

Terms of Reference for Working Group Sessions

Introduction of Working Group Sessions

During the three days of the Workshop on “Promoting and Strengthening Multi-purpose National Forest Inventory System in the Asia Pacific Region in Connection with Climate Change”, the work will be carried out in Plenary Sessions with selected presentations and discussions, and in Working Groups (WGs). The Plenary sessions will provide an introduction of the main objectives of the workshop and during Working Group Sessions the country representatives will articulate the status, ambitions and objectives of their national forest inventories (NFI), and together with representatives from donor society and implementation agencies advice on actions to be taken towards enhanced NFIs in the Asia-Pacific Region. The program of the workshop includes two Working Group Sessions.

- *Priorities for and requirements from the NFI in connection with climate change*
- *What should the role of three main actors (countries, FAO, donors) be for NFI activation in connection with climate change?*

This document provides an outline of the core topics that will be addressed during the Working Groups. As an invited country representative, donor representative or expert, feel free to join the one of the two WG that best suits you, the one in which you will be able to give the most contribution based on your knowledge and experience. However, in order to have a balance among Working Groups, FAO may propose that some experts move to a different WG if needed.

Please note that the WG’s Chairs and Rapporteurs will be selected among the WG participants in the start of the WG sessions and remain the same throughout the WG sessions.

The NFMA team is available to clarify any aspect and assist you at anytime. We hope the workshop will be an enjoyable and fruitful experience for all of you.

| ToRs WG Session 1: Priorities for and requirements from the NIX in connection with climate change | |
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| Wednesday 24 February 15:00 – 16:30 | |
| Topics | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the NFI status of each country related to climate change reporting or equivalent (tier level I, II, III)? 2. What is the target of each country’s climate change reporting (tier level I, II, III)? 3. Which are each country’s objectives for NFI improvements? Consider objectives such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food security • Improved livelihoods • Consolidated national policies • Enhanced protection of forestry resources • Sustainable use of forestry resources • Development of forest industries • Forestry research • Others. 4. Which are the main gaps and constraints to reach target tier level/ objectives? Consider aspects such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political priorities and will • Human resources; • Institutional capacities / legal framework ; • Financial capacities; • Technical capacities & methodologies; • Other gaps and constraints. 5. Summarize the above for the Asia Pacific Region | |

| ToRs WG Session 2: What should the role of three main actors (countries, FAO, donors) be for NFI activation in connection with climate change? | |
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| Wednesday 24 February 16:30 – 18:00 | |
| Topics | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which are the recommendations for <u>Actions to be taken</u> / <u>Recommendations</u>? 2. Which <u>Actor(s)</u> are recommended as <u>Main Responsible</u> for each recommended Action? Consider actors such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International organisations and NGOs, in particular FAO; • National institutions, organisations and NGOs • Donors 3. What is the estimated <u>Timeframe</u> for each recommended Action? 4. What is the estimated <u>Cost</u> for each recommended Action? 5. Other key conclusions / Recommendations 6. Summarize the above for the Asia Pacific Regio | |

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Working Group No:

Annex 1

| List of participants to the WG | | | | |
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| # | Name | Country/Organisation | Chair (X) | Rapporteur (X) |
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| Countries / Region | Status of NFIs and objectives to be reached, in consideration with climate change | | | | Recommendations and action plan | | | | |
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| | Current Tier level (1, 2, 3) | Target Tier level (1, 2, 3) | Other objectives for NFI improvements | Main gaps and constraints to reach target tier level/ objectives | Actions to be taken / Recommendations | Main responsible actors | Timeframe | Costs estimates (if any) USD | Notes |
| Countries | <i>For each country in the working group compile the following</i> | | | | <i>Actions to be taken and recommendations should be related to the identified gaps & constraints</i> | | | | |
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| Asia Pacific region | <i>Summary of regional main specificities and characteristics</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Asia Pacific region | | | | | * Political priorities: | | | | |
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