

# FRA 2015 and C&I regional processes

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# Victoria meeting in October 2011

- Parallel to Montréal Process 22<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting at Victoria, Canada in October 2011, FAO, ITTO, FOREST EUROPE and MP convened a joint workshop to:
  - i. enhance the ability of countries to respond to current and emerging global environmental and sustainable development issues;
  - ii. enhance streamlining of global forest reporting; and
  - iii. rally global recognition of the progress and continued relevance of criteria and indicators for environmental and sustainable development activities on its 20th anniversary.

# Victoria meeting recommendations

- pursue **efforts to streamline reporting requirements for the 2015 GFRA** by:
  - i. identifying similarities and differences among the three indicator processes to use as a core set of indicators for the 2015 Global Forest Resources Assessment,
  - ii. developing joint data collection schedules and methodologies between FAO and the three criteria and indicator processes,
  - iii. collaborating in a joint messaging and communication strategy for the release of the 2015 Global Forest Resources Assessment, and
  - iv. developing a joint timetable and meeting schedule to achieve these steps
- **improve communication** around sustainable forest management; and
- continue to work together and improve collaboration

# Victoria meeting recommendations

- **A joint statement of collaboration** (summary):
  - We recognize the value of working with other processes and organizations to avoid the proliferation of monitoring requirements and associated reporting burdens.
  - We recognize that our knowledge and experience in tracking and reporting on forest conditions and trends is of value and relevance to emerging issues such as climate change, bioenergy and water.
  - We invite other entities interested in forest-related data, evaluation or expertise to work with us to further improve forest related data collection and reporting. We see this as the best way to address emerging issues and to ensure the greatest lasting contributions from sustainably managed forests to sustainable development worldwide.

# Benefits of the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ)

- Reduction of **overlaps and duplication** of efforts in reporting
- Limited **inconsistencies between** different reporting on the same topics
- Reduction of **costs and efforts** of data collection process
- Reduction of **ambiguity** in interpretation of data
- Provision of **consistent global and regional figures** on forests and jointly elaborating and communicating the **common messages/key findings** to the “outside world”

# Sendai meeting in February 2012

- **MPWG sub-committee** deliberate the following issues with FAO, UNECE, ITTO jointly:
  - I. Revised draft of **Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ) of FRA 2015** prepared by FAO, based upon Rome meeting participated by MP, ITTO, FE, OFAC and FAO on December 2011
    - Further revised FAO draft in Sendai was used in Ispra, Italy where a FRA technical workshop was held from 12 to 16 March 2012
  - II. FRA 2015 proposal to **assess the implementation of SFM** prepared by FAO based upon two levels assessment, i.e. national scale level and operational scale level
    - FAO draft reviewed in Sendai was used in Ispra, Italy where a FRA technical workshop was held from 12 to 16 March 2012

# Ispra meeting in March 2012

- Global consultation with involvement of data producers and users, expected outcome - outline and modalities for GFRA 2015 reporting.
- Purpose and outputs will be explained by FAO.

# Jacksonville meeting in August 2012

1. **Strengthen institutional capacity and stakeholder partnerships** for implementing forest inventory and monitoring for C&I of forest sustainability.
2. **Establish a joint communications group** that will examine ways to improve communication around SFM and explore options for a joint long-term strategy.
3. **Share views of the content of the Collaborative Forest Resource Questionnaire of FRA 2015** to facilitate and improve the exchange of information among all processes.
4. Provide a venue for **FRA 2015 Advisory Group recommendations** to FAO concerning content and process for completing FRA 2015.
5. Provide a venue for developing **COFO recommendations** to FAO for completion of FRA 2015.
6. **Improved alignment within and among regional process groups** over the next 3 years in anticipation of FRA 2015.
7. Proposal for a joint data sharing product for rollout at **2014 IUFRO World Congress**.

# International C&I processes' joint teleconferences

- Several teleconference have took place to keep the contact among several C&I regional processes and discuss about the items related with the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (CFRQ) and the recommendations of Victoria meeting.

## What is MP's commitment to FRA 2015?

- In the past, the members of MP have issued the **reports** in line with MP's C&I in **2003 and 2009**
- However, **joint analysis and/or streamlining the definitions** in variables among MP members' reports has **not been conducted**
- In other word, MP do **not compile national data and report** of members in a single report like “**State of Europe's Forests**”
- Will **MP** wish to use the Collaborative Forest Resources Questionnaire (**CFRQ**), which constitutes a core part of FRA 2015, as **part of its reporting process**?
- MP should discuss this issue at Jacksonville meeting

# What is FOREST EUROPE' commitment to FRA 2015?

- **FOREST EUROPE revised C&I** were adopted in the Ministerial Conference held in Vienna in **2003**
- **FOREST EUROPE prepared 3 reports of State of Europe's Forest according to the pan-European C&I .**
- In the longer term, the **improved pan-European forest monitoring and reporting** should reflect the amendments in **sustainable forest management and its tools**, including valuation of ecosystem services, serve verification of sustainability/legality, and facilitate evaluation of achievements on goals and 2020 targets for European forests.
- **FOREST EUROPE expect outcomes of this action:**
  - Reduce reporting burdens for countries through common data collection on the pan-European quantitative indicators and FAO's global resource assessment
  - **improvements of consistency and comprehensiveness** in reporting on Europe's forests and on **the goals and 2020 targets** for European forests and other commitments