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

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Las2017 - Joint Session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission
9-13 October 2017, Warsaw, Poland
- 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
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)
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
UN Biodiversity Conference – CBD COP13

- 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)
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
• 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
• 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
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
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
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
Thank you for your attention