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## **In Attendance**

<b>FAO:</b>	Eduardo Rojas-Briales (Chair)	<b>UNCCD:</b>	Kwame Aware
	Eduardo Mansur	<b>UNEP:</b>	Niklas Hagelberg
	Eva Muller	<b>UNFF:</b>	Thomas Gass
	Peter Csoka		Hossein Moeini-Meybodi
	Susan Braatz		Mita Sen
	Tiina Vahanen		Tomasz Juszczak
	Soalandy Rakotondramanga	<b>WB:</b>	Tuukka Castrén
<b>CIFOR:</b>	John Colmey		
<b>GEF:</b>	Ulrich Apel	<b>Regrets</b>	
<b>ICRAF:</b>	Tony Simons		IUCN
<b>ITTO:</b>	Takeshi Goto		UNCBD
<b>IUFRO:</b>	Alexander Buck		UNDP
	Niels Eler Koch		UNFCCC

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Members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) met at FAO HQ in Rome on 22 June 2014.

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

Eduardo Rojas-Briales, CPF Chair, welcomed members to the meeting held on the margins of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of COFO. The minutes of the CPF Meeting held in February 2014 in New York and the proposed agenda for the meeting were adopted. Thomas Gass, UNFF Secretariat, expressed his appreciation to CPF members, and noted that the CPF had a key role in the providing technical guidance in forest-related issues in the post 2015 agenda.

### **2. IUFRO Policy Learning Initiative**

Alexander Buck, IUFRO, provided an update on the IUFRO Policy Learning Initiative, noting that IUFRO was working on a manual which would provide the basis for the work of the initiative. He shared that IUFRO planned to convene the first meeting of the CPF working group on policy learning in the sidelines of the UNFCCC COP in Lima in 2014.

#### **Key Action:**

- CPF members were reminded to nominate focal points to establish a new CPF working group on policy learning.

### **3. Update on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) process: Review and status of consultations of the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals**

The Chair noted that the OWG process was coming to a conclusion and highlighted the urgency of ensuring that forests remained in the proposed SDGs text. He noted that once the SDGs were adopted the CPF would have a leading role in monitoring and supporting the implementation of these goals. Thomas Gass, UNFF Secretariat briefed members on the working modalities and process of the OWG and how there were “multiple strands” in the SDG process including through the High-level Political Forum (HLPF), Global

Compact, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and other consultations. He also noted that the current draft had a strong space for forests, and not just under SDG15. Hossein Moeini-Meybodi, UNFF Secretariat, shared that the OWG Co-Chairs had requested members of the Technical support team to provide 4 transformative targets under the relevant goals, and the UNFF Secretariat was working with CBD and FAO on SDG15. He shared that UNFF and FAO had prepared a joint input on forest related targets, using the CPF proposed targets which were also accepted by the recent workshop on SDGs organized by UNECE and FAO. He suggested that a CPF joint input on forest targets be developed as soon as possible, given that negotiations were at a critical and final stage. The Chair noted that there would be discussions at COFO on the issue of forests in the SDGs and that there would also be a side event on this topic.

Members discussed how forests appear to have been viewed in their contributory role for achieving various cross-cutting development goals, while other sectors such as oceans were more successful in mobilizing political support for a stand-alone goal. Given the pressure to reduce targets, members shared their concern that forests should not get lost in the reduction process. It was agreed that CPF members present at COFO would meet on Wednesday 25 June to develop input on the SDG targets.

**Key Action:**

- The joint UNFF and FAO input on the SDG targets would be circulated to members via email on 22 June, for their input. CPF members present at COFO would meet on Wednesday 25 June to work on input from CPF members to the SDG zero draft.

**4. Update on the Review of the International Arrangement on Forests (IAF)**

Thomas Gass, UNFF Secretariat briefed members on the discussions at the February Ad-Hoc Expert group (AHEG1) meeting, where there was wide-ranging support for a strengthened future IAF which would increase political commitment to Sustainable Forest Management (SFM); catalyze SFM implementation on the ground; improve stakeholder engagement; promote cooperation and coordination at all levels including in particular at the regional level; and mobilize additional resources for SFM. He noted that in the context of the CPF, key challenges identified included the need for: mechanisms to monitor how the Partnership had responded to UNFF mandates; dedicated funds; a clear working modality for joint activities; more equitable burden sharing amongst members and greater civil society engagement.

