by providing a space for joint deliberation and capacity building on complex and conflict-ridden issues pertaining to current land use. However, the outputs, emancipating primarily from deliberations within four stakeholder groups, reveal a discrepancy between initial expectations and the final programme endorsed by the government in 2018. These include, for instance, a lack of prioritizations on how to achieve multiple and often conflicting goals in management, unclear efforts on how to govern towards a bio-based, low-carbon transition, and how to best offer incentives for landowners going beyond compliance with environmental regulations. Further, political realities delayed the adoption of the programme, which caused a lack of internal legitimacy by key non-state stakeholders. The paper concludes with key insights for research on collaboration and policy design and suggest ways forward with the work ahead.