



Collaborative Partnership on Forests Meeting Report 20 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

In Attendance

FAO: Eduardo Rojas-Briales (Chair)
Ann Tutwiler (*opening part*)
Jukka Tissari

CIFOR: Frances Seymour
John Colmeir

ICRAF: Tony Simons

ITTO: Emmanuel Ze Meka
Amha Bin Buang
Steve Johnson

IUCN: Stewart Maginnis
Carole Saint-Laurent
Daniel Shaw

IUFRO: Alexander Buck

UNEP: Ibrahim Thiaw (vice-chair)
Mario Boccucci

Secretariats

CBD: Braulio de Souza Dias (*opening part*)
Tim Christophersen

GEF: Mark Zimsky

UNCCD: Luc Gnacadja (*opening part*)
Sergio Zelaya

UNFF: Jan McAlpine
Mita Sen
Catalina Santamaria
Ryo Nakamura

Regrets: World Bank, UNDP, UNFCCC

1. Opening and Welcome

Mr. Eduardo Rojas-Briales, CPF Chair, welcomed members to the Partnership's first formal meeting of 2012, held on the margins of the Rio+20 Conference, and immediately opened the floor to the CPF Principals to report on recent activities and developments.

2. Tour de table of events and initiatives

Updates on the latest developments from CPF members were presented. The importance of working within a landscape approach to foster greater cross-sectoral integration was broadly discussed. The following reflects the exchange among CPF Principals and their representatives:

- Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, expressed his support to CPF's work and designated Mr. Sergio Zelaya to continue as his alternate during the meeting.
- Mr. Braulio de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary of the CBD, highlighted his key priorities in taking office. Among these, enhancing support for implementation of the CBD and its protocols, strengthening regional and sub-regional partnerships, and exploring linkages with partner conventions and organizations. Specific focus was given to implementation of COP 10 decisions, including advancing the strategy on mobilizing financial resources for biodiversity. Mr. Dias also announced the departure of Mr. Tim Christophersen to UNEP. Members joined Mr. Dias to bid Mr. Christophersen success in his new endeavours.
- Mr. Emmanuel Ze Meka, Executive Director, ITTO, reported on the new ITTO agreement, the revised ITTO Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests and its thematic programmes.
- Ms. Frances Seymour, Director General, CIFOR, highlighted the launch of the technical guidelines for research in REDD+ project sites and the components of this global comparative study. Integrated research among CGIAR centers and developments on ARDD Day, with a focus on the landscape approach, were also noted. CIFOR's new Director General Mr. Peter Holmgren will take office in September 2012. The CPF Chair presented Ms. Seymour with a gift of appreciation on behalf of the CPF.
- Mr. Tony Simons, Director General, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), provided updates on studies related to the management of agriculture landscapes and the use of indicators of livelihood resources. Developments on ICRAF's Scientific Week (September 2012) were also mentioned.
- Ms. Jan McAlpine, Director of the UNFF, explained CPF's objective to support the decisions of the UNFF and to enhance forest-related cooperation and collaboration. She highlighted the

work leading up to UNFF10 on economic development, underscoring the key finding of the 2012 AGF Study on Forest Finance. She pointed to the lack of data and other gaps on forest finance, stressing the need for new modes of collaboration to enhance policy coordination and integration within a landscape approach. Preparations for the CPF-OLI and AHEG2, including planning for the 2015 review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement of forests (IAF), and UNFF10's streamlined reporting format were highlighted.

- Ms. Ann Tutwiler, Deputy Director-General for Knowledge, FAO, noted the value of the CPF in effectively using resources to share information and address key priorities through joint actions. She opined on the need to move towards a landscape approach integrating cross-sectoral objectives and raising awareness of the role of forests in other sectors. The role of conflicts in natural resource management was also noted. CPF members clarified ongoing work on cross-sectoral integration and post-conflict and post-disaster recovery and development. Differentiating the science and the policy of these issues is critical. The Chair also reported on COFO, the voluntary guidelines on the governance of tenure, and preparations for an international meeting on food security and forests, in May 2013.

- Mr. Alexander Buck, Executive Director, IUFRO, highlighted the 1st IUFRO-FORNESSA Regional Congress, as well as collaborative work taken with ITTO and CIFOR, and on-going activities with the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration (GPFLR).

- Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Director of Environmental Policy Implementation, UNEP, explained the rationale for governments to work within sectors and the need to address implementation through a landscape approach engaging all stakeholders. Sources of conflict have been documented by UNEP over the past 3 yrs. Two-thirds of conflicts are linked to natural resources, some related to land/ forest access and others to resource scarcity. Policy formulation, including peace agreements need to factor in natural resources to minimize a relapse of the conflict.

- Mr. Mark Zimsky, Senior Biodiversity Specialist, GEF, underscored the Facility's considerable uptake in multifocal projects. A substantial amount of resources have been allocated for SFM project finance, promoting an integrated landscape approach, although not as explicit in the agriculture sector. GEF-5 SFM/REDD+ incentive funding has been a key factor to this increase. Also announced was the incoming CEO of GEF, Dr. Naoko Ishii.

- Mr. Sergio Zelaya, Head of Policy and Advocacy, UNCCD, reported on the 2nd Scientific Conference of the UNCCD, to be held in Brazil, 2013. Indicators on land cover adopted by the UNCCD, and reflected in the Rio+20 Outcome Document were noted. He noted that further work is needed to explain how the concept of "land neutrality/zero deforestation" fits into the broader landscape approach. The March 2013 High Level Climate Smart Agriculture meeting in Geneva was also mentioned as a potential venue for CPF to hold a future policy meeting.

- Mr. Stewart Maginnis, Director, Global Forest and Climate Change Programme, IUCN, highlighted progress on forest landscape restoration, achievements of the Bonn Challenge and potential follow up work after UNFF10 on economic data sets. He also reported on the preparations for the World Conservation Congress (6-15 September Jeju, Korea), and awareness raising initiatives, including the "Plant a Pledge" Campaign with Airbus. Targeted collaboration with other partners, among other, to reinforce implementation, strengthen cross-sectoral links and secure financing was noted.

3. CPF Substantive Discussions

CPF members discussed various issues of strategic importance to the Partnership and decided at Rio, on the following actions specific to each issue:

3.1. Progress of the CPF Advisory Group on Finance (AGF) and preparations for UNFF10 on Forest Finance

- Based on input from several countries and CPF members, and since efforts taken by UNFFS to receive names for co-chairs from the countries had not brought forth any nomination, CPF agreed to request the UNFF10 Bureau to co-chair the OLI working group discussions. In order to finalize the programme of work and other preparations, UNFFS will communicate this development to the Bureau.
- CPF members expressed their interest to participate in the OLI, as resource persons, rather than co-chairs. They agreed to provide UNFFS and FAO with names of experts to address the suggested working group panel topics and to assist reaching a balance among the OLI panelists, in terms of country and multi-stakeholder

participation, geographical representation and gender balance. To finalize the programme of work and other preparations, CPF's input was requested at the earliest.

- CPF members proposed Mr. Markku Simula and Mr. Tim Rollinson, as potential moderators for the plenary sessions and rapporteurs for working group discussions. UNFFS will check on their availability and follow up accordingly with invitations.
- UNFFS will draft joint invitation letters to the suggested panelists for working group and plenary presentations and share developments with all CPF members.
- Presentations by CPF member, on Thursday 20 September, include: FAO, CBD, GEF, ITTO and UNFFS.
- In the context of the next session of the UNFF (UNFF10), discussions included preparations of thematic reports on the overall theme of the session on "Forests and Economic Development" and the expected contributions of CPF members. UNFFS agreed to circulate the outline of the CPF Framework Paper: 2011-2012, and timeline, by end of June, for feedback.

3.2. Rio+20

- Members exchanged views on the CPF High Level Event at Rio and agreed on the following when planning future CPF Events:
 - The order and number of speakers should be realistic, and in synch with the time limit. Member States should be invited to speak first.
 - There should be time allocated for a questions & answers segment.
 - A Master of Ceremonies (Non-CPF Member) could be considered to keep discussions moving and ensure good time keeping.
- Members agreed that the CPF Chair should send letters to Minister Don Lee of Korea, the former and current Presidents of Guyana, and Mr. Tim Rollinson (DG Forestry Commission- UK) asking them to send him their presentations, in order to post them on the CPF website. FAO will coordinate the letters. FAO will post the presentations on the CPF website and UNFFS will coordinate posting them on the Rio+20 website.
- CPF members were encouraged to disseminate the CPF Rio+ 20 Booklet and explore printing options. UNFFS indicated that Island Press could be interested.
- Members exchanged views on the efforts taken by the UN to minimise paper use and the Rio+20 conference's overall carbon footprint, through the use of digital documents. To avoid the complete exclusion of paper products at future global conferences, and better inform the public of the role of sustainable forest products, their environmental impact and contribution to a green economy, FAO agreed to develop a proposal to help communicate and provide data on the social, economic and environmental benefits of forest and wood-based products. FAO will share the proposal with all CPF members ahead of COFO.

