

Meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests Meeting report

18 July 2018, FAO HQ, Rome

In Attendance

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Members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) met at FAO HQ, Rome on 18 July 2018.

1. Welcome by the Chair and adoption of the Agenda

Hiroto Mitsugi, Chair of the Partnership, welcomed members to the meeting held in conjunction with the twenty-fourth session of the FAO Committee on Forestry and the sixth World Forest Week (COFO24/WFW6, 16-20 July), and invited members to introduce themselves.

The proposed agenda for the meeting was adopted.

2. Implementation of the UNFF13 decisions

The UNFF Secretariat provided an update on the implementation of the UNFF13 decisions, including: i)

for UNFF14; and iii) follow up to the 2018 HLPF and preparation for the 2019 HLPF.

The UNFF Secretariat informed the status of the implementation of the UNFF13 decisions and preparation for UNFF14, outlining a series of intersessional activities, including: preparation of a set of three analytical studies on UNFF14 thematic priorities (forests and dimate change; Forests and economic growth and employment; Forests and peaceful and inclusive societies, reduced inequalities, and education); and organization of expert group meetings (one on planning for flagship publication, global forest indicators and manual for reporting; the other on GFFFN clearing house mechanism, as well as EGM on regional collaboration and major groups involvement). It was added that the provisional agenda of UNFF14 contains several agenda items directly related to CPF, including: i) technical discussion and exchange of experience; ii) progress on development of global forest indicators; iii) enhancing global forest policy coherence and a common international understanding on SFM; iv) implementation of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCOC; and v) Aichi Biodiversity Targets of the

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coherence and a common understanding on SFM in the agenda of the next meeting of the CPF.

The UNFF Secretariat also informed the outcome of the pre-HLPF event on forests held on 8 July with the participation of some CPF members, adding a possibility to hold a similar one-day event in conjunction with the future HLPF sessions. It was added that UN DESA is considering organizing its pavilion at UNFCCC COP24 to feature its work, including forests. Upon confirmation, further information would be provided to the CPF.

In light of the technical nature of the discussions of UNFF14, the UNFFS invited members of the CPF to effectively engage in participating at UNFF14 and to activities to UNFF14, including through reporting the status of its activities vis-à-vis the implementation of the CPF workplan. Members were also invited to provide inputs to and actively participate in the intersessional activities.

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Update on Joint Initiatives in the pipeline

Based on the Joint Initiative proposal that had been circulated prior to the meeting, GEF presented its J proposal on Green Finance, outlining the objectives and approach, partners, as well as a possibility of co-financing from donor countries. Members noted the importance to prioritize main objectives of the J to either promote enabling conditions or involvement of the private sector investors, building on the existing activities of members in these areas.

WB provided an update on the J proposal Pathway for Designing a Mechanism to Incentivize Deforestation-Free Landscapes and V ther a team of governance and fiscal specialists to work on tax incentives and forest revenue systems, building on the compendium of studies and reports in these areas. ITTO added the importance to address policy coherence issues through the J, including those challenges related to profitability of concessions and regulatory frameworks that are facing small-holders and SME producers.

Based on the concept note that had been circulated prior to the meeting, ITTO presented the J proposal Voluntary Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of successful Forest Landscape Restoration Initiatives , suggesting a collaborative approach to the forest landscape restoration (FLR), building on the 2002 ITTO FLR guidelines. The J would take stock

initiatives, particularly the Bonn Challenge, and develop a set of guidelines to stimulate the improvements of the production capacities of degraded tropical forests. Members noted the importance to ensure synergies with the existing FLR work by members and consider identifying specific target regions.

Key actions to be taken:

Members are invited to provide comments to the **J** proposal on Green Finance; GEF will develop the full **J** proposal

Pathway for Designing a Mechanism to

consideration.

Members are invited to provide comments to the concept note for the J proposal on Guidelines for the Design and Implementation of successful Forest Landscape Restoration Initiatives in

Follow up to the CPF donor meeting

Following the introduction of the subject matter by FAO, members considered next steps to follow up on the CPF donor meeting held in conjunction with UNFF13. It was suggested to take a proactive approach to identify ng regular exchanges with donors to

present new J proposals; pooling/bundling Js into main areas of work such as financing and science; reaching out to relevant development/funding agencies; and inviting donors to the meeting of the Partnership. Members also stressed

and areas that are already in the OPF workplan and in support of the UNSPF.

5. Capacity mapping and stakeholder participation

introduction on the subject matter and updates on its status, members took note of the progress and considered possible next steps to be taken to complete the remaining tasks on clustering activities, including the development of a focal agency system, and stakeholder involvement, suggesting that these could be important items for the agenda of a possible retreat.

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In response to the call at the last meeting, members who have not done yet so, to express their interest in taking a lead/ ∞ -lead role in the various areas

The Chair in consultation with the Secretariat will propose the next steps for the development of a new focal agency system