

FAO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE FOREST-BASED INDUSTRIES (ACSF)

Fifty-fourth Session - São Paulo, Brazil, 4 – 5 June 2013

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

- 1. Organizers:**

Host: Brazilian Pulp and Paper Industries Association (BRACELPA)

Technical content: FAO Forestry Department; Forest Economics, Policy and Products Division
- 2. ACSFI Secretary:** Jukka Tissari, Forest Economics, Policy and Products Division
- 3. Participants:** 32 participants (including 13 members), from 17 countries. It was noted that not all new members participated. In order to avoid regional absentees, it was advised that more video-conferencing be used in e.g. Steering Committee meetings.
- 4. Objectives:**

To constitute the new Statutes, work plan and new membership of the ACSFI.

To nominate a Steering Committee and decide on its first meeting.

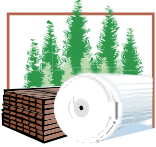
FAO to receive guidance from Committee members on its recent work carried out in the field of forestry, with emphasis on the development of sustainable forest-based industries.

Committee members to provide feedback to two technical studies prepared by FAO, and to advise FAO on planned activities for the years 2014 – 2015.
- 5. Results**

Steering Committee nominations were agreed as follows: Michael Peter, Donna Harman, Teresa Presas, Elizabeth de Carvalhaes, Masataka Hayama, and David Rhodes. From FAO ADG Eduardo Rojas and ACSFI Secretary Jukka Tissari will participate. The first SC meeting will be held in conjunction with the ACSFI-55th Preparatory Meeting, 28 October 2013 in Rome.

The Committee provided guidance to Forestry Department in preparation for the FAO's new five Strategic Objectives, and provided a comprehensive list of priority activities for the next FAO biennium 2014-2015.
- 6. Recommendations of ACSFI-54th to FAO**
 1. Forest and water: revise the draft study to reflect the recommendation and comments given to date; continue work with individual countries for their local level work; the Global Forest Plantation Agenda should support more work on forests and water.

Next steps: an industry expert and a hydrologist are reviewing the document. New Zealand sent their national reference study.



2. Future work force, skills and education: Not many comments and further discussions.

Next steps: the report has been English language edited and cleaned. It will be shared with the Working Group members after 28 October Meeting.

3. Wood fibre based packaging: a Food Saver. Good support from the meeting, and FAO has on-going partnerships in “Save Food” Programme.

Next steps: detailed study on the dimensions and levels of the problem, and selecting supply case studies and points and target groups for the most effective intervention. Coalition and FAO-private sector partnership structure set up with ACSFI members’ guidance. The first launching event in Messe Düsseldorf May 2014, the second large event Milan Expo 2015.

4. Recovered paper quality survey: individual members provided already some additional comments on how the quality of the survey can be improved.
5. Green building: Important to handle this in parallel with bio-economy recommendation. Continue to elevate the topic as a priority. ACSFI and FAO could have later a joint public statement on green building.
6. Bio-economy: Renewable energy and bio-technology product questions to be included. Use of LCA to advance society’s perception on forest-based products in bio-economy. This relates back to the perception of the industry and the role of the ACSFI in cutting edge future and engagement with society. It is important to get FAO connected to the bio-economy discussions and forums. Bio-energy and bio-technology are part of the wider bio-economy concept and that is how it should be worded by FAO. Russian Federation suggestion on establishment of the Coordination Group was supported by the meeting.
7. Bio-tech in planted forests to a neutral international expert meeting. Agreement that it is important to find a good and non-controversial forum for this discussion and for FAO to be a participant and governance expert in this discussion. Link this with Global Forest Plantations Agenda.
8. Global Timber Forum: follow-up, share information and influence GTF-2 in 2015.

7. **Other Matters:**

The Committee agreed to hold its ACSFI-55th confirmed: St. Petersburg, Russia 9 – 11 June 2014.

The Committee’s preparatory meeting will be held at FAO on 28 October 2013.

The 54th annual ACSFI meeting was closed at 15.00 hours on the 5th June 2013.

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