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# **Outcomes of Global Policy Processes of Relevance for the Regional Forestry Commissions**



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- ❖ 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ❖ Paris Agreement on Climate Change – UNFCCC COP22
- ❖ Green Climate Fund
- ❖ UN Biodiversity Conference – CBD COP13
- ❖ UN Strategic Plan on Forests and outcome of UNFF12

# Sustainable Development Goals

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- FAO custodian for three indicators under SDG 15 on “Life on Land”:
  - Forest area as a proportion of total land area (15.1.1)
  - Progress towards sustainable forest management (15.2.1)
  - Mountain Green Cover Index (15.4.2)
- HLPF review of SDG15 in 2018
- CPF organizing **International Conference on Halting Deforestation and Increasing Forest Area – from Aspiration to Action (February 2018)** as input to UNFF13 and the HLPF review of SDG 15
- SOFO 2018 on “Forest Pathways to a Sustainable Future” – focus on forests’ contributions to 10 SDGs (to be launched at COFO 24)



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# Paris Agreement – COP22 Marrakech

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- Partnerships launched:
  - Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action
  - NDC Partnership
- Negotiations focused on entry into force and implementation of the Paris Agreement
- Forests were not discussed under a formal agenda item
- Agenda for Global Climate Action: FAO co-led the Forest Action Day and the high level UN System Side Event on SDG15



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# UN Biodiversity Conference – CBD COP13

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- ✓ Key theme: Mainstreaming biodiversity across sectors
- ✓ FAO proposal to establish platform on biodiversity and agricultural sectors to help mainstreaming
- ✓ FAO and COFO invited to promote mainstreaming and enhance contributions to Aichi targets and SDGs
- ✓ Organizations incl CPF to strengthen contribution to ABT
- ✓ Short term plan on ecosystem restoration
- ✓ Promotion of sustainable wildlife (through CPW)



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# Green Climate Fund

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- FAO accredited agency since October 2016
- FAO assisting countries in development of proposals to access the GCF Readiness Programme and developing concept notes for full project proposals for adaptation and mitigation through forests
- Support to the Great Green Wall initiative, forest landscape restoration, adaptation/resilience through forests and REDD+
- Complex process; 2 readiness proposals for REDD+ approved



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# UN Strategic Plan on Forests

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- Adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2017
- Content: vision, mission, trends, challenges and opportunities, six Global Forest Goals and 26 associated targets, implementation and review frameworks, communication and outreach
- Global Goals:
  - reversing the loss of forest cover
  - increasing area of forests under SFM and share + contribution of products to sustainable development and livelihoods
  - mobilization of resources
  - promotion of governance frameworks
  - enhancement of coordination, coherence and synergies
- Notable Target: Increasing forest cover by 3% by 2030



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# Outcome of UNFF12

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- **Panels on SDG1, SDG2 and SDG5 as input to HLPF review**
- **Proposals on strengthening the role of forests in these SDGs**
- **Omnibus resolution with recommendations to CPF on:**
  - global set of forest indicators
  - inputs to contribution of forests to HLPF review 2018
  - International conference on halting deforestation and increasing forest cover



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# Points for Consideration (1)

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## Invitations to countries:

- Promote and monitor progress on the forest-related indicators and to report on progress during the HLPF review of SDG 15 in 2018
- Consider the recommendations of the Forest Action Day at UNFCCC COP23
- Continue efforts in implementing SFM as the forest sector's contribution to the mainstreaming of biodiversity



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# Points for Consideration (2)

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## Commission to:

- Consider ways to facilitate the implementation of the outcome of UNFF12 and provide a regional input to UNFF13 and 14
- Recommend COFO, with other FAO Technical Committees, to consider addressing opportunities for translating outcomes of international negotiations into concrete actions



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# Points for Consideration (3)

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## Requests to FAO:

- Assist countries in strengthening capacity to monitor forest-related SDG indicators and for wider contributions of forests to the SDGs
- Continue contributing to the Global Climate Action Agenda, promote forest related initiatives at COP23, support countries in the development of proposals for the Green Climate Fund
- Inform COFO on the platform on mainstreaming biodiversity and FAO's work on forest biodiversity
- Explore further enhancing forest sector contribution to biodiversity mainstreaming
- Support UNFF including through *SOFO* and *FRA*



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**Thank you  
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