



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

Maria Helena Semedo
Deputy Director-General

Climate Change and Biodiversity/Natural Resources Capacity

Induction Seminar for new Permanent and
Alternate Permanent Representatives

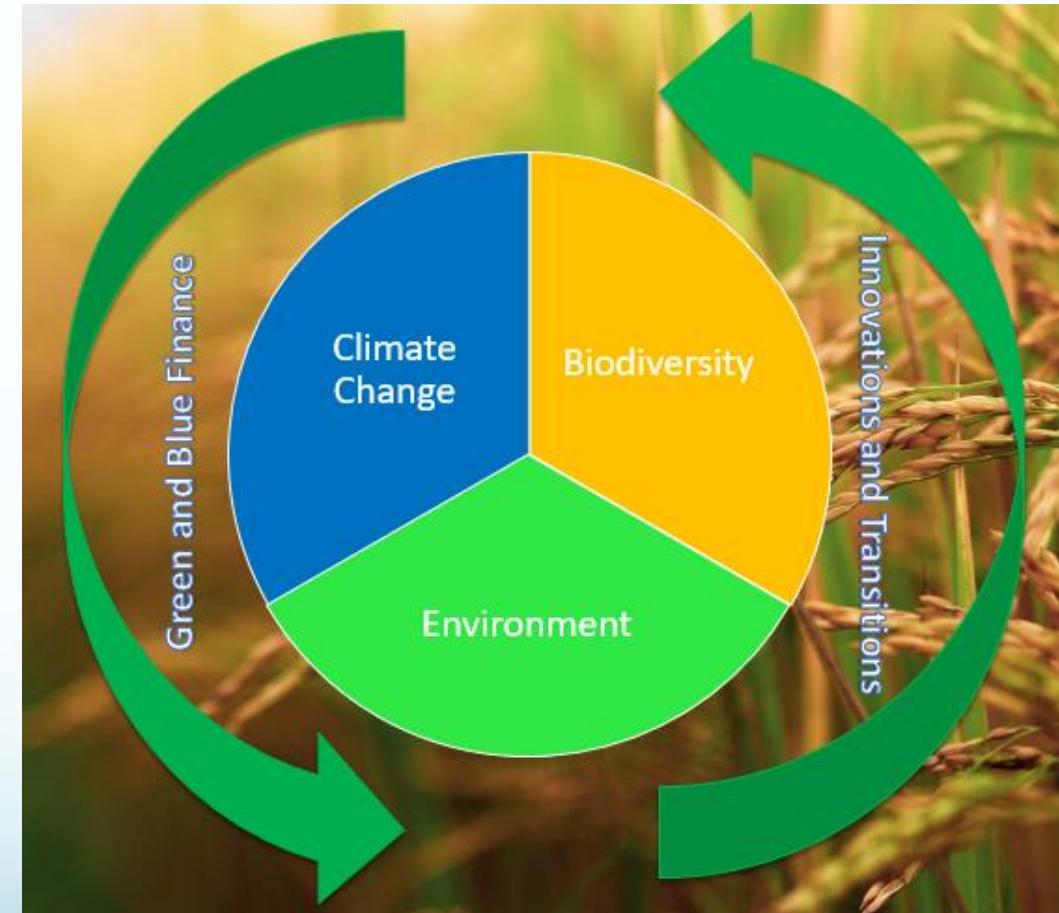
17 September 2020

Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (OCB)

As a leading unit to promote sustainable agri-food systems, OCB has a coordination and facilitation role that encompasses FAO's work related to climate change, biodiversity and the environment.

OCB's work:

- ❖ OCB leads FAO's work under the UNFCCC and CBD and liaises with other multilateral environmental agreements and action plans, mainstreaming FAO's strategies related to the sustainable use, management and conservation of natural resources for food and agriculture.
- ❖ Protecting and sustainably managing natural resources means responding to the cross-cutting challenges of biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change to ensure transformative and positive outcomes in each of these areas, supporting countries achieve targets related to SDG's 1, 2, 6, 13, 14 and 15.



Natural Resources Capacity

Fisheries
(NFI)

Forestry
(NFO)

Land and
Water
(NSL)

FISHERIES (NFI) main areas of work:

- ❖ Production, conservation and sustainable use of marine and inland fisheries and aquaculture
- ❖ Resource management and policy development;
- ❖ Economics, products and industry issues;
- ❖ Technology, emergency and rehabilitation activities; and
- ❖ Statistics and information gathering and dissemination, in the context of FAO's Strategic Framework and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ Promotion and support to the implementation of the 1995 FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and related instruments
- ❖ 34th Session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) (February

FORESTRY (NFO) key areas of work:

- ❖ Halting deforestation and forest degradation
- ❖ The conservation and sustainable use of forest resources to enhance forest-based livelihoods
- ❖ Forest restoration, reforestation and afforestation
- ❖ Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 (<http://www.fao.org/forest-resources-assessment/en/>)
- ❖ The State of the World's Forests (<http://www.fao.org/publications/sofo>)
- ❖ 25th Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) 5-9 October 2020 (www.fao.org)

Land and Water: products and initiatives

- ❖ NSL's action contributes to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and several UN Conventions: the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought (UNCCD), UN-Water Courses Convention, Climate Convention, Ramsar, Biodiversity, Rotterdam/POPs Convention
- ❖ NSL embarks on digital innovation and is home to FAO's Land and Water Digital Platforms and Geospatial maps.
- ❖ NSL's global accelerator programs, such as the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) and the Water Scarcity for Agriculture Framework (WASAG) and its role as FAO's Coordination Unit for Adaptation Funds, contribute to the global achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).