

Forests and Family Farming

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Forests and family farms together
sustaining livelihoods and landscapes



FOREST AND FARM PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS
CONNECT, ENABLE AND AMPLIFY OPPORTUNITIES



Forests are vital for family farms

- Ensuring essential agroecological functions and services
- Increasing food security and improving nutrition
- Providing a range of products for subsistence and markets
- Enhancing climate adaptation



A diversity of livelihoods to reduce poverty

- Most forest dependent peoples are also small scale family farmers
- Important producers of food and forest products often neglected private sector
- Organizing into producer organizations can add value to livelihoods and enhance policy engagement



A strong enabling environment is needed

to improve policy linkages, planning and coordination and reduce conflicting land use decisions around forests and family farms



Forests and the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF)

- IYFF - an opportunity to emphasize family, community and agro-forestry
- The Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) supports forest and farm producer organizations and cross sectoral platforms
- Calendar, background papers, infographic related to IYFF.
- Special event on Thursday with the International Family Forests Alliance



Points for Consideration

The Committee may wish to invite countries to:

1. Emphasize the connections through the IYFF
2. Create an enabling policy environment focusing on:
 - clear tenure
 - fair access to markets and
 - good service provision
 - incentive programs and financing mechanisms
3. Establish cross-sectoral, multi-stakeholder platforms



Points for Consideration

The Committee may wish to invite FAO to:

1. Strengthen forest-and-farm producer organizations through the Forest and Farm Facility and other programmes
2. Promote the importance of family farming, agroforestry, community forestry and producer organizations
3. Support governments to establish and strengthen cross-sectoral multi-stakeholder platforms.





Thank you!



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