

UNCCD Response to the Survey

CPF members' views on contributions of forests to 2017 HLPF theme "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world" and achievement of SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17

The 2017 session of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is scheduled to be convened from 10 to 19 July 2017 under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 70/299, the theme will be "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world" and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) goal 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17 will be reviewed in depth.

The twelfth session of UNFF (UNFF12) is scheduled to be convened from 1-5 May 2017. In accordance with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2015/33, the Forum will

constituting 41 per cent of the global land area. On the basis of satellite data, experts estimated that one-fifth of global forest cover is located in drylands. More than elsewhere, forests and agrosilvopastoral systems in drylands play crucial economic, social and environmental roles, including by improving the environmental sustainability and resilience in the wider landscape.

If well managed and properly valued, dryland forest and woodland ecosystems can help alleviate poverty and contribute to the food security and sustainable livelihoods of 2 billion people worldwide. Dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems are important for the very poor and vulnerable, providing a source of food and other essential materials in periods of food insecurity, such as during dry seasons or in the wake of natural disasters (e.g., drought) and conflict.

Dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems face serious threats, including degradation, fragmentation, and deforestation by various interrelated factors, such as climate change and climate-related disasters; policy and socioeconomic factors that lead to poor management and overharvesting;

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

- Forested watersheds for both rural and urban populations
- Increasing demand for forest products and land use change

Goal 17: Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

- Financial assistance and capacity building for forestry sector stakeholders, including forest restoration activities within a landscape approach
- Financial resources, lack of awareness and