



Collaborative Partnership on Forests
Meeting report
28 January 2020, FAO HQ, Rome

In Attendance

FAO:	Hiroto Mitsugi (Chair)	IUCN:	Adriana Vidal*
	Mette Wilkie	IUFRO:	John Parrotta
	Peter Csoka		Alexander Buck
	Theresa Loeffler	UNEP:	Mihaela Secrieru
CIFOR-ICRAF:	Tony Simons	UNFCCC:	Peter Iversen
CITES:	Ivonne Higuero	UNFF:	Hossein Moeini Meybodi
	Maria Isabel Camarena		Ryo Nakamura
GEF:	Ulrich Apel	WB:	Timothy Brown
ITTO:	Gerhard Dieterle		
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Members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) met at FAO HQ, Rome on 28 January 2020.

1. Welcome by the Chair and adoption of the agenda

Hiroto Mitsugi, Chair of the Partnership, welcomed the members. The proposed agenda for the meeting was adopted.

2. Follow up to the Meeting of the Principals

a. Development of CPF workplan 2021-2024

Members explored possible approaches to the development of the CPF workplan 2021-2024. Members considered the possibility to develop the CPF workplan 2021-2024 in the second half of 2020 at its retreat, taking into account the UNFF Quadrennial Programme of Work 2021-2024 to be adopted at UNFF15. Some members highlighted the importance to capture the entirety of joint activities among members in the CPF workplan, including various bilateral/multilateral activities among members that are not part of the CPF Joint Initiatives. Other members proposed to develop joint activities to elevate the profile of the CPF and promote its work, including through the organization of an event during the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

Other suggestions discussed include: inclusion of measures and activities in the work plan to support the operationalization of the CPF Strategic Vision towards 2030; inclusion of budgetary implications of the Joint Initiatives in the work plan, possibly less detailed than previously; and inclusion of monitoring measures to keep track of the status of the implementation of the work plan.

b. CPF donor meeting

Members discussed possible options to organize the next CPF donor meeting in collaboration with potential donor countries. Several members noted the importance to continue to regularly hold donor meetings to share updates on resource needs for CPF activities, whereas other members suggested reviewing the purposes and

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Members explored possible options and next steps to organize the first CPF Dialogue. Members highlighted the importance to ensure a balanced representation of the private sector, academic and research organizations, civil society organizations and other stakeholders across sectors in the dialogue as the target partners in light of the purpose of the dialogue. Members also explored possible modalities of the dialogue, including issue-based, region-based, stakeholder-based dialogues and panel discussions.

In this regard, members proposed to actively participate in the Forest Partnership Forum to be held during the UNFF15 high-level segment to serve as a precursor to the CPF Dialogue, and consider organizing the first CPF Dialogue in conjunction with other meetings of members' governing bodies such as the forthcoming 25th session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO25).

Key actions to be taken:

The Chair in consultation with the Secretariat will prepare and circulate his proposal on the organization of the CPF Dialogue, taking into account the outcome of the Forest Partnership Forum to be held during UNFF15 high-level segment.

5. Strategic discussion on the issue of CPF meetings

Members considered possible timings of the next meeting of the CPF and decided to meet on 4 May 2020 at UNHQ, New York, on the margins of UNFF15.

Key actions to be taken:

The Chair in consultation with the Secretariat will propose the draft programme of the next meeting of the CPF scheduled to be held on 4 May 2020 at UNHQ, New York.