Hossein Moeini-Meybodi, UNFF Secretariat shared that the UNFF11 Bureau had noted that to date, none of the CPF members had provided views on the future of the IAF, and on the role of the CPF, its working modalities and mandate. He shared that there was still an opportunity for CPF members to provide their views, as the UNFF11 Bureau had agreed to open a second round of written input, after the release of the IAF independent assessment report, in September this year. He also pointed out that AHEG2 on the IAF in January 2015 would be the last opportunity to provide views on the IAF prior to UNFF11.

The Chair noted that FAO was preparing its input on the IAF and would provide this shortly. IUFRO noted their interest in seeing what the IAF independent assessment would propose on the scientific community's interface with the IAF, as well as on the issue policy coherence and coordination, across policy processes and organizations. IUFRO shared that they would provide their input on the IAF review following the release of the IAF Independent Assessment Team report (IAFIAT). Muller, FAO, also noted that the China Country-Led Initiative in October would provide an opportunity to have informal exchange of views on the CPF in the future IAF. In that regard she proposed that a brainstorming session between member States and CPF members could be proposed. Members agreed that the CPF would discuss this issue further at a meeting, following the release of the IAFIAT report.

**Key Action:**

- CPF members were requested to provide their input as part of the ongoing IAF review, and agreed to meet to discuss the CPF views on the future IAF, and the role of the CPF at its next meeting.

## 5. Global Landscape Forum (GLF)

John Colmey, CIFOR provided an update on preparations for the second GLF in Lima. He pointed out that the primary purpose of the GLF was to help inform the UNFCCC processes and that the first GLF was very successful in informing delegates on what landscapes approaches were. The 2nd GLF will provide examples of successful landscape management. The GLF will have four main themes: forests, mountains, agriculture and land use in a new climate regime; implementation of integrated landscapes approaches, landscapes and the green economy; and landscapes and the post-2015 Development Agenda.

In terms of the coordinating partners, the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security had dropped out while UNEP had joined as a partner.

Members discussed the need for CPF branding to be featured more prominently in GLF materials and publications, and agreed use of such wording as “endorsed by CPF”, “organized under the auspices of CPF, or “with strong support of CPF” in the GLF outreach material. Members also discussed the overall governance and scope of the GLF. The proposed motion agreed by CPF members states that “CPF invites CIFOR and UNEP to be the lead organizations for the Global Landscape Forum being held in association with the UNFCCC COP in Lima in 2014. This is not an exclusive arrangement, so any other partners who are willing to step in at a commensurate level, may do so in the future”. Members also noted that since the GLF was a joint activity under the auspices of the CPF, that the Partnership should be involved in discussions concerning substantive changes in the organization and/or scope of the GLF.

### Key Action:

- CPF members were requested to provide their input on the draft GLF concept note as well as session and exhibition proposals.
- Interested CPF members that wished to join CIFOR and UNEP as coordinating or implementing partners should communicate their interest to CIFOR at the earliest.

## 6. Updates on Joint activities

### (i) Next CPF Wangari Maathai Award (WMA) 2014

The Chair shared that there had been a low number of nominations received to date, and stressed the need for greater outreach to promote the WMA. Tony Simons, ICRAF, suggested renaming the award as the “Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award” as this title would provide a better description of the intent of the award, and would facilitate clearer communications and outreach.

Members discussed a list of potential jury members and agreed on the following list of jury: Ben Chikamai (Africa), Joji Carino (Asia), Jan Heino (Europe), Susan Kandel (South America), Jan McAlpine (North America), and Hosny el Lakany (Near East).

### (ii) Global Forest Expert Panel (GFEP) on Forests and Food Security

Alexander Buck, IUFRO, noted that the GFEP Expert Panel on Forests and Food Security had commenced their work on the assessment of the relationship of forests and trees with food security and nutrition, as per the TOR. The GFEP Coordinator and the Panel Chair had invited more than 25 leading experts to join the Expert Panel on Forests and Food Security, taking into account regional and cultural diversity as well as gender balance. The Panel had convened for their first meeting in March in Bogor, Indonesia, which was hosted by CIFOR. The full Panel will meet again on 14 – 16 July 2014 in Cambridge, UK, and then again in November 2014 (location tbd).

