



## Collaborative Partnership on Forests Meeting

### Draft meeting report

8 December 2014, Lima, Peru

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#### In Attendance

<b>FAO:</b>	Eduardo Rojas-Briales (Chair)	<b>IUFRO:</b>	Alexander Buck
	Susan Braatz		Christoph Wildburger
<b>CBD:</b>	Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias		Benjamin Cashore
	David Cooper		Jeremy Rayner
	Simone Schiele	<b>UNCCD:</b>	Sergio Zelaya
<b>CIFOR:</b>	Peter Holmgren	<b>UNEP:</b>	Tim Christophersen
<b>ICRAF:</b>	Ravi Prabhu (via conference call)	<b>UNFF:</b>	Manoel Sobral-Filho
<b>IUCN:</b>	Carole Saint-Laurent		Ryo Nakamura
	Patrick Wylie	<b>WB:</b>	Tuukka Castrén (via conference call)
<b>ITTO:</b>	John J. Leigh		

**Regrets: GEF, UNDP, UNFCCC**

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Members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) met in Lima, Peru, on 8 December 2014.

#### 1. Welcome and approval of previous meeting minutes

Mr. Eduardo Rojas-Briales, CPF Chair, welcomed members to the meeting held on the margins of the UNFCCC COP20. The minutes of the CPF Meeting held in October 2014 in Salt Lake City and the proposed agenda for the meeting were adopted. He introduced and welcomed the UNFFS Director, and congratulated the CPF and in particular CIFOR's coordinating role for the successful convening of the second Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) and invited members to give their opening statements.

Mr. Manoel Sobral-Filho, UNFFS Director, highlighted the significance of the CPF's support to the work of UNFF, including in the areas of sustainable forest management (SFM), forest finance, science-policy interface, and communication, among many others. He noted that the timing of the IAF review provided a unique opportunity to consider multiple values of forests in the broader context of the development agenda, including a new climate agreement, the third Conference on Financing for Development, the post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs. He stressed the importance for UNFF and the CPF to continue to play a critical role in ensuring that forests are placed high on the priorities in the post-2015 development agenda and SDGs processes.

Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, CBD Executive Secretary, briefed the meeting on the outcomes and the decisions made in the recent CBD COP12, including its decision XII/6 on cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives, through which the CBD Secretariat's involvement in the CPF was emphasised as important for the effective implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity and forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets. He highlighted the CBD COP12 decisions on the CBD's engagement in the IAF review and preparation of a study on the forest-related contributions of the international organizations and secretariats to the implementation of the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of

the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. He invited members to contribute to the study and report back to a meeting of the SBSTTA prior to the thirteenth meeting of the COP on options for further action to achieve the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Mr. Peter Holmgren, CIFOR Director-General, thanked for collaboration and support provided by members to the second GLF. He stressed the need to accelerate the current momentum around forests and landscapes and promote the science-policy interface for SFM through evidence-based scientific assessments, noting that the IAF review provides a good opportunity to review the CPF achievements in this regard and consider possible ways to strengthen the science-policy interface to support the work of the UNFF and promote SFM.

## **2. Review of the Second Global Landscapes Forum**

CIFOR reported on the outcomes of the second GLF, which was held from 6-7 December 2014 in Lima, Peru, on the sidelines of the UNFCCC COP20, noting that it attracted approximately 2000 participants, including ministers from 15 countries. The second GLF was coordinated by CIFOR, FAO and UNEP with the support of host country and over 95 implementing, funding, and communication partners, including the CPF and the Agriculture and Rural Development Consortium. It was further noted that a number of participants came to Lima only to attend the event.

Members provided their views on their roles and contributions and the overall outcome of the GLF. There was general agreement on the importance to consider effective ways to integrate the outcomes of the event in the work of CPF members in many forest-related areas, including forests and agriculture, biodiversity, climate change, energy, food, water, and cities, among others. It was suggested that the future event to include more sessions focusing on science.

## **3. Update on UNFF11 and AHEG2 preparations**

The UNFF Secretariat updated members on key meetings and deadlines related to UNFF11 and its intersessional activities, noting the need for coordination on two major CPF written inputs: the preparation of a written input from the CPF to AHEG2 in January 2015; and the preparation of the CPF Framework, as an official document for UNFF11 in May 2015.

He presented an update on preparations for the AHEG2, including documentation, organisation of work, and expected outcome, and encouraged the CPF members to participate in the meeting in view of the fact that the AHEG2 will discuss in addition to other elements of the IAF the key options and actions related to the CPF after 2015 at the afternoon session on Wednesday 14 January 2015.

He also updated members on the preparations for the UNFF11, including its themes, documentation, and expected outcomes, noting that the UNFF11 will hold a high-level segment from 13-14 May 2015. It was further noted that the high-level segment will include plenary, round tables and high-level interactive dialogue with the heads of the CPF members. Members were reminded that the heads of the CPF members will be invited to participate in the high-level interactive dialogue and are encouraged to ensure their availability for the high-level segment.

