

Comments of Argentina on the focus and the structure of the policy recommendations on Forestry for food security and nutrition

- In the first place, it is estimated that the gender issue should be considered in a particular way in one of the mentioned recommendations.

A policy recommendation should emphasize the role of women in reducing food security and nutrition and, consequently, eliminating poverty.

As mentioned in “State of the world's forests in 2016” (SOFO 2016), among other documents of international organizations, the main factor contributing to food insecurity is poverty, and food insecurity is usually higher in female headed households”.

The participation of women in forest activities is not marked as much as it is in agriculture and fishing, but it is also necessary to have more information disaggregated by gender on the participation of women in activities and its impact on the food security and nutrition of women and their children.

Towards the Sustainable Development Goal n. 2.3 of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 (“By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers... including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment”), and the SOFO 2016, it may recommended that the policy recommendation on this issue should take into account that “considerations on the gender should be integrated in national forest policies, programs and institutions with the purpose of promoting equal access for women to land ownership and other resources”.

- Given the impact of the use of solid fuels for cooking on the health of women and children, it might be relevant that one of these recommendations considering that situation.
- In line with this mentioned SDG, it is suggested that one of the policies recommendations should consider the contribution of the indigenous peoples to food security y nutrition, and the fact that many of them depend on forest activities.
- A policy recommendation might be orientated to the development of national programs that allow having more information on the impact of forest activities on food security and nutrition.