3.3. Developments of CPF joint initiatives

- The CPF Chair encouraged members to secure funding to translate the current SFM Fact Sheets (FS) into French. The CPF will address the next 5 FS, and take a decision on the lead agency to follow up this work, at the next CPF meeting.
- ITTO agreed to provide a summary of the costs incurred for the current FS.
- CIFOR agreed to offer names of printing companies in Indonesia to help lower costs.
- UNFFS reported that the National Reporting Template for UNFF10 has been finalised. UNFFS will circulate it to CPF members by the end of June.
- CBD reported that the CPF Task Force on Streamlining Forest Related Reporting will be updating its TOR and circulating it to CPF members by July.
- FAO provided updates on FRA and its new features including a section on forest degradation.
- UNFF presented two new social media products: short film contest and MediaStorm videos and requested CPF members to publicize them thru their networks.
- IUFRO highlighted that GFEP documents will be reviewed in July and finalized in October. More details on the progress made will be provided by IUFRO.

- IUFRO highlighted the new features which have been added to GFIS.
- The Chair proposed to hold the next CPF communication group meeting during COFO.

3.4. Updates on Forest Day 6

- CIFOR provided updates on the themes and costs of FD6. CIFOR encouraged members to provide their preference and views on the themes by email, before the end of July. New proposals were welcome.
- CPF was informed of FD6 cost implications: \$US 5,000 to be a sponsor and \$US15,000 to hold a discussion forum.

3.5. COFO and World Forestry Week (24-28 September 2012, Rome, Italy)

- The CPF Chair mentioned the idea of having a jury for the Wangari Maathai Award and circulated a proposal to CPF members for their input.
- 33 nominations for the Wangari Maathai Award have been received (as of June 28). UNFFS will check whether additional nominations have arrived to the CPF mailbox and share them with FAO, as the lead on the Wangari Maathai Award.
- The Chair also highlighted that CPF members interested in organizing events during the World Forestry Week should contact Mr. Peter Csoka, FAO, at the earliest.

3.6. CPF modalities

- The Chair encouraged members to explore arrangements/mechanisms to help increase civil society engagement and to identify potential non-governmental organizations which could contribute to specific CPF activities. Suggestions should be sent to IUFRO, as the lead agency managing this work.
- IUFRO highlighted the Rio+20 Forest Dialogue model (i.e. online discussions and panel event) which could be used to involve more stakeholder groups during key conferences.
- UNFFS circulated the summary of the Sustainable Development Dialogues to CPF members on June 27.
- CPF members agreed that any potential change in the title of the LFCC initiative requires further discussion. The Chair proposed to discuss this at the next meeting.

3.7. Collaborative Partnership on Wildlife (CPW) *(Developed by CITES, CBD, FAO, IUCN and some others non- CPF members)*

- CPF agreed that any partner interested in joining the Wildlife initiative can communicate their interest to the CBD either by the end of June (to be included in an issues paper for COP11) or at COP11 itself.
- FAO expressed its interest in serving as the secretariat and in that capacity could perform a bridging role between CPF and CPW.
- UNEP and IUFRO expressed interest in joining.

4. Other business

- The Chair proposed that the next CPF meeting could take place immediately after the CPF-OLI, in Rome. The Chair indicated that FAO staff would be unavailable to meet the 22nd and 23rd of September due to preparations for COFO. Members should indicate their availability to the Chair and CPF Secretary.
- The Chair proposed two options for term of CPF Vice Chair: Annual or by semester. Members present decided on an annual term. Ibrahim Thiaw, UNEP, to continue until the end of 2012.
- The Chair closed the meeting at 3:00pm.