

## **Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)**

Meeting of 6-7 August 2001

FAO, Rome

### **Summary Report**

Participants:

Hosny El-Lakany, FAO (Chair)  
Jag Maini, DESA/UNFF Secretariat and CIFOR  
Jim Ball, FAO  
Susan Braatz, FAO  
Jim Douglas, World Bank  
Jaime Hurtubia, UNEP  
Kanta Kumari, GEF  
Christian Mersmann, UNDP  
Tiina Vähänen, UNFF Secretariat (Secretary)

Agenda: see attached (Annex 1)

#### **1. Opening remarks**

Hosny El-Lakany, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO and Chair of the CPF, opened the meeting and welcomed the CPF members. He stressed the importance of the meeting's work in initiating the development of the CPF work plan.

The UNFF Secretariat advised members that the UNFCCC Secretariat had accepted the invitation to join the CPF.

#### **2. CPF lead agency system**

The UNFF Secretariat introduced the item, referring to the table with preliminary suggestions for the CPF lead agency and collaborating agency roles (Annex 2 of the Proposed Outline for the CPF Work Plan). The responsibilities of the lead agency and collaborating agencies for the elements of the UNFF Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) were reviewed. It was agreed that the term "focal agency" would be used instead of "lead agency". The CPF focal agency for an UNFF element would act as a focal point for facilitating and coordinating CPF members' activities related to the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action for the related UNFF elements. In this regard, CPF would in technical assistance and cooperation activities at the national level act upon request from countries. The CPF focal agency would facilitate the policy deliberations of the UNFF, including by drafting and providing inputs to the reports of the Secretary-General (S-G reports) on that particular element of the UNFF MYPOW. The CPF focal agency would work closely with CPF partners as well as other collaborating agencies.

Changes to the provisional focal agency table were proposed. It was agreed that the table would be distributed immediately to all CPF members that were unable to attend the meeting and that confirmation by them on the proposed focal agency designations would be sought soon after the CPF meeting.

#### **3. CPF Work Plan**

The UNFF Secretariat presented the "Proposed Outline of the CPF Work Plan". It was agreed that the work plan might be called the "Framework for the CPF's Contribution to the Work of the UNFF". The

CPF agreed to the steps to be taken and time schedule as proposed in the Outline. The “Framework for CPF’s Contribution” must be finalized by the end of November for translation as an official document (to be forwarded to UNFF 2 with a covering “Note from the Secretariat”).

The “Framework for CPF’s Contribution” would describe the CPF members’ support to: (a) the MYPOW; (b) Plan of Action (POA); (c) monitoring, assessment and reporting (MAR) of the UNFF; and, (d) success criteria for assessing the effectiveness of CPF. The CPF members agreed that the framework would take stock of: current activities in support of the IPF/IFF proposals for action and the UNFF POA; identify gaps, opportunities and constraints; highlight emerging issues; and, describe the planned work of the CPF and its individual members until 2005. In addition, the individual, joint and collective activities of the CPF member organizations, related to the 16 elements that cover the IPF/IFF proposals for action and other topics would be outlined.

The role of the CPF in extracting the key national and international policy issues related to the UNFF discussions on the 16 elements was discussed. This would entail developing an integrated picture of the elements from which major common policy options for the consideration of decision-makers could emerge. The primary purpose of the “Framework for CPF’s Contribution” is to determine how on-going and planned activities of the individual CPF member organizations would contribute to the work of the UNFF, and to lead to enhanced coordination and collaboration among the CPF members, as well as with members of the CPF Network. Secondly, plans for additional activities, including joint and collective initiatives, would be identified, as possible within the availability of resources. The “Framework for the CPF’s Contribution” would be an evolving document, in which more detailed information on activities and new initiatives would be added in successive years.

#### **4. CPF contribution to the preparation of official documentation for UNFF 2**

UNFF Secretariat presented the provisional agenda and the proposed list of documents for UNFF 2, and invited comments from the CPF members. It was acknowledged that the UNFF Secretariat would provide the outlines for the S-G reports, but that the focal agencies, in collaboration with other CPF members, would draft the respective reports. The content of the SG reports on the UNFF elements was discussed, highlighting the important role of the CPF focal agency to report on the progress in implementation as well as the means of implementation, and to identify key emerging issues related to country implementation.

The desirability of providing a broader perspective on the various means of implementation (i.e., finance, transfer of technology, capacity building) and on some common items (i.e. promoting public participation, enabling environment), in addition to addressing them in the context of the S-G reports on the elements, was expressed. Means of achieving this integration were discussed, including by making cross references between the various S-G reports.

