

FAO-KRC Regional cross-sectoral Policy Dialogue on Forests for Food Security

With a special focus on “Forests for Water & Sustainable Agriculture”

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Outcome Note

Recommendations

Regional level

- 1. Regional cross-sectoral policy actions on forests for improved food security**
 - a. Regional level cross-sectoral ministerial level Summit, building on existing regional level coordination mechanisms (e.g. ASEAN Summit, ASEC, SARC, EMS, APAP and the SDGs)
 - b. Regional level meetings (e.g. conference) with the range of cross-sectoral/professional forests, agriculture, food security and water stakeholders (professionals, academics, practitioners and community level) - including south-south cooperation – which includes sharing success stories and lessons and technologies to agree, develop and implement actions.
 - c. (International) coordination of climate mitigation work integrating the forest-water-agriculture-food security nexus (e.g. through other relevant international platforms: UNFF, CBD, UNCCD, UNFCCC).
- 2. Capacity building**
 - a. Workshops and information sharing to build understanding among national policymakers and forests/agriculture/land/water/nutrition managers – on a transboundary, regional level
 - b. At farmer level capacity building to address forest-water-agriculture nexus issues
- 3. Stimulating investment**
 - a. A regional level trust fund for wildlife
 - b. Stimulating (sustainable) forest product trading
- 4. Accelerating knowledge and technology on the forest-water-agriculture nexus**
 - a. Acceleration of translation from scientific knowledge to the field
 - b. Developing tertiary level, technical and extension level education curricula that captures the cross disciplinary aspects of the forest, water, food security, agriculture nexus.
 - c. Sharing success stories and lessons between policymakers, practitioners and academics.
 - d. Sharing technologies, which enhance sustainable agriculture and food security, both regionally, North-South and South-South.
- 5. Stimulating ecosystem services from forests, watersheds and agriculture**
 - a. Developing water, carbon, biodiversity and other environmental services markets.
 - b. Setting up (regional level) certification for forest and agriculture products with positive impacts on land, agriculture, forests and biodiversity.

n.b. Whilst many of the regional level actions also apply to a national level, the following specific actions on a national level were proposed:

National level

- 1. Policy actions on forests for improved food security**
 - a. Create nested institutional coordination mechanisms for inter-sectoral levels (linked to education and training on the forest, food security, water, agriculture themes).
 - b. Stimulating public-private-(research) partnerships that take into account forest-water-agriculture-food security nexus issues.
 - c. Privatizing forest tenure and revising ownership to enable enhanced control and responsibility at field, forest and landscape level.
- 2. Capacity building**
 - a. Building understanding among national level policymakers and land/water/forest managers of forest-water-agriculture –food security nexus issues.

- b. Capacity building at farmer level to enable farmers to better address forest-water-agriculture-food security nexus issues
3. **Stimulating investment and financing**
- a. Develop innovative funding mechanisms and financial incentives for inter-sectoral coordination
 - b. Develop financial support mechanisms for integrating forests, sustainable agriculture, water and food security issues at local and central government level.

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