At its first meeting, the Panel had developed detailed chapter outlines for the assessment report, distributed tasks among authors and agreed on a schedule for their work. The authors are now developing first drafts of their sections and the Coordinating Lead Authors will compile first chapter manuscripts for the Panel’s next meeting in July 2014. A website for the Panel has been established at <http://www.iufro.org/science/gfep/forests-and-food-security-panel>

Key meetings in 2014 where IUFRO plans to disseminate information on the Panel's work include: the UN General Assembly 69 in September (SDGs), CBD COP12 in October and the Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC20/Global Landscape Forum) in December. The final report and the policy brief will be launched at UNFF 11 in May 2015.

### **(iii) International Day of Forests**

It was noted that the CPF Communicator's group would meet on the sidelines of COFO to develop a proposal for the theme of the 2015 International Day of Forests and discuss the upcoming Wangari Maathai Award 2014. (A summary from the CPF Communicator's Group June 2014 meeting will be circulated to the Partnership.)

### **7. Tour-de-table and any other business**

Tiina Vahanen, FAO, provided an overview of the upcoming World Forestry Congress 2015 and encouraged active participation of CPF members in the several events to be held under the overall theme "Forest and People: Investing in a Sustainable future". She further extended an invitation to CPF members to hold a meeting during the Congress.

Niklas Hagelberg, UNEP, briefed members on ongoing activities including recent developments on illegal trade in wildlife and timber, the upcoming announcement of regional initiative on this issue, and upcoming publications of the UN REDD programme project document, UNREDD five year report, and The Global Forest Watch which are to be launched soon. He also mentioned that UNEP had a new collaborative arrangement with IUCN on Forest landscape restoration.

John Colmey, CIFOR, informed that CIFOR along with other CGIAR institutions are in the process of updating their organisational strategy. On SDGs, CIFOR stressed the importance of engaging in legislation on forest and link with Agro research to help achieving the SDGs goals. It was also announced that the 2014 CGIAR Development Dialogues will be held at the Columbia University on 25 September in New York City.

Alexander Buck, IUFRO, updated members on new developments related to Global Forest Information System (GFIS). The website has seen consistent numbers of visitors in 2014, with an average of over 24,000; there has been a 20% increase in the number of return visits; and website traffic to GFIS through direct address, bookmarks, links in e-mail etc., is up 120%. The GFIS\_net twitter account has seen consistent growth and is up to over 2600 followers with new followers daily, while the GFIS Newsletter has 655 subscribers currently. In general, there has also been a noted increase in number of newsletters, daily newspapers, and websites using GFIS's content on a regular basis.

Niels Eler Koch, IUFRO, noted the nomination of future IUFRO President Michael Wingfield and the two future Vice-Presidents John Parrotta and Bjoern Hanell. The three new members will formally take their positions on the last day of the IUFRO World Congress on 11 October 2014. The new strategy of IUFRO is under final revision and it focuses on the five global challenges in the world: Forest for people, forest products for green economy, climate change, biodiversity & species and soil and water interaction.

Tuuka Castren, WB, shared that under the new organizational structure, Paula Caballero has been selected for the position of Senior Director, Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice starting on July 2014. The World Bank Program for Forest (PROFOR) has been extended and the Safeguard Policies will be updated and made available.

Ian Gray, GEF shared the conclusion of the Fourth Meeting for the Sixth Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund on the GEF-6 replenishment of 4.4 billion US\$. The GEF-6 SFM Strategy will build on the successes of the GEF-5 and focuses on incentives and on investing in forest and using an integrated approach.

Eduardo Mansur, FAO, briefed members on recent developments and ongoing activities of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW). He announced that CPW will launch the fact sheet on sustainable wildlife management on the sidelines of the World Park Congress. CPW is also working on a Sourcebook on bushmeat and harmonizing wildlife terms and definitions.

**Next meeting of the CPF**

The CPF Chair proposed the next CPF meeting to take place on Sunday 5 October 2014 (followed by light lunch) in Salt Lake City, USA, on the first day of the IUFRO Congress.

The CPF Chair also indicated the possibility of organizing a CPF meeting after the Global Landscapes Forum to be held on the margins of the UNFCCC COP20 in December 2014 in Lima, Peru.