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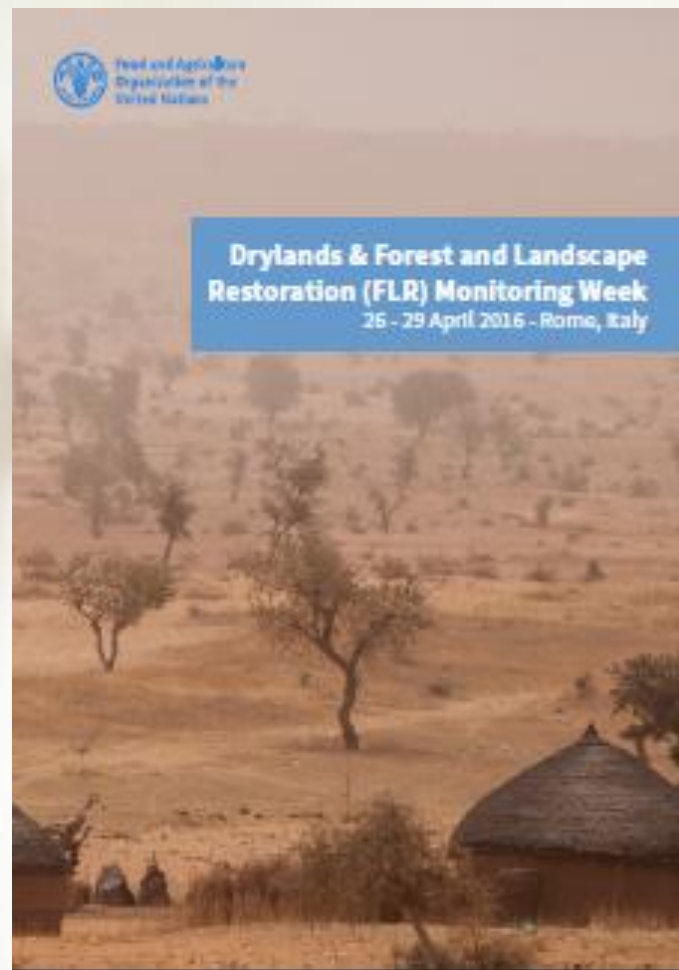
Item. 7.3

Proposal for the Establishment of a Working Group on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems

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Working Group on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems



Terms of Reference

- Review and report on status, trends, issues and developments and make recommendations to the COFO
- Comprehensive understanding of drylands forests and agrosilvopastoral systems
- Promote scaling up of adoption of good practices
- Report to the committee on any other of its activities



Activities

- **Assessment and follow status** of dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems
- **Sharing Knowledge**, tools, approaches and lessons learnt on monitoring, sustainable management & restoration
- **Collaboration & scaling up** sustainable management and restoration
- **Advice** in support of implementation of **SDGs** and decisions of other **international instruments**, processes and **initiatives**



Legal framework & other arrangements

- Subsidiary body of the COFO, Rule XXXI, paragraph 10 - General Rules of the Organization
- Open to all members of the COFO
- Officers : Chairperson and two vice-Chairpersons
- One session every two years



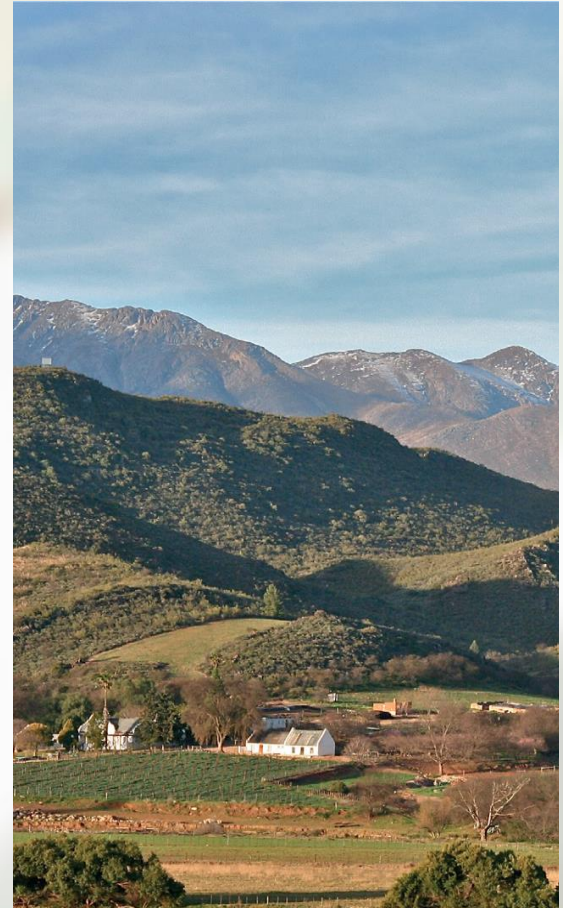
Benefits generated by the WG

- Support and input to several key areas of work of the organization
- Expertise and information provided by the WG will save staff time, travel and costs of technical meetings



Possible administrative & financial implications

- Estimate of biennial cost = 111,442 USD
- Working languages
- Cost for attending sessions (Travel and DSA) to be covered by the WG members



Options for covering costs of the WG

- FAO may be able to absorb the forecasted staff costs
- Additional resources from the FAO Regular budget or extra-budgetary resources
- Required resources for intersessional activities need to be generated by the WG members or by extra-budgetary contributions



COFO may wish to ...

Review and
consider for
adoption the
proposal

Encourage
members of the
Committee to
become
members of the
Working Group

Request FAO to
organize the
first session of
the Working
Group