

## **Part II – Programme of the workshop**

### **A) Development of the workshop**

#### *Opening and organizational matters*

The meeting was opened in Nigeria room (C-215), FAO Headquarters, at 9:30 on Wednesday 5 April by Mr. Jean-Prospere Koyo, on behalf of the Director of Forestry Resource Division (FOR).

The Co-Organizers of the workshop, M. Gauthier (FAO) and T. B. Randrup (DCFLP), introduced the theme and the workshop, including its background, objectives and expected results. It was complemented by a power point presentation “Urban and Peri-Urban Forestry and Greening in West and Central Asia”.

The Co-Organizers invited the participants to briefly introduce themselves.

The Co-Organizers invited the plenary to nominate a Chairperson and a General Reporter for the entire workshop. Dr. Kamel O. Mahadin was nominated as Chairperson and Mr. Hovik Yakhshibek Sayadyan as General Reporter. Both were approved unanimously.

The Chairperson presented the provisional agenda and proceeded to its adoption (Agenda in Annex 2). He invited the participants to work in plenary and in working groups, during the various sessions of the workshop, according to the needs. He also invited each working group to nominate, at the beginning of each session, their own Reporter. Each presentation will be followed by a short questions and answer period.

The Workshop Secretariat provided the plenary with further logistical information.

The first presentations of the workshop (Session I), introduced the UPFG issues from their regional and global perspective:

- “Forestry Outlook Study in West and Central Asia - FOWECA” (M. Uemoto, FOPE, FAO) and “Thematic study in UPFG” (U. Akerlund, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences).
- “Achieving MDGs in an urbanizing world – bringing food and agriculture into the urban agenda” (F. Egal, FAO, Co-secretary of PAIA “Food for Cities”); “Trees and Disasters – Disasters and Trees” (René Gommès, SDRN).

During the Session II, authors and other participants were invited to present their city case-study. The presentation presented the status of the green structure and its dynamic, the legal, institutional and policy issues in relation to UPFG, and the stakeholder framework and related activities. Each presentation was followed by a brief period for clarification. The main reference documents were the draft city case-studies.

The main topics covered by each case study were the following: Background information for the city and the country, urbanisation process, status and historical development of UPFG in the city, policies and legal aspects concerning UPFG, and Institutional framework and stakeholders related to UPFG – roles and responsibilities, overview of UPFG experiences and innovations in the city, long-term trends in UPFG in the city, an Outlook 2020 supplemented with possible future scenarios and finally recommendations and a conclusion (See Part I for a summary of each city case study).

The session III addressed legal, institutional and policy issues in relation to UPFG. Partly based on the work by L. Knuth on Legal and Institutional Aspects of UPFG, Thomas B. Randrup gave an introductory presentation on the topic and presented a summary of the main highlights of the city case-studies emerging from a SWOT analysis, as indicated in Part II of these proceedings.

The Chairperson invited the participants to constitute working groups, in line with the terms of reference for Session IV accepted by the group. Mr. T.B. Randrup and C. Konijnendijk were appointed to facilitate the working groups.

The terms of reference of the groups were to initiate a strategic planning analysis of UPFG in the region, countries and cities concerned by the 5 participating case-studies. The recommendations have been suggested to be “thematic”, but with application at local (city), national and regional level. In the framework of its specific mandate, each Working Group (WG) also addressed technology transfer, training and education – lessons learned and future opportunities. The two thematic Working Groups were the following:

- WG I on: “Benefits from Urban Forestry – Socio-Economics options and Livelihood”. T.B. Randrup was the facilitator. Mr. H. Sayadyan was the Reporter.
- WG II on: “Decision making process, equitable and inclusive participation, and management tools (planning, monitoring and evaluation) – the multi-sector and stakeholder framework. C. Konijnendijk was the facilitator. Ms. I. Hakobjanyan was the Reporter.

A field visit was organized in the Park of Appia Antica to share experiences with various stakeholders active in UPFG in Rome and elsewhere in Italy, including the Municipality of Rome (Economics and Policy Development Department), the Italian Federation of Excursionism (Region of Lazio), Mr. Paolo Piacentini, the Extraordinary Commissary of Appia Antica Park Mr. Stefano Cresta, and the Citizen Association for the protection of Cecchignola Ditch, represented by Mr. Massimiliano Di Gioia.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, the Session V was dedicated to discuss the way forward for UPFG in West and Central Asia.

The Reporters of Working Groups I and II presented the main findings of the session IV on thematic issues; followed by a plenary discussion.

Two new working groups were organized in order to draw the main recommendations with special attention to each city, and general attention to their country, as well as the region. Each of the working groups was composed by the participants from sub-regional city case-studies, taking into account their geopolitics and socio-cultural similarities.

International advisors, specialists and FAO officers participated in the discussions. The recommendations addressed policy, administrative and operational aspects. It was also an opportunity to look more specifically at the need for additional information to finalize the case studies. The main background documents were the draft case studies per city, the legal and institutional working paper (Knuth, 2005) and the regional report on urban forestry in the West and Central Asia (Åkerlund *et al.*, 2005). The WG were divided as follows:

- WG III: Abu Dhabi and Amman. assisted by Thomas B. Randrup. Mr. K. Mahadin was the reporter.
- WG IV: Izmir, Kabul and Yerevan. assisted by Mr. C. Konijnendijk and Ms. Ulrika Åkerlund. Mr. U. Erdem was the reporter.

The Reporters of Working Groups III and IV presented the main findings of Session V, stressing some relevant issues like: linkages with water, agriculture and planning; key role of advocacy and education, especially addressing the youth; development of site specific analysis concerning forest and greening in relation with the location of the stakeholders; concerning the policy framework it has been highlighted the necessity to insert in national forest policies and programmes the issue of UPFG, together with a definition of UPFG at national level.

