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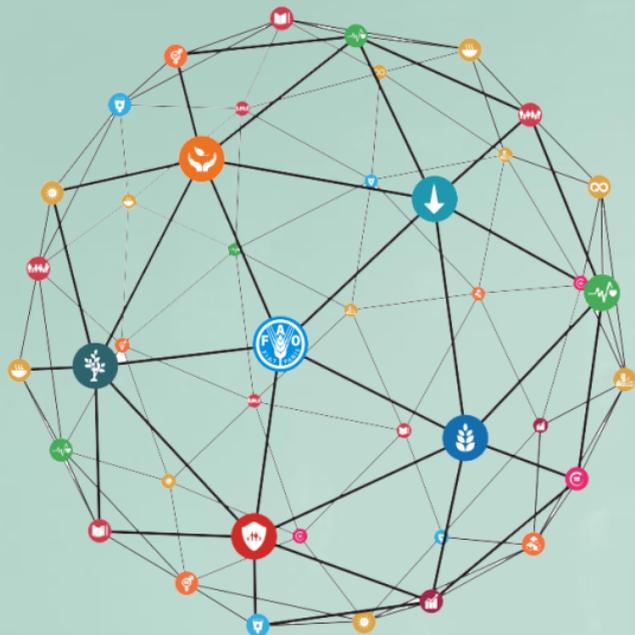
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# FAO's Programme of Work in Forestry under the Strategic Framework

Agenda Item 7.1



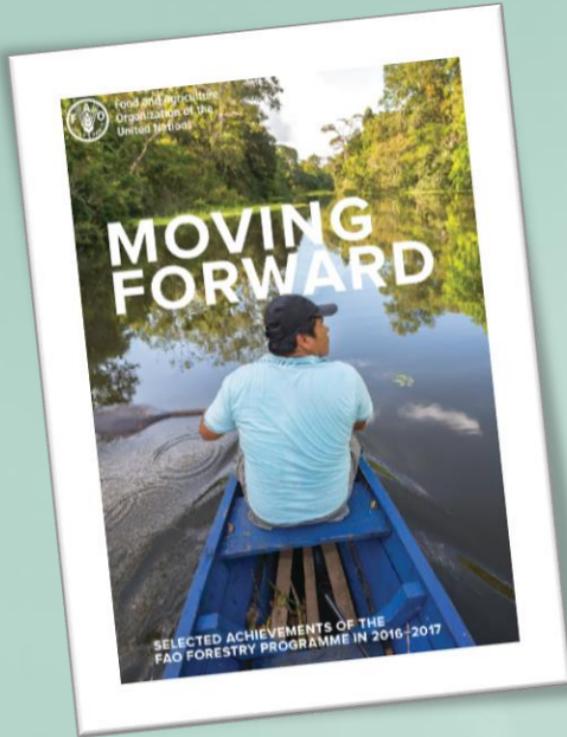
# INTRODUCTION



- FAO's reviewed Strategic Framework
- Medium Term Plan 2018-21
- Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19

*Approved by the FAO Conference  
in its 40<sup>th</sup> session in July 2017*

# EXAMPLES OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2016-17



- System for Earth Observation Data Access, Processing and Analysis for Land Monitoring (SEPAL) used by 224 organizations in 84 countries
- 12,000 ha of degraded dryland forests restored in Sahelian region
- 947 forest and farm producer organizations strengthened



# GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS

- 2030 Agenda - High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
- Paris Agreement – Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030 adopted by the UNGA
- Aichi Biodiversity Targets – towards a post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- Commitments on Bonn Challenge and New York Declaration on Forests



# FAO FORESTRY PRIORITIES BEYOND 2018

- Should be aligned with the Global Forest Goals
- Should reflect in an integrated way the forest-related global commitments
- Should be forward-looking and solutions-oriented work under the umbrella of the cross-cutting Strategic Framework



## EIGHT PRIORITY AREAS



# FAO FORESTRY PRIORITIES BEYOND 2018

## 1. Halting deforestation globally, particularly from agriculture:

- promote stronger collaboration across agricultural sectors towards sustainable food and agriculture
- assist countries to establish diversified agricultural systems utilizing agroforestry and silvo-pastoral approaches
- liaise with the private sector in support of deforestation-free commodities and inclusive and sustainable value chains



# FAO FORESTRY PRIORITIES BEYOND 2018

## 2. Addressing forest degradation and promoting SFM:

- continue to raise awareness of benefits of SFM and of impacts and causes of forest degradation
- support countries in monitoring, assessing, and reporting on forest conditions and extent and causes of degradation
- promote implementation of guidelines for forest concessions in the tropics
- Promote mainstreaming of biodiversity in forest management
- advocate for urban forestry through innovative partnerships



# FAO FORESTRY PRIORITIES BEYOND 2018

## 3. Increasing forest cover through restoration, reforestation and afforestation:

- upscale the work of the FLR Mechanism and support to the Great Green Wall Initiative in Africa
- develop technical guidance on assessment of restoration potentials, costs and benefits of restoration, and on reforestation and afforestation



# FAO FORESTRY PRIORITIES BEYOND 2018

## 4. Improving forest-based livelihoods, prosperity and human well-being:

- increase access of forest and farm producer organizations to financial services and support integration into value chains and markets
- strengthen contributions of sustainable wood value chains to sustainable development and climate change mitigation
- continue highlighting and strengthening the role of forests for food security and nutrition



# FAO FORESTRY PRIORITIES BEYOND 2018

## 5. Mitigation of and adaptation to climate change and strengthening resilience of ecosystems and communities to climate change through forests

- support countries in achieving NDCs related to forests and in future review and revision of NDCs
- support countries in implementing safeguards and in sustainably managing forests
- assist countries in harmonizing forest sector strategies and plans with climate change strategies
- support to countries on forest health and forest fire



# FAO FORESTRY PRIORITIES BEYOND 2018

## 6. Mainstreaming forests through cross-sectoral and inter-agency approaches at all levels:

- help countries raise the profile of forests and trees across sectors and ministries
- support countries in integrating forests into national sustainable development plans and poverty reduction strategies
- engage government agencies, partners and stakeholders outside the forest sector in finding solutions to optimize the contribution of forests to achieving the SDGs



# FAO FORESTRY PRIORITIES BEYOND 2018

## 7. Increasing means of implementation from all sources:

- develop knowledge products related to forest investment planning
- work with GEF, GCF, GFFFN and other relevant mechanisms to help countries increase access to finance for forests
- continue to strengthen country capacity for SFM in all its dimensions
- strengthen work on forest education at all levels



# FAO FORESTRY PRIORITIES BEYOND 2018

## 8. Strengthening governance frameworks at all levels:

- continue promoting legality of private sector operations in forestry, including support to small enterprises and forest producers
- support countries in strengthening their forest governance frameworks
- continue supporting countries in forest tenure reform and in participatory, multi-stakeholder processes and partnerships



# Points for Consideration

## The Committee may wish to consider to:

- Take note of the accomplishments in FAO's work in forestry in the 2016-17 biennium including the alignment with the SDGs
- Review and advise on the global developments and their implications for the forest sector;
- Provide guidance on the main priorities for FAO's work in forestry being undertaken in 2018-19 and for preparing the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21.

# Thank



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