



Collaborative Partnership on Forests
Meeting report
6 September 2019, New Delhi, India

In Attendance

expedite for a consensus on the draft HLS declaration. This may include organization of informal consultation on the zero draft ministerial declaration of the UNFF15 High-level Segment in March 2020, subject to confirmation. In this regard, the UNFFS added that it would be important for the CPF members to consolidate and provide their views on the Declaration, and the organization of the CPF Dialogue, prior to the Bureau meeting.

c. CPF Dialogue

Members discussed the possibility to organize a CPF dialogue on the margins of UNFF15, noting the need to identify focused target stakeholder groups, particularly women, civil society and youth. Members noted that a CPF dialogue at the margins of UNFF 15 would be timely and important to share the new CPF vision with all stakeholders. It was suggested to prepare a proposal for the organization of the dialogue building on experiences of similar dialogues held by the Collaborative Partnership on Wildlife.

Key actions to be taken:

The Chair will circulate a note on the experience of the Collaborative Partnership of Wildlife dialogues and the organization of (#h7) ;

The Chair in consultation with members will submit its proposal on the organization of the CPF dialogue and share it with the UNFFS for inclusion in the agenda of the third meeting of the UNFF15 Bureau by 31 October 2019;

Members are invited to participate in the forthcoming UNFF Expert Group Meetings and other intersessional activities in preparation for UNFF15.

Members discussed possible approaches to the issue of the CPF membership. Several members suggested considering a consistent approach to membership requests, including the development of criteria for membership, periodicity of membership evaluation and gap analysis, building on the existing membership provisions contained in the CPF Policy Document and the past membership exercises.

Some members highlighted that the development of the CPF strategic vision towards 2030 and the mid-term review of the International Arrangement on Forests scheduled in 2024 could provide an opportunity to consider new membership requests in line with a long-term approach to membership, which would need to be further elaborated based on the existing principles outlined in the CPF Policy Document. Some members suggested to work on this topic in parallel with the development of the vision and include the basic principles into the vision.

Some members suggested to consider the pending IFSA request and that it could be considered at the next CPF heads and principals meeting or at the next regular meeting of the Partnership to be held on the margins of UNFF15. It was noted that any action related to membership should be taken in a systematic manner and in line with the Policy Document and the Rules of Procedure