WG III (Abu Dhabi and Amman) highlighted the global trend of urbanization from rural to urban areas for economic reasons; and some environmental restrictions due to the dry, subtropical climate of the countries producing water shortage emergencies.

WG IV (Izmir, Kabul, Yerevan) highlighted the urbanization phenomenon linked with the political situation (wars and conflicts), which is the reason why cities are perceived as safer settlements; and stressed as an environmental restriction of main relevance the soil erosion.

Mr. Fabio Salbitano, University of Florence, made a presentation on “Indicators in the use of UPFG & UGR in Italy” with a special focus on benefits, participatory management, methods and actions.

The last Session VI “Conclusions and Recommendations” closed the workshop. The Reporter General presented the workshop recommendations assisted by Mr. C. Konijnendijk. This session was followed by a plenary discussion and the adoption of the recommendations, giving answers to some key strategies, such as:

- How do we strengthen awareness of urbanisation and UPFG issues in West and Central Asia?
- What are the main national legal and policy challenges in relation to UPFG in West and Central Asia?
- What are the main good practices in UPFG in West and Central Asia?
- How do we best continue information sharing and dissemination of experts and stakeholders within UPFG in West and Central Asia?

The Chairperson invited the participants to do an evaluation of the workshop in plenary.

Finally, the Chairperson closed the workshop on the 7 April 2006 at 14:15.

## **B) Workshop Agenda**

**Day 1** - April 5, 2006 (Nigeria Room C-215)

### **Session I: Welcome and Introduction**

- 09:30 Opening of the workshop (*Director of FOR; Chairperson PAIA “Food for Cities”*)
- 09:40 Introduction to the workshop “Urban and Peri-Urban Forestry and Greening in WECA” (Co-Organizers: *M. Gauthier (FAO) & T. B. Randrup (DCFLP)*)
- 10:10 Brief presentation of participants (*each participant*)
- 10:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 Election of the Chairperson by the Plenary and the Rapporteur (Co-Organizers)
- 11:05 Adoption of the Agenda (*Chairperson*)
- 11:15 “Forestry Outlook Study in West and Central Asia (FOWECA)” (*M. Uemoto, FOPE, FAO; “Thematic study in UPFG” (U. Akerlund, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences)*)
- 11:45 “Achieving MDGs in an urbanizing world – bringing food and agriculture into the urban agenda” (*F. Egal, FAO, Co-secretary of PAIA “Food for Cities”*) and “Trees and Disasters – Disasters and Trees” (*René Gommès, SDRN*)
- 12:15 Plenary discussion
- 12:50 Logistical matters (*Workshop Secretariat*)
- 13:00 *Lunch*

### **Session II: City case-study presentations**

- 14:30 Abu Dhabi (*C.A.M. Rasheed, A.S. Al-Mashhadani*)
- 15:00 Amman (*H.M.A. Omari, K.O. Mahadin*)
- 15:30 Yerevan (*H.Y. Sajadyan, I. Hakobjanyan*)
- 16:00 *Coffee Break*
- 16:15 Kabul (*A.G. Ghuriani, N. Sabree*)
- 16:45 Izmir (*U. Erdem, S. Kildis*)
- 17:15 Discussion in plenary
- 18:00 *Cocktail (FAO, Aventino Room, 8th floor)*

**Day 2** – April 6, 2006 (SD meeting room B-503)

### **Session III: Legal, Institutional and Policy Framework**

- 09:00 Opening of the day – general remarks (*Chairperson*)
- 09:10 “Legal, institutional and policy frameworks relevant to UPFG in West and Central Asia” & “Overview of the main highlights of the 5 city case-studies” (*T.B. Randrup*)
- 09:40 Discussion in plenary
- 10:30 *Coffee break*

**Session IV: UPFG strategic planning analysis of UPFG**

- 11:00 Organization of the working groups (composition and terms of reference)
- 11:15 Working Groups (WG) on thematic issues (- thematic SWOT analysis for cities, countries and region -)
- a) WG I : “Benefits from Urban Forestry – Socio-Economics options and Livelihood” (Nigeria Room – C-215)  
(Facilitator: *T.B. Randrup*)
- b) WG II : “Decision making process, equitable and inclusive participation, and management tools (planning, monitoring and evaluation) – the multi-sectoral and stakeholder framework” (SD Meeting Room – B-503)  
(Facilitator: *C. Konijnendink*)
- Lunch (cafeteria open from 12:00 to 14:00)*
- 15:00 UPFG Field Visit in Rome (Facilitator: *F. Salbitano*)
- 18:30 End of field visit

**Day 3 – April 7, 2006** (SD meeting room B-503)

**Session V: The way forward for UPFG in West and Central Asia**

- 09:00 Opening of the day – general remarks (*Chairperson*)
- 09:05 Reporting of main findings from Working Groups I and II of Session IV (*10 minutes by WG*)
- 09:35 Plenary discussion
- 10:00 The way forward – drawing recommendations
- a) WG III: Abu Dhabi & Amman (*assisted by T. B. Randrup*)
- b) WG IV: Yerevan, Kabul & Izmir (*assisted by U. Åkerlund*)
- Coffee distributed during the session*
- 11:30 Reporting on the main findings from Working Groups III, and IV of Session V (*10 minutes by WG*)
- 12:00 Plenary discussion

**Session VI – Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 13:00 Presentation of workshop recommendations (Reporter; *C. Konijnendijk*)
- 13:30 Plenary discussion and adoption of the workshop recommendations
- 14:00 Workshop auto-evaluation
- 14:15 Closure