The UNFF Secretariat stressed that the integration of the list of diverse items of the Provisional Agenda for UNFF 2 will be undertaken by two steps. First, by cross-referencing at the stage of preparing the S-G reports for individual elements of UNFF 2. Secondly, the UNFF Secretariat has proposed to the UNFF 2 Bureau that the S-G reports on UNFF 2’s elements be discussed together with the S-G reports on: (a) national forest programmes; (b) Monitoring, assessment and reporting, as well as concepts and terminology; (c) Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination.

#### **5. Preparations for the dialogue between ministers and executive heads of CPF members during the high-level segment of UNFF 2**

The UNFF Secretariat introduced the item, including reference to the preparations being made by the Vice-President of Costa Rica – who is also Minister of the Environment – for invitations to UNFF 2 which will be sent to Ministers responsible for forests and to Heads of CPF member organizations. The UNFF Secretariat will shortly distribute additional information to the CPF members on plans for the high-level segment, and invites comments. CPF members should identify critical factors which

might be included in the dialogue. The members discussed the opportunity provided by the dialogue to highlight the contribution of forests to sustainable social and economic development and poverty alleviation, an important message for the UNFF to carry to the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

## **6. Secondments to the UNFF Secretariat by CPF member organizations**

UNFF Secretariat informed members that so far DESA and UNEP each have a staff secondment to the UNFF Secretariat in place. CIFOR has agreed to a short-term extension of the existing seconded staff member in the interim. FAO is committed to seconding a staff member, and the Governing Council of ITTO has agreed in principle to second a staff member.

DESA will be contacting all CPF members in the near future, on the status of recruitment of the six staff members funded from the UN regular budget, who will constitute the Secretariat along with the secondments from CPF organizations.

## **7. Sourcebook on financing SFM and other outreach activities**

UNFF Secretariat introduced this item, and pointed out that financing SFM was one of the most critical and sensitive issues arising during the IPF and IFF process. High priority was assigned to the need to mobilize domestic and international financial resources for sustainable forest management, especially new and additional funding in developing countries. It is apparent that negotiations on financing for sustainable forest management will continue to be critical, and that the topic will be included on the agenda of each of the sessions of UNFF from UNFF 2 onwards.

The Sourcebook, described in a revised concept paper, was distributed at the meeting. It would provide continually updated information in easily accessible form on a number of available sources of funds, as well as on funding policies and delivery mechanisms. It will be an important contribution to the implementation of UNFF element on *Financial resources*.

It was agreed that the Sourcebook would be a collective effort of the CPF and should be produced and published as a CPF product. It was also agreed to request FAO to assume responsibility for facilitating the preparation as well as maintaining the Sourcebook on behalf of the CPF. The UNFF Secretariat, CPF members as well as others partners and donors will provide continuing inputs. The goal is to have an outline or prototype available for distribution by UNFF 2.

The document will be circulated by the UNFF Secretariat to all CPF members who will be requested to provide feedback.

Kanta Kumari informed the members that, two weeks ago, the GEF had held a meeting on financing for biodiversity conservation. It included a section on forests, which would be useful, as an input, for the Sourcebook.

## **8. Intersessional activities (country led initiatives) between UNFF 1 and UNFF 2 (for information only)**

Jim Ball provided preliminary information on the following proposed intersessional activities:

- Yokohama, 5-8 November 2001, sponsored by Japan and potential other partner countries. The primary focus would be on monitoring, assessment and reporting on progress towards sustainable forest management. The exact title and other details remain to be finalized.
- Rome, 10-14 December 2001, sponsored by the US, UK and potential other partner countries. The primary focus would be on monitoring, assessment and reporting on implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action. The exact title and other details remain to be finalized.

Although strictly not an intersessional meeting, the FAO expert meeting on forest-related definitions (Rome, 3-7 December) would clearly contribute to the work of the UNFF in MAR.

#### **9. Next meetings**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the CPF from 8-9 October in New York at the UNFF Secretariat.

ITTO has offered to host a CPF meeting on 10-11 November in Yokohama, Japan.

#### **10. Other matters**

The UNFF Secretariat informed members that ECOSOC had endorsed the report of UNFF 1.

Jag Maini drew CPF members attention of the offer of the Overseas Development Institute to support the CPF in monitoring, assessment and reporting.

Jim Douglas offered to distribute information to the members on the World Bank's activities on illegal logging.

Members warmly thanked Tiina Vähänen for her excellent work at the IFF, and UNFF sessions, as well as for servicing the Secretariats of the ITFF and the CPF.

**Agenda**  
**Meeting of the**  
**Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF)**  
6-7 August 2001, FAO, Rome  
at 10:00 AM  
Canada room, Building A, 356

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