## **4. CPF contribution to the IAF Review - AHEG2 input**

The Chair presented background and introduced the draft paper, noting the need to respond to interest expressed by the UNFF11 Bureau and Member States at AHEG1 in receiving views from the CPF. The UNFFS

highlighted the outcomes of the AHEG1 and the Chinese CLI, as well as the findings of the independent assessment on how to strengthen the CPF, and emphasized the importance of having a CPF written input to AHEG2 and strong participation by CPF members at the AHEG2 meeting.

Members shared their views on the paper and future vision for the Partnership, and also considered comments provided in writing. The areas of discussions included: main function of the CPF in a future IAF; CPF priority actions; institutional structure/status of the CPF; future working modalities; future composition/membership; financing to support CPF action; relationship to Major Groups, as well as other organizations, instruments and processes; and CPF and the regional dimension.

There was general agreement among members that the current CPF objectives to promote sustainable management of all types of forests and to strengthen long-term political commitment in support of UNFF continue to remain valid. Some members suggested that CPF could broaden its scope for collaboration to ensure policy coherence in activities of the members and in other intergovernmental processes in addition to the UNFF in view of the broad context of the post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs.

Members also discussed possible ways to strengthen strategic directions and working modalities of the future CPF, including through: strategic plan; a roadmap and/or priority actions document; and flexible work plan/programme of collaboration that puts together requests addressed to the CPF. Some members were of the view that the occasional CPF retreat would be useful to discuss its strategic directions and emerging issues.

There was broad support to carry out an analysis of the current composition and membership, and consider putting in place review mechanism for membership. On financing, members agreed on the general need for dedicated funding for the CPF activities. Some members cautioned against establishing a trust fund in this regard and expressed support to include the CPF funding in the existing setup.

#### **Key action**

- The Chair will revise the draft paper based on the discussions and written comments, and circulate it for further consideration by members.

### **5. Updated on the SDGs and the post-2015 development agenda processes**

The UNFF Secretariat presented an update on the SDG and post-2015 development agenda processes. Members were informed that the proposed SDGs will be the main basis for integrating the SDGs into the post-2015 development agenda, while taking into account other inputs such as the UN Secretary-General's Synthesis Report. Members were informed that the Report brought together the results of the different work streams on the post-2015 development agenda to further facilitate deliberations by the General Assembly. The Report also proposed to frame the 17 SDGs around "six essential elements", through which forests are addressed under "planet". It was also noted that the Co-Facilitators for the post-2015 intergovernmental negotiation proposed to conduct the technical proofing of the proposed targets as well as develop indicators with assistance from the UN Statistical Commission.

Members discussed ideas for the future contribution and coordination by the CPF to support the post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs. Members noted the strategic opportunities to initiate the work on forest-related indicators, taking into account the interconnectedness among the six essential elements proposed in the Synthesis Report.

### **6. Review of the CPF Working Groups**

IUFRO briefed on progress on its policy learning initiative, outlining its scope and application methodologies. He proposed the three ideas for possible collaboration: i) CPF advisory capacity for IUFRO special project on learning architecture; ii) CPF future policy learning unit on the implementation; and iii) learning framework at heart of new forest architecture.

IUFRO also presented update on the report preparation by the Global Forest Expert Panel (GFEP) on forests and food security. It was noted that its emerging findings were presented at the IUFRO-CIFOR event during the second GLF, and attracted considerable interest from a range of stakeholders. The final report will be published in time for the UNFF11 as scheduled.

**Key action:**

- IUFRO will circulate detailed information on the proposed ideas for collaboration related to its policy learning initiative for consideration by members.

## **7. Update on World Forestry Congress and discussion on possible CPF joint side event**

The Chair presented update on preparations for the fourteenth World Forestry Congress (XIV WFC) taking place 7-11 September 2015 in Durban, South Africa. The overall theme "Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable Future" is timely in view of the ongoing developments on the post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs, and reflects people-centered forestry, socio-economic issues, needs and opportunities for investments, role of forests in national economic development, and the desire to look also beyond forestry.

The Chair invited CPF members to cooperate in preparing WFC sessions and dialogues on the six sub-themes. The six sub-themes are: i) forests for socio-economic development and food security; ii) building resilience with forests; iii) integrating forests and other land uses; iv) encouraging product innovation and sustainable trade; v) monitoring forests for better decision-making; and vi) improving governance by building capacity.

The Chair further invited members to submit abstracts, videos and posters by 30 January 2015. Members were also invited to submit proposals to organize side events, networking events or launches by 27 February 2015. The Chair also informed that the award ceremony of the CPF Wangari Maathai Award 2015 will be held on the occasion of the XIV WFC, and invited members to sponsor the award.

Members discussed ideas to hold a CPF side event and agreed to further explore the possibility.

**Key action:**

- FAO will develop and circulate a proposal for a CPF side event at the XIV WFC for consideration by members.

## **8. Any other business and upcoming meetings**

The Chair proposed the next CPF meeting to take place in conjunction with the AHEG2 in January 2015 or the UNFF11 in May 2015. Members discussed the proposed options and agreed to meet during or immediately after the UNFF11.

**Key action:**

- The Chair will identify a time slot for the next CPF meeting during or immediately after the UNFF11 